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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Sound Level Variance

Lunda Construction and City of St. Paul – Kellogg/3<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge Demolition

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:** The intersection of Mounds Blvd and Kellogg Blvd E and on Kellogg Blvd E over Interstate 94

**Noise Source:** Saint Paul Public Works and Lunda Construction, represented by Mike Reihl, Lunda Construction, Project Manager, has requested a sound level variance, for 80 dBA at no specified distance, to present amplified sound using equipment such as excavators with hydraulic breakers and trucks with back up alarms with use of a sound system for Kellogg/3<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge Demolition on only one of the following periods of time: December 6-9, 2024 or December 13-16, 2024 or December 20-23, 2024 or December 27-30, 2024 or January 3-6, 2025 or January 10-13, 2025 or January 17-19, 2025 or January 24-27, 2025, at the intersection of Mounds Boulevard and Kellogg Boulevard East and on Kellogg Boulevard East over Interstate 94. The variance is requested for the hours of 10:00 p.m. on the specified Friday date through 5:00 a.m. on the following Monday morning. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for one of the following periods of time only, December 6-9, 2024 or December 13-16, 2024 or December 20-23, 2024 or December 27-30, 2024 or January 3-6, 2025 or January 10-13, 2025 or January 17-19, 2025 or January 24-27, 2025, from 10:00 p.m. on the designated Friday until 5:00 a.m. on the following designated Monday at the intersection of Mounds Boulevard and Kellogg Boulevard East for the Kellogg/3<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge over Interstate 94 Demolition. 2) All powered equipment used in conjunction with the construction shall not exceed 95 dBA as measured at 50 feet from the sound source. 3) The applicant shall use best practicable methods for controlling noise, such as, but not limited to noise blankets, shields or portable sound barriers. Construction activities should be scheduled to minimize noise as much as possible. 4) The applicant shall monitor the decibel level from the variance approved distance of each noise source and create a report that records the general operating decibel levels within 15 minutes of the start of the work and at intervals no greater than 60 minutes apart thereafter. The report shall be made available for viewing by city staff, upon request during the variance or within 30 days thereafter. Applicant shall also conduct a decibel reading during the variance upon request of city staff. 5) All equipment, or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 5:00 a.m. on the designated Monday date for the Bridge Demolition construction dates. 6) If the sound level variance is approved, the applicant will notify, in writing, all property owners/residents within 400 feet of the proposed work location. Notice shall be a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of the work.

**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, December 3, 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](http://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, December 4, 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](mailto:barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us)