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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Sound Level Variance  
Lowertown Guitar Festival  
McNally Smith College of Music

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:** Mears Park

**Noise Source:** McNally Smith College of Music Foundation, Chris Osgood, Director, has applied for a sound level variance, at a requested sound level of 92 dBA at 50 feet, in order to provide music outdoors at Mears Park on Saturday, August 5, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. until Midnight. The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) recommends the following conditions: 1) Variance will be for amplified music for the hours from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 5, 2017. 2) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices used in conjunction with the event must not exceed 75 dBA, as measured at 50 feet from the noise source from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., and shall not exceed 90 dBA as measured at 50 feet from the sound source during the hours of 12:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. 3) The applicant shall provide personnel and equipment who will provide sound level monitoring 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 the event date.

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

Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: 3rd floor, City Hall Council Chambers

If you attend the public hearing, you will be given the opportunity to present verbal comments or objections before the City Council. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may within fifteen (15) days of the mailing date on this notice, submit written comments or objections with the City of St. Paul, Department of Safety and Inspections, 375 Jackson Street, Suite 220, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806, attention Barb McMonigal-St. Dennis or by email to [barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us). Written comments or objections must be received on or before Tuesday, July 18, 2017.