



July 2, 2024

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Sound Level Variance  
Water Lantern Festival – St Paul Water Lantern Festival

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:** 1400 Phalen Dr – Phalen Park Beach House

**Noise Source:** Owen Bunderson, Water Lantern Festival, Event Coordinator, has requested a sound level variance, for 85 dBA at no specific distance, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for St Paul Water Lantern Festival, on July 27, 2024 at 1400 Phalen Dr – Phalen Park Beach House. The variance is requested for the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 5:00 p.m. on July 27, 2024. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, 2024 for the St Paul Water Lantern Festival. Parks Department End Time Policy is 10:00 p.m. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 85 dBA at 50 feet from any sound source on July 27, 2024. 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 10:00 p.m. on July 27, 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, July 16, 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, July 17, 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)