



August 23, 2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

Capitol Region Watershed District – 25th Anniversary Celebration

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: 595 Aldine St – Capitol Region Watershed District West Parking Lot

Noise Source: Lindsay Schwantes, Capitol Region Watershed District, Community Engagement Program Manager, has requested a sound level variance, for 85 dBA at 50 feet from the sound source to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the Capitol Region Watershed District 25th Anniversary Celebration on September 22, 2023, at 595 Aldine St – Capitol Region Watershed District west parking lot. The variance is requested for the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 2:00 p.m. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 22, 2023, with a pre-event sound check at 2:00 p.m. for the Capitol Region Watershed District 25th Anniversary Celebration. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 85 dBA at 50 feet from any sound source from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and shall not exceed 80 dBA at 50 feet from any sound source at 2:00 p.m. during the pre-event sound check on September 22, 2023. 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 7:00 p.m. on September 22, 2023.

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, Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 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, September 13, 2023

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