

From: [Monica M](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#); [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Subject: Recommend approval of Sound Level variance for Breakaway Festival
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 6:46:43 PM

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I am writing in support of Breakaway Festival and the requested sound level variance.

I live basically across the street and I was barely disturbed by the sound with my windows open during the beautiful weekend when it happened last year.

I also appreciated the Breakaway Festival and the fans the event brought to the neighborhood. (I was sad to read in The Villager that the organizers were considering a different location for next year and hope they reconsider). The Breakaway Festival brought people to the neighborhood who were also supporting the surrounding businesses. The attendees also were polite and respectful to the neighborhood residents and we also didn't find a lot of litter blowing around after the event. All in all, I thought the event was successful and something that I looked forward to occurring on a regular basis in my community.

I hope the city council will approve Breakaway Festival and in fact, welcome Breakaway Festival to this Snelling Midway neighborhood for future events. The neighborhood deserves good, successful, solid events like this to help build the type of community that many residents want.

Sincerely,
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From: [Deborah Korthof-Stanton](#)
To: [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Subject: Comments on sound variance Breakaway Music Festival, Allianz Field, June, 2025
Date: Friday, April 25, 2025 8:58:14 AM
Attachments: [image3.png](#)

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Greetings,

The St Paul Pioneer Press April 25, 2025 reported that the Breakaway Music Festival has requested a decibel sound variance for June 6 & 7, 2025 at Allianz field. The article went on to report that the St Paul city council had previously approved a variance of 103 decibels at 125 feet from the main stage, which is now being reconsidered to lowering to 100 decibels at 100 feet from the main stage per city staff recommendation.

I strongly encourage the city council to respect their staff's recommendations and lower the variance to 100 decibels at 100 feet from the main stage.

Rationale for this includes:

- 1) I live on the West Side of St Paul, and last year we were subjected to startling and onerous sound carryover miles away from the first Breakaway Music Festival. We couldn't get away from the sound even by moving indoors, even with the double paned windows closed in our house. I don't think we should be subjected to a repeat of this.
- 2) The decibel level of sound measurement is logarithmic, which means manifold more energy is generated per each decibel increase. This is well illustrated on the attached OSHA sound guidelines (see sound level vs recommended duration of exposure table). Please listen to your city staff's science based recommendations.
- 3) Frankly, I'm skeptical of Breakaway Music Festival's commitment to adhering to sound guidelines, evidence including last year's outrageous sound levels debacle. Also, if the Pioneer Press reporting is accurate, I find it insulting and extortionate that: "Organizers have said they may pull out if they don't get a higher sound limit than the decibel levels recommended by DSI".

Let them play music at a sound level confined to their paying customers, not provide free music to the entire city, which some of us don't want to listen to.

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Sent from my iPad

From: [Marvalyne Tripp](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: Approval of Sound level variance Breakaway Music Festival
Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 9:04:58 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

From: Ginger Dunivan <acornchiro@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2025 9:00 AM
To: Caroline Lemen <linelemen@gmail.com>
Cc: Marvalyne Tripp <Marvalyne.Tripp@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward3 <Ward3@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Norbert <mncbsn@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Approval of Sound level variance Breakaway Music Festival

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Dear Councilperson Jost,
I also live in Macalester Groveland and am shocked that the city council approved a sound level variance at a LOUDER level than last year! As loud as it was in our neighborhood last year, it is astonishing to think it could be louder this year. People in Mendota Heights could hear it too!

PLEASE RECONSIDER YOUR VOTE ON THIS ISSUE!

Thank you for your consideration,

Ginger Dunivan

On Thu, Apr 24, 2025 at 3:51 PM Caroline Lemen <linelemen@gmail.com> wrote:

Yes, I definitely want my message to be added to the public record. I am very opposed to the noise/decibel variance for the Breakaway Festival in June.

Caroline Lemen

On Thu, Apr 24, 2025 at 3:40 PM Marvalyne Tripp <Marvalyne.Tripp@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Hello Caroline,

Thank you for writing into Ward 3. Your message is important to us and has been flagged for Councilmember Jost's awareness. Would you like your message added to the public record?

Best,
Marvalyne

Marvalyne Tripp

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From: Caroline Lemen <linelemen@gmail.com>

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Dear Councilperson Jost,

I live in the Macalester Groveland neighborhood, 1750 Lincoln Ave near Wheeler.

I would like to register my **strong disapproval** of your vote to approve the sound level variance for the Breakaway Festival coming this June.

Last summer when that festival happened, our entire neighborhood was extremely distressed by the unbearably loud volume of the noise from that festival at the

Allianz stadium. I called in to the non-emergency number, as did many other of my Saint Paul neighbors. All they could tell us was that there were many calls, but that it would be over sometime around 10 or 11 pm.

I could not believe it when I recently read that not only was it approved again, but at a higher decibel level than last year.

PLEASE RECONSIDER YOUR VOTE ON THIS!!!!

The people that you represent are suffering enough in the high taxes that we pay, the reconstruction of Grand Avenue happening now, cars and trucks speeding through our neighborhood, and lots of airplane noise. This festival and the approval of even louder noise levels is TOO MUCH!!!

Sincerely,
Caroline Lemen