



May 21, 2024

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Sound Level Variance**

**Breakaway Music Festival Inc. – Breakaway Music Festival 2024 - 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:** 400 Snelling Ave N – Allianz Field Grounds; Festival is to the north and northeast of Allianz Field

**Noise Source:** Amy Dunn, Breakaway Music Festival Inc., Director of Festival Operations, has requested a sound level variance, for 103 dBA at no specified distance, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the Breakaway Music Festival 2024 – Minnesota event on Friday, June 28, and Saturday June 29, 2024 at 400 Snelling Ave N – Allianz Field grounds. The variance is requested for the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on June 28, and June 29, 2024 with pre-event sound checks on Thursday June 27, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and June 28 and June 29, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, June 28, and Saturday June 29, 2024, with pre-event sound checks on Thursday June 27, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Friday, June 28 and Saturday, June 29, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the Breakaway Music Festival 2024- Minnesota. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 97 dBA at 50 feet from all sound sources during the event hours of 4:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. and shall not exceed 85 dBA as measured at 50 feet from the sound sources during the pre-event sound check between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 27 a.m. and from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 28 and Saturday, June 29, 2024. 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 11:00 p.m. on Friday, June 28, and Saturday June 29, 2024.

**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, June 4, 2024, will be attached to the public record and available for review by the City Council. Comments may be submitted as follows: Live testimony will be taken in person in the Council Chambers, and hearing items can be submitted in writing to [Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us), [CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto: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>

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

Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024

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)