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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Sound Level Variance

**Nor-Son Construction – Construction of 170 Western Avenue S. Winslow Commons**

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:** 170 Western Avenue S.

**Noise Source:** Nor-Son Construction has requested a sound level variance, for 100 dBA at 50 feet from the sound source for a Construction Framing Project with use of hand held nail guns and a central air compressor, as part of a new apartment building construction site at 170 Western Avenue S. The variance is requested for the hours of 7:00 a.m.to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, March 7, 2022 through May 13, 2022. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 7:00 a.m.to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, March 7, 2022 through May 13, 2022. 2) All powered equipment used in conjunction with the construction shall not exceed 95 dBA as measured at 50 feet from the sound source. 3) The applicant shall 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. 4) The applicant shall provide personnel and equipment who shall provide continuous sound level monitoring during the hours of the variance. 5) All equipment, or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 5:00 p.m. March 7, 2022 through May 13, 2022. 6) If the sound level variance is approved, the applicant will notify, in writing, all property owners/residents within 400 feet of the proposed work location. Notice shall be a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of the work.

Applicant has acknowledged that any social gathering associated with this variance must be managed in full compliance with all applicable Governor Walz and Mayor Carter COVID-19 Orders including but not limited to Orders relating to distancing, mask wearing and attendance limits.

**Submit comments for Public Hearing electronically.** The public may comment on public hearing items in person, writing or via voicemail. Any comments and materials submitted by 12:00 pm of the day before the meeting, Tuesday, March 1, 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](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>. Public attendance at the City Council's regular meeting location may not be feasible due to the COVID-19 health pandemic. 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, March 2, 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](mailto:barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us)**