



June 4, 2026

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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Sound Level Variance  
District Energy St. Paul – District Energy Boiler Testing

«GreetingLine»

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:** 125 Shepard Road

**Noise Source:** Chris Peterson, District Energy St. Paul, Director of Regional Operations, has requested a sound level variance, for less than 60 dBA decibels (dBA) at 100 feet, (80 decibels (dBA) at 50 feet) to present amplified sound for the District Energy Boiler Testing event, June 29 through July 3 and July 6 through July 10, with the potential addition of July 11 through 17, 2026, at 125 Shepard Road. The variance is requested for the hours of 7:00 am to 6:00 pm on the dates listed.

### **The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions:**

- 1)** The Variance shall be for the hours of 7:00 am to 6:00 pm on June 29 through July 3 and July 6 through July 10, with the potential addition of July 11 through July 17, 2026, for the District Energy Boiler Testing event.
- 2)** District Energy St. Paul shall take all practical steps available to minimize the noise levels during this period which do not otherwise unduly hinder testing or unreasonably increase the costs of the project.
- 3)** The applicant shall use best practicable methods for controlling noise, such as, but not limited to noise blankets, steam piping silencer, shields or portable sound barriers. Construction activities should be scheduled to minimize noise as much as possible.
- 4)** The applicant shall monitor the decibel level from the variance approved distance of each noise source and create a report that records the general operating decibel levels within 15 minutes of the start of each performing act and at intervals no greater than 60 minutes apart thereafter. The report shall be made available for viewing by city staff upon request during the variance and within 30 days thereafter. The Applicant shall also conduct a decibel reading during the variance upon request of city staff.
- 5)** All powered equipment shall be turned off no later than 6:00 pm on June 29 through July 3 and July 6 through July 10, with the potential addition of July 11 through July 17, 2026.

**Submit comments for Public Hearing electronically:**

The public may comment on public hearing items in person, in writing or via voicemail. Any comments and materials submitted by 12:00 pm on the day before the meeting, Tuesday, June 23, 2026, 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) or [CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us). Submit a comment by voicemail at 651-266-6805.

Live testimony will be taken in person in the Council Chambers and by telephone by registering to speak by noon on the day before the meeting. The registration link is located on the City Council website at [www.stpaul.gov/council](http://www.stpaul.gov/council) or <https://forms.office.com/g/TD3xN7WHy5>.

Members of the public may view City Council meetings online at <https://stpaul.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> or on local cable Channel 18.

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

**Date:** Wednesday, June 24, 2026

**Time:** 3:30 pm

**Location:** 3rd floor, City Hall Council Chambers

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 at 651-266-9137 or [barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us).