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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Lowertown Blues Festival – Mears Park 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:

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 Wednesday, July 19 through Saturday, July 22, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 Midnight, with a pre-event sound check at 11:00 a.m. The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) recommends the following conditions: 1) the variance shall be for Wednesday, July 19 through Saturday, July 22, 2017, with a pre-event sound check at 11:00 a.m. daily. The Event set-up noise will be on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 and Thursday, July 20, 2017, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. as well as the Event performance dates of Friday, July 21, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 22, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. 2) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 75 dBA as measured at 50 feet during the hours of 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.; not to exceed 80 dBA as measured at 50 feet from the sound source from the hours of 12:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., except for not exceeding 92 dBA at measured at 50 feet from the sound source from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on July 21, 2017 and from 12:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 22, 2017, the Event performance dates. 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, May 17, 2017

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. Written comments or objections must be received on or before Tuesday, May 16, 2017.