



April 27, 2022

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 – 345 Washington St. (Washington St. & 4th St.)**Noise Source:** Julia Erickson, Ordway Center, Director of Productions, 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 31 - June 4, 2022 at Rice Park – 345 Washington St. (Washington St. & 4th St.). The variance is requested for the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday – Friday, May 31 - June 3, with a pre-event sound check at 8:30 a.m. for the Festival School Days, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 4:00 p.m. Friday, June 3, and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, 2022 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 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday – Friday, May 31 - June 3, with a pre-event sound check at 8:30 a.m. for the Festival School Days, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 4:00 p.m. Friday, June 3, and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, 2022 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 31 - June 4, 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 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday – Friday, May 31 - June 3 during the Festival School Days, 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 3, and 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 4, 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, May 17, 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 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, May 18, 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