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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Sound Level Variance
Phalen Rehabilitation Sewer Project

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: Wheelock Parkway from Arcade Street to Maryland Avenue East

Noise Source: Visu-Sewer Inc. has applied for a sound level variance, at a requested sound level limit of 95 decibels (dBA) at no specified distance, for operating general construction/demolition equipment and other repair and installation equipment for replacement, set up and installation of a cured in place sewer pipe. Rehabilitation of the deteriorated and corroded Interceptor 7122 damage to the gravity sewer pipe is required. Work is to take place along Wheelock Parkway from Arcade Street to Maryland Avenue East. The project proposes to allow elevated sound levels during eight periods at six sites 24-hours per day, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at approximately 48-hour intervals. Heavy construction equipment is to be utilized, including cranes, semi-trucks, generators, etc. Boiler trucks are proposed to be the loudest equipment, generating sound level limits at 90 decibels at 30 feet. The eight periods are: a. Site 1, Thursday, February 2, 2017 to Saturday, February 4, 2017; b. Site 2, Wednesday, February 15, 2017 to Thursday, February 16, 2017; c. Site 3, Wednesday, March 1, 2017 to Thursday, March 2, 2017; d. Site 3, Wednesday, March 15, 2017 to Friday, March 17, 2017; e. Site 4, Wednesday, May 10, 2017 to Friday, May 12, 2017; f. Site 5, Wednesday, May 24, 2017 to Friday, May 26, 2017; g. Site 6, Wednesday, June 7, 2017 to Friday, June 9, 2017; and h. Site 6, Wednesday, June 21, 2017 to Friday, June 23, 2017. The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) is recommending that the occupants of property located within 400 feet of the work location be notified in writing by Visu-Sewer, Inc. a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of the work. DSI also recommends that the Contractors working on the project to use best practicable methods for controlling noise, such as, but not limited to noise blankets, shields or portable sound barriers. Construction activities should be scheduled to minimize noise as much as possible in the late night and early morning hours.

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

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 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, submit written comments or objections with the City of St. Paul, DSI, 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, January 31, 2017.