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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

Tawfiq Islamic Center – Eid-al-Fitr Event

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: 270 Lexington Pkwy. N. – Oxford Community Center.

Noise Source: Shamsudin Omar, Council Member, Tawfiq Islamic Center, has requested a sound level variance, for 80 dBA measured at no specified distance from the sound source, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for their Eid-al-Fitr event on May 1st or 2nd, 2022 at 270 Lexington Pkwy. N. The variance is requested for the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 1, or Monday, May 2, 2022 with a pre-event sound check from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. 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 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 1, or Monday, May 2, 2022 with a pre-event sound check at 7:00 a.m. for the Eid-al-Fitr event, at 270 Lexington Pkwy. N. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 75 dBA as measured at 50 feet from all sound sources on May 1 or 2, 2022. 3) The applicant shall provide personnel and equipment to ensure compliance with the sound level variance conditions. 4) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 10:30 a.m. on May 1 or 2, 2022.

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. Applicant indicates that residents of the block will be given wristbands for their families and friends as part of access and control of number of participants.

Public attendance at the City Council's regular meeting location may not be 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 person, in writing or via voicemail. Any comments and materials submitted by 12:00 pm of the day before the meeting, April 26, 2022, 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. Live testimony will be taken in person in the Council Chambers, and by telephone by registering to speak by noon on the day before the meeting. The registration link is located on the City Council website at www.stpaul.gov/council or <https://forms.office.com/g/TD3xN7WHy5>

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

Date: Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: 3rd floor, City Hall Council Chambers

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