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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Sound Level Variance – The Energy Fair MN 2017

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:

Locations: Harriet Island Regional Park

Noise Source: Midwest Renewable Energy Association, represented by Leon Dulak, Site Manager, has requested a sound level variance, at a requested sound level limit of 90 dBA at no specified distance, in order to provide amplified music and the use of a sound system, during the Energy Fair MN Event, from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Friday, September 8, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 9, and from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 10, 2017, with a pre-event sound check at 10:00 a.m. each day. The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) recommends the following conditions: 1) Variance will be for the hours of 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Friday, September 8, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 9, and from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 10, 2017, with a pre-event sound check at 10:00 a.m. each day. 2) Small Venue Sound System inside Main Stage Tent and Pavilion to be used on September 8, 2017, Keynotes and Music on Medium Venue Sound System to be used inside Main Stage Tent and Pavilion on September 9, 2017 and Small Venue Sound System to be used inside the Main Stage Tent and Pavilion on Sunday, September 10, 2017. All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices used in conjunction with the event must not exceed 90 dBA at 50 feet from the sound source. Stage amplified sound to end at 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 9, 2017 per Parks Department end time Policy. 4) The applicant shall provide personnel and equipment who will provide continuous sound level monitoring at each sound source during the hours of the variance. 6) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers, or similar devices located on the event grounds must be turned off no later than the above identified times at the specific locations on the event dates.

A public hearing before the City Council on this variance request will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: 3rd floor, City Hall Council Chambers

If you attend the public hearing, you will be given the opportunity to present verbal comments or objections before the City Council. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may within fifteen (15) days of the mailing date on this notice, submit written comments or objections with the City of St. Paul, Department of Safety and Inspections, 375 Jackson Street, Suite 220, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806, attention Barb McMonigal-St. Dennis or by email to barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us. Written comments or objections must be received on or before Tuesday, September 5, 2017.