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ST PAUL BUILDING LLC
1300 LAGOON AVE
MINNEAPOLIS MN 55408-2061

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Sound Level Variance
Ordway Center – Flint Hills Family Festival

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: Rice Park – 109 4th St W and Landmark Plaza- 379 St. Peter St

Noise Source: Julia Erickson, Ordway Center, Director of Production, has requested a sound level variance, for 110 dBA at no specified distance, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the Flint Hills Family Festival on May 29 - June 1, 2024, at Rice Park – 109 4th St W and Landmark Plaza – 379 St. Peter St on Saturday, June 1, 2024. The variance is requested for the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday – Friday, May 29 - May 31, with a pre-event sound check from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for the Festival School Days, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 31, and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 1, 2024 for the Flint Hills Family Festival. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday – Friday, May 29 - June 1, with a pre-event sound check from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for the Festival School Days, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 31, and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 1, 2024 for the Flint Hills Family Festival. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA at 50 feet from any sound source on May 29 - June 1, 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 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday – Friday, May 29 - June 1 during the Festival School Days, 10:00 p.m. on Friday, May 31, and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, 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, April 30, 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, May 1, 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