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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

Saint Paul Winter Carnival – Ice Palace 2018

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

Noise Source: Tom Keller, Construction Coordinator, Saint Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation, has requested a sound level variance, with a revised requested sound level limit of 80 dBA for the use of excavators, cranes, soil compactors, dozers, tractor trailer trucks, skid steers and forklifts in Rice Park for construction of the Winter Carnival Ice Palace. The variance request is for 24/7 beginning Thursday, January 4 through Saturday, January 27, 2018. The Department of Safety and Inspections recommends the following conditions: 1) The variance shall be for the operation of construction equipment in order to build an ice palace in Rice Park beginning January 4 through January 27, 2018. 2) All equipment shall not exceed 80 dBA, as measured 50 feet from the sound source. 3) The applicant shall provide personnel and equipment to conduct continuous sound-level monitoring during the construction. The contractors working on the project will use best practicable methods for controlling noise such as noise blankets, shields or portable sound barriers. Construction activities will be scheduled to minimize noise as much as possible in the late night and early morning hours. Jackhammers, pavement breakers, pile drivers, compactors, cranes, excavators, and any similar type of equipment should be fitted with manufacturer's approved exhaust mufflers. Vehicles operating between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. should be equipped with sensitive back-up warning devices or similar devices. The applicant indicates that overnight noise will be for trucks, cranes, and skid steers use.

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

Date: Wednesday, December 20, 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 within fifteen (15) days of the mailing date on this notice, written comments or objections may be filed 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, December 19, 2017.