



July 19, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

MN Department of Human Services – DHS Day at the Park Event

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: 1600 Phalen Dr - Phalen Regional Park

Noise Source: Deondra Avery, MN Department of Human Services, Director of Culture, Strategy and Impact, has requested a sound level variance, for 127 dBA at no specific distance, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for a DHS Day at the Park Event, on August 14, 2024 at 1600 Phalen Dr – Phalen Regional Park. The variance is requested for the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 8:00 a.m. on August 14, 2024. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 for a DHS Day at the Park Event. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA at 50 feet from any sound source on August 14, 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 4:00 p.m. on August 14, 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, August 6, 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, August 7, 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