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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

### Sound Level Variance Groundswell Grounds and Sounds Festival August 20, 2016

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:** 1340- 1342 Thomas Avenue Back Patio Area

**Noise Source:** Andrew Thoreen of Groundswell has requested a sound level variance, at a requested sound level limit of 50-75 dBA at no specified distance, in order to present live bands with speakers from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on August 20, 2016 at 1340-1342 Thomas Avenue. The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI ) recommends the following conditions: 1) Variance will be for live bands with speakers from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 20, 2016. 2) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices used in conjunction with the event must not exceed 75 dBA at 50 feet from the noise source from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. 3) The applicant shall provide personnel and equipment who will provide sound level monitoring 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 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 20, 2016.

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

**Date:** Wednesday, July 20, 2016  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m. City Council Meeting  
**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 file 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](mailto:barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us). Written comments or objections must be received on or before Tuesday, July 19, 2016.