



February 6, 2024

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Sound Level Variance

Shamrocks Irish Nook – St Patrick’s Day Weekend

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:** 995 7<sup>th</sup> St W – Shamrocks Irish Nook

**Noise Source:** Michael Runyon, Shamrocks Irish Nook, Owner, has requested a sound level variance, for 100 dBA at no specified distance from the sound source, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for a St Patrick’s Day Weekend event at 995 7<sup>th</sup> St W – Shamrocks Irish Nook, on Friday March 15, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 2:00 p.m., Saturday March 16, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. with a pre-event sound check at 8:00 a.m., and Sunday March 17, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 8:00 a.m. The variance is requested for the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday March 15, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Saturday March 16, 2024, and 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Sunday March 17, 2024, with pre-event sound checks 1 hour prior to the events on event days. 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. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday March 15, 2024; 9:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. on Saturday March 16, 2024; 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Sunday March 17, 2024, with pre-event sound checks 1 hour before events on event days.
- 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA as measured at 50 feet from the sound sources outside of the fully enclosed tent from 3:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2024 and on Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:59 p.m. ; and shall not exceed 80 dBA as measured at 50 feet outside of the fully enclosed tent from 11:00 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, March 16, 2024. On Sunday, March 17, 2024, all electronically power equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA as measured at 50 feet from the sound sources outside of the fully enclosed tent from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.
- 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 11:00 p.m. on March 15, 2024, 11:59 p.m. on March 16, 2024, and 10:00 p.m. on March 17, 2024.

**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, February 20, 2024, 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](mailto:Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us), [CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto: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](http://www.stpaul.gov/council) or <https://forms.office.com/g/TD3xN7WHy5>. Members of the public may view City Council meetings online at <https://stpaul.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> or on local cable Channel 18.

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

Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024

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](mailto:barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us)