



November 18, 2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

St. Paul Festival & Heritage Foundation - St. Paul Winter Carnival in Rice and Landmark Plaza Parks

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 & Landmark Plaza - 109 W 4th St and 379 St. Peter St.

Noise Source: Lisa Jacobson, St. Paul Festival & Heritage Foundation, CEO, has requested two sound level variances, for 100 dBA measured at 100 ft to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the St. Paul Winter Carnival in Rice Park- 109 W 4th St and a requested sound level limit of 100 dBA at 80 ft in Landmark Plaza Park - 379 St. Peter St. starting January 23, 2023 through February 7, 2023. The variances are requested for the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 8:00 a.m. on January 27, 28, February 3 and 4, 2023, hours of 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 3:00 p.m. on January 26, 29,30, 31 and February 2, 2023 and hours of 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 10:00 a.m. on February 1, 2023. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1)The Variance shall be for the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 8:00 a.m. on January 27, 28 and February 3 and 4, 2023, hours of 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 3:00 p.m. on January 26, 29,30, 31, and February 2,2023 and hours of 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 10:00 a.m. on February 1, 2023 for the St. Paul Winter Carnival in Rice and Landmark Plaza Parks events. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA as measured at 50 feet from all sound sources starting January 23, 2023 through February 7, 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 10:00 p.m. starting January 23, 2023 through February 7, 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, December 13, 2022, 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, December 14, 2022

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