



April 13, 2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Sound Level Variance
Ordway Center – Flint Hills Family Festival

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: Rice Park – 345 Washington St. (Washington St. & 4th St.) and Landmark Plaza- 75 5th St W

Noise Source: Julia Erickson, Ordway Center, Director of Productions, has requested a sound level variance, for 110 dBA at no specified distance, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the Flint Hills Family Festival on May 30 - June 3, 2023 at Rice Park – 345 Washington St. (Washington St. & 4th St.) and Landmark Plaza – 75 5th St W on Saturday, June 3, 2023. The variance is requested for the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday – Friday, May 30 - June 2, with a pre-event sound check from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for the Festival School Days, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday, June 2, and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2023 for the Flint Hills Family Festival. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday – Friday, May 30 - June 2, with a pre-event sound check from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for the Festival School Days, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday, June 2, and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2023 for the Flint Hills Family Festival. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA at 50 feet from any sound source on May 30 - June 3, 2023. 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 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday – Friday, May 30 - June 2 during the Festival School Days, 10:00 p.m. on Friday, June 2, and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2023.

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 of the day before the meeting, Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 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, CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us, or 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 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, May 3, 2023

Time: 3:30 p.m.

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, 651-266-9137, barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us