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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Sound Level Variance  
Lowertown Blues Festival – Mears Park

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:** Mears Park

**Noise Source:** Steve Heckler, Lowertown Blues Festival, has applied for a sound level variance, with a sound level request of 92 dBA at 100 feet, in order to provide music outdoors at Mears Park for Thursday, July 19 through Saturday, July 21, 2018, from noon to 10:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 2:00 p.m. The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) recommends the following conditions: 1) the variance shall be for Thursday, July 19 through Saturday, July 21, 2018, with a pre-event sound check at 2:00 p.m. daily. 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 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. pm July 19 and July 20, 2018, and shall not exceed 92 dBA at 50 feet from 5:01 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on July 19 and July 20, 2018 and from 12:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on July 21, 2018. 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 10:00 p.m. on the performance dates of the event.

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

**Date:** Wednesday, June 20, 2018

**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 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, June 19, 2018.