



June 27, 2022

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Sound Level Variance

**Gender Justice dba UnRestrict Minnesota – Our Future: March for Abortion Access**

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:** Minnesota State Capitol Upper Lawn, Landing Between Two Banks of Stairs and across MLK Blvd Lower Lawn  
**Noise Source:** Jillian Hiscock, UnRestrict Minnesota event planner, has requested a sound level variance, for 90 dBA at no specified distance, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for Our Future: March for Abortion Access on July 17, 2022, at the Minnesota State Capitol Upper Lawn, Landing Between Two Banks of Stairs and across MLK Blvd Lower Lawn. The variance is requested for the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on July 17, 2022. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 17, 2022, for Our Future: March for Abortion Access. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA at 50 feet from any sound source on July 17, 2022. 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 3:00 p.m. on July 17, 2022.

Applicant has acknowledged that any social gathering associated with this variance must be managed in full compliance with all applicable Governor Walz and Mayor Carter COVID-19 Orders including but not limited to Orders relating to distancing, mask wearing and attendance limits

**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, July 12, 2022, 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](http://www.stpaul.gov/council) or <https://forms.office.com/g/TD3xN7WHy5>.

Public attendance at the City Council's regular meeting location may not be feasible due to the COVID-19 health pandemic. 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, July 13, 2022

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)