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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

The United Hmong Family, Inc. – Hmong International Freedom 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: 1151 Jessamine Ave W - McMurray Fields

Noise Source: Mee Vang, The United Hmong Family, Inc., Board President, has requested a sound level variance, for 120 dBA at no specified distance, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the Hmong International Freedom Festival on June 29 and 30, 2024 at 1151 Jessamine Ave W - McMurray Fields. The variance is requested for the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on June 29 and 30, 2024 with a pre-event sound check on June 28, 2024. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30, 2024 with a pre-event sound check on Friday, June 28, 2024 for the Hmong International Freedom Festival. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA at 50 feet from any stage on June 29 and June 30, 2024 and shall not exceed 80 dBA at 50 feet from any sound source between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. during the pre-event sound check on June 28, 2024. 3) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers, or similar devices used in the merchandise areas, on or near the sporting field events, must not exceed 75 dBA as measured at the nearest residential receiver. All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 9:00 p.m. on June 29 and 30, 2024, the event dates. 4) The applicant shall provide personnel and equipment who shall provide continuous sound level monitoring at each sound source during the hours of the variance.

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, April 30, 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, 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>. 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, May 1, 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