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TO: District 17/CapitolRiver Council

Dear Ladies/Gentlemen:

This is to inform you of a request for a variance from the sound level limitations as indicated in the Saint Paul Noise Ordinance (Chapter 293 of the St. Paul Legislative Code).

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

Date: June 1, 2011
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: 3rd floor, City Hall Council Chambers

Anyone attending the public hearing will be given the opportunity to present verbal comments or objections before the City Council.

Anyone unable to attend the public hearing, may, within fifteen (15) days of the mailing date on this notice, file written comments or objections with the: City of Saint Paul, Department of Safety and Inspections, 375 Jackson Street, Suite 220, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806.

Description of Variance:

Noise Source: Northern Spark (Northern Lights.mn) is requesting a sound level variance for a one-night, all-night arts festival beginning at 7:00 PM on June 4, through 5:28AM on June 5, 2011 at various locations in the City of Saint Paul.

Locations:

Northern Spark Pre-Event Concert – electronic music out of speakers

Time: June 4, 2011 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Location: History Theater at 10th Street W. and Cedar Street

Applicant estimates sound levels will be less than 85 dBA at 50 feet from the source.

Movies Programming with audio from speakers

Time: June 4, 2011 at 8:55 PM to June 5, 2011 at 5:28 PM

Location: Saint Paul Central Library Courtyard – 76 Kellogg Blvd W.

Applicant estimates sound levels will be less than 80 dBA at 50 feet from the source.

American Composers' Forum – Collection of music to be output by speakers

Time: June 4, 2011 at 8:55 PM to June 5, 2011 at 5:28 AM

Location: Broadway Street between Prince Street and Kellogg Blvd E.

Applicant estimates sound levels will be less than 80 dBA at 50 feet from the source.

Schubert Club's 3 Horn Fanfare – Three (3) horns, played for five (5) minutes from the balcony on the north side of the Landmark building

Time: June 4, 2011 at 8:55 PM, 9:30 PM, 10:00 PM, 11:00 PM, June 5, 2011 at 12:00 AM, and 5:28 AM

Location: North side of Landmark Building/Hamm Plaza

Applicant estimates sound levels will be less than 80 dBA at 50 feet from the source.

Flint Hills and Ordway live puppet performers with amplified music accompaniment

Time: June 4, 2011 at 9:35 PM to 9:55 PM and 10:05 PM to 10:25 PM

Location: Landmark Plaza, 370 St Peter St

Applicant estimates sound levels will be less than 80 dBA at 50 feet from the source.

Opening Event – Eight (8) cars playing a musical composition on their horns

Time: June 4, 2011 8:55 PM to 9:03 PM

Location: Upper Landing Parking Lot – Shepard Rd

Applicant indicates that performance is limited to 8 minutes or less, cars will face away from residential.

Sewer Pipe Organ – Speakers installed beneath sewer grates

Time: June 4, 2011 at 8:55 PM to June 5, 2011 at 5:28 AM

Location: Upper Landing Park – Shepard Rd

Applicant estimates sound levels of less than 65 dBA at 50 feet from the source.

Wind Harps – Instruments of metal and string that make a naturally soft acoustic sound

Time: June 4, 2011 at 8:55 PM to June 5, 2011 at 5:28 AM

Location: Upper Landing Park – Shepard Rd

Applicant estimates sound levels of less than 65 dBA at 50 feet from the source.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Mark Kaisersatt, Environmental Health Specialist, at 651-266-1908, or e-mail him at Mark.Kaisersatt@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Sincerely,



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