



June 17, 2024

CITY OF ST PAUL  
25 4TH ST W # 1000  
ST PAUL MN 55102-1692

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Sound Level Variance  
2025 Irish Fair of Minnesota

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:** 200 Justus Ohage Blvd – Harriet Island Regional Park

**Noise Source:** Sarah VanSickle, Event Director, Irish Fair of Minnesota has requested a sound level variance, at a requested sound level limit of 90 dBA measured at 50 feet, to provide the use of a sound system with amplified sound for the Irish Fair of Minnesota. The variance is requested for the hours of 12:00 pm to 11:00 pm on Thursday August 7, 2025 and Friday August 8, 2025, 8:00am to 11:00 pm on Saturday August 9, 2025, and 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Sunday August 10, 2025. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) Variance will be for the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Thursday August 7, 2025 and Friday, August 8, 2025, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 9, and 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 10, 2025. 2) Main Stage: All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices used in conjunction with the event must not exceed 90 dBA at 50 feet from the sound source. Amplified sound on the Main Stage must end at 10:00 p.m., per Parks Department end time Policy. 3) Pub Stage (Tent): All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices used in conjunction with the event must not exceed 90 dBA at 50 feet from the sound source. Pub Stage amplified sound to end at 11:00 p.m. on Thursday August 7, 2025 and Friday, August 8, 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 9, and 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 10, 2025 per Parks Department end time Policy. 4) All Other Stages: All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices used in conjunction with the event must not exceed 90 dBA at 50 feet from the sound source. 5) 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 or within 30 days thereafter. Applicant shall also conduct a decibel reading during the variance upon request of city staff. 6) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers, or similar devices located on the event grounds must be turned off no later than the above identified times at the specific locations on the event dates.

**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, July 8, 2025, 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](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, July 9, 2025

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](mailto:barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us)