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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Irish Fair of Minnesota 2016
Sound Level Variance

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: Irish Fair of Minnesota, represented by Erin Cooper, Director, has requested a sound level variance, at a requested sound level limit of 100 dBA at 75 feet, in order to provide amplified music and the use of a sound system, during the Irish Fair of Minnesota, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, August 12, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 13, 2016 and from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 14, 2016. The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) recommends the following conditions: 1) Variance will be for the hours of 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, August 12, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 13, 2016 and from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 14, 2016. 2) Target Main Stage: All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices used in conjunction with the event must not exceed 100 dBA at the sound mix or 100 feet from stage, whichever is the shorter distance. Amplified sound on Target Stage must end at 10:00 p.m., per Parks Department end time Policy. 3) Pub Stage (Tent): All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices used in conjunction with the event must not exceed 95 dBA at the sound mix or 50 feet from stage, whichever is the shorter distance. Pub Stage amplified sound to end at 11:00 p.m., per Parks Department end time Policy. 4) All Other Stages: All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices used in conjunction with the event must not exceed 90 dBA at the sound mix or 50 feet from stage, whichever is the shorter distance. 5) The applicant shall provide personnel and equipment who will provide continuous sound level monitoring at each sound mix 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, August 3, 2016

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, August 2, 2016.