




## Sound Level Variance Application

Legislative Code Chapter 293. - Noise Regulations Application and \$178 fee should be submitted a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to the event date to allow ample time for required public notification period and scheduling of a Council public hearing. Applications submitted within sixty (60) days of the event date may not satisfy the processing timeline requirements.

1. Organization/person seeking variance: The Great Northern Winter Festival
2. Event Name: Ice Bar at Union Depot
3. Address and physical description of noise source location (Event, Worksite): 214 4th Street East  
Noise source is speakers as indicated on accompanying diagram pointed away from building.
4. Responsible person: J. Beckett Title: Festival Operations Manager
5. Telephone: 612-231-4001 E-Mail: j@thegreatnorthernfestival.com
6. Date(s) variance requested: January 30,31, and February 1, 2025
7. Noise source - Time(s) of operation: 1/30: 4p - 9p | 1/31: 4p -9p | 2/1: 2p -9p  
- Time(s) of pre-event sound check: 1 hour before event start time each day.
8. Sound level requested (dBA/Decibels): no louder than 70 dBA
9. Mailing address w/zip code: 1011 Washington Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55415
10. Briefly describe the noise source and equipment involved: 2 speakers on either end of the plaza  
connected to an iphone/tablet or laptop sitting on sound table playing a canned playlist of music
11. Describe the steps that will be taken to minimize the noise levels: Goal is to provide a festive ambience  
supplement the guest experience. Music is not the primary focus of the event. It is additive ambience
12. State reason for seeking variance (example - music, announcements, construction, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
Music to be played as ambience during event hours only outdoors on Union Depot's North Plaza
13. Maximum number of attendees: 300
14. A site diagram & map must be attached showing location of noise source(s), streets, stages, tents, etc.  
(If there will be amplified sound, indicate location and direction that all speakers will be facing).  
**Multiple locations may require more than one application.**
15. Submit completed application, site diagram/map, and \$178 fee to:

CITY OF SAINT PAUL  
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS 375 JACKSON  
STREET, SUITE 220  
SAINT PAUL, MN 55101-1806

Signature of responsible person:  Date: 1/3/2025

WACOUTA STREET

4TH STREET EAST

LIGHTRAIL

50' ICE BAR

UNION DEPOT

N. SIBLEY STREET

Both speakers on either side of plaza pointing in same direction.



SPEAKER

Sound Table SPEAKER



# DSI RECEIPT

CITY OF SAINT PAUL  
Department of Safety and Inspections  
375 Jackson Street Suite 220  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806  
Phone: (651) 266-8989 Fax: (651) 266-9124  
www.stpaul.gov/dsi

Date: 01/03/2025

Received From: THE GREAT NORTHERN WINTER FESTIVAL  
1011 WASHINGTON AVE S MINNEAPOLIS MN 55415

Description:

Invoice Details	Invoice Amount	Amount Paid
1174295 Noise Variance	\$356.00	\$356.00
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT PAID:</b>		<b>\$356.00</b>

Paid By:

Payment Type	Check #	Received Date	Amount
Credit Card	V0723	01/03/2025	\$356.00