



March 18, 2025

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Sound Level Variance

University of St. Thomas Campus Life - Tommie Fest

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:** 2115 Summit Avenue - University of Saint Thomas Lower Quad

**Noise Source:** Erin Whipkey, Assistant Director of Campus Life, has requested a sound level variance, for 95 dBA at 50 feet from the sound source to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the Tommie Fest on May 16, 2025, at 2115 Summit Avenue - University of Saint Thomas, Lower Quad. The variance is requested for the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2025, with a pre-event sound check between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for the Tommie Fest. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 92 dBA at 50 feet from any sound source from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. 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 May 16, 2025. 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 9:00 p.m. on May 16, 2025.

**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 1, 2025, 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](mailto:Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us), [CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto: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](http://www.stpaul.gov/council) or <https://forms.office.com/g/TD3xN7WHy5>

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

Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2025

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](mailto:barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us)