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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

Nor-Son Construction – Construction of 170 Western Avenue S. Winslow Commons

Dear St. Paul Property Owner:

This is to inform you of a request for a variance from the sound level limitations as indicated in the St. Paul Noise Ordinance (Chapter 293 of the St. Paul Legislative Code). Property owned by you and located near the noise source, may be affected by this variance request. Rental property owners must provide a copy of this notice to all renters or post a copy in a common area of the building so it can be viewed by the occupants.

Description of Variance:

Location: 170 Western Avenue S.

Noise Source: Nor-Son Construction has requested a sound level variance, at 95 dBA at 50 feet from the sound source for a Bedrock Removal and Construction Site with heavy equipment use, with operation of sheet pile driving construction equipment, in preparation for a new apartment building construction site at 170 Western Avenue S. The variance is requested for the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., January 15, 2022 to March 4, 2022. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., beginning January 15, 2022 through March 4, 2022. 2) All powered equipment used in conjunction with the construction shall not exceed 95 dBA as measured at 50 feet from the sound source. 3) The applicant shall use best practicable methods for controlling noise, such as, but not limited to noise blankets, shields or portable sound barriers. Construction activities should be scheduled to minimize noise as much as possible. 4) The applicant shall provide personnel and equipment who shall provide continuous sound level monitoring during the hours of the variance. 5) All equipment, or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 5:00 p.m. beginning January 15, 2022 through March 4, 2022. 6) If the sound level variance is approved, the applicant will notify, in writing, all property owners/residents within 400 feet of the proposed work location. Notice shall be a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of the work.

Applicant has acknowledged that any social gathering associated with this variance must be managed in full compliance with all applicable Governor Walz and Mayor Carter COVID-19 Orders including but not limited to Orders relating to distancing, mask wearing and attendance limits

Public attendance at the City Council's regular meeting location is not feasible due to the COVID-19 health pandemic. Members of the public may view City Council meetings online at <https://stpaul.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> or on local cable Channel 18.

Submit comments for Public Hearing electronically. The public may comment on public hearing items in writing or via voicemail. Any comments and materials submitted by 12:00 pm of the day before the meeting, Tuesday, January 11, 2022, and will be attached to the public record and available for review by the City Council. Comments may be submitted as follows: Written public comment on public hearing items can be submitted to Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us, CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us, or by voicemail at 651-266-6805.

A public hearing before the City Council on this variance request will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: Members of the City Council will participate in City Council meetings by telephone or other electronic means. After the public hearing, the Council may grant, deny, or modify the variance request.

If you have questions about the sound level variance, please contact: Barb McMonigal-St.Dennis, Environmental Health Specialist, 651-266-9137, barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us