

Prob Mc Monigal - St. Dennis

City of St. Paul - Dept. of Safety and Inspections

Re: Request by University of St. Thomas
for Sound Level Variance on 9/13/2004

We have received notice of a request for a sound level variance for the above date. This is becoming a common practice by the University. They ask for a variance; one is granted. In practice this means that all are bound by the ordinance, ~~save~~ for St. Thomas. The law applies to all, but not to the University.

If the purpose of the ordinance is to ensure a level of quiet in a residential neighborhood, why is the University's need to make noise to be any more tolerated than a loud private party's commotion? This request should not be granted. The University has not demonstrated why it should.

Merely hosting a loud event is not an acceptable reason. The ordinance was designed to eliminate such noise pollution.

Richard Vance.