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September 1, 2020

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Sound Level Variance  
Rice & Larpén Tour

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:** 1675 Rice St. – Strip Mall Parking Lot

**Noise Source:** Kim O'Brien, Rice and Larpentour Alliance, has applied for a sound level variance, with a sound level request of 100 dBA at no specified distance, in order to provide amplified sound outdoors for the Rice and Larpén Tour Event at 1675 Rice St. in the Strip Mall Parking Lot. on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 2:00 p.m. The Department of Safety and Inspections recommends the following conditions: 1) the Variance shall be for Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020 and from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 2:00 p.m. 2) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 85 dBA as measured at 50 feet from the sound source from the hours of 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020. 3) The applicant shall provide personnel and equipment 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 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020 the date of the event.

Public attendance at the City Council's regular meeting location is not feasible due to the COVID-19 health pandemic. Members of the public may view City Council meetings online at <https://stpaul.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> or on local cable Channel 18.

**Submit comments for Public Hearing electronically.** The public may comment on public hearing items in writing or via voicemail. Any comments and materials submitted by 12:00 pm of the day before the meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020, and 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](mailto:Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us), [CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us), or by voicemail at 651-266-6805.

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

Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: Members of the City Council will participate in City Council meetings by telephone or other electronic means. 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)**