



May 24, 2023

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Sound Level Variance

The United Hmong Family, Inc. – 41st Hmong International Freedom Festival

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:** 1151 Wynne Ave - McMurray Fields

**Noise Source:** Kong Houa Lee, The United Hmong Family, Inc., Event Chair, has requested a sound level variance, for 120 dBA at no specified distance, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the 41st Hmong International Freedom Festival on July 1 and 2, 2023 at 1151 Wynne Ave - McMurray Fields. The variance is requested for the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on July 1 and 2, 2023 with a pre-event sound check on June 30, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 1 and Sunday, July 2, 2023 with a pre-event sound check on Friday, June 30, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the 41st Hmong International Freedom Festival. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA at 50 feet from any stage on July 1 and July 2, 2023. 3) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers, or similar devices used in the merchandise areas, on or near the sporting field events, must not exceed 75 dBA as measured at the nearest residential receiver. All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 8:00 p.m. on July 1 and 2, 2023, the event dates. 4) The applicant shall provide personnel and equipment who shall provide continuous sound level monitoring at each sound source during the hours of the variance.

**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 13, 2023, 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, June 14, 2023

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)