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**Subject:** Statement for Notice of Public Hearing Sound Level Variance Skinner's Pub - Music a the patio series. May 15  
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Please add my statement to the Public's Hearing - Sound Level Variance, Skinner's Pub - Music on the patio

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Notice of Public Hearing  
Sound Level Variance  
Skinner's Pub - Music an the patio series

May 14, 2024 submitted @ 1046 for the May 15 hearing.

I come to this hearing as an advocate for Chris Johnson, as a long time resident of the city of St. Paul, as a taxpayer, and as a Registered Nurse concerned with the safety, health and well being of our neighborhoods.

I have reviewed the city ordinances, section 293.00 -.07 and the MN state Statues # 7030.0010 -.0080 to be informed to address this hearing. My e-mail correspondence to Barb McMonigal-St. Dennis, indicates that in previous years variance requests have been made by Skinners, however this is the first year Chris has received notice of a noise variance request. This may be due to the fact that notices go to the landlord for posting, not to individual residents in the noise variance area.

The correspondence with Barb, Environmental Health Specialist, provided information from Joesph Voyda with the DSI (Department of Safety and Inspections) which listed some years with noise complaints, but without specific documentation of noise level violations. Is there more detailed data available?

My concerns are the health and welfare of my son regarding the noise level coming from Skinner's Pub over the many years he has resided in the apartment facing the back patio of Skinner's

Pub. He does not have the agency to tolerate the high level of noise that comes directly into his second story apartment from the speakers blaring music from the patio. Who does have the capacity to tolerate this level of noise on a consistent basis hour after hour? You cannot have a normal conversation in his apartment at this noise level. How many people sitting on this council will go home tonight to a L10 85 dBa of noise bombarding into their home all evening, every Tuesday throughout the whole summer and will be ok with that?

My concerns include the lack of recorded complaints as I know there are many more calls Chris has made as complaints. This leads me to wondered about the process for filing complaints and recording incoming complaints.

Referring to statue 7030.0060 MEASUREMENT METHODOLOGY. In reviewing the city ordinances and state statues, I see that complaints are to be investigated by a responder that records the noise level with a meter. Has this ever been done? Is this the process a responder is instructed to follow?

My concern is that I see no record that indicates a monitoring of the noise levels with a noise meter, and I am curious about how this has been managed in the past. Therefore, my concern is how will this be managed if another variance is granted going forward.

As a tax payer, resident, nurse, concerned parent, I am disturbed about the level of noise that directly deteriorates the well being of my son. I am concerned that the systems in place are able to manage noise complaints as indicated in the statues, including metered readings and records that provide collection of noise levels data.

If this variance cannot be monitored as indicated by the St. Paul

city ordinance and MN state statues, then the laws are not protecting the rights of the residents of St. Paul. My main concern is my son, Chris, his health and well being is at stake due to the noise levels. Therefore, I request that the variance not be granted.

Thank you for hearing my plea.

Rebecca Ramsden

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Thank You

Best  
- Rebecca