



January 7, 2025

SOUTH METRO HUMAN SERVICES
166 4TH ST E STE 200
SAINT PAUL MN 55101-1474

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Sound Level Variance

The Great Northern Winter Festival – Ice Bar at Union Depot January 30, 31 and February 1, 2025

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: 214 4th Street East – Union Depot

Noise Source: J. Beckett, The Great Northern Winter Festival, Festival Operations Manager, has requested a sound level variance, for 70 dBA at no specified distance, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the Ice Bar at Union Depot event on Thursday, January 30, Friday, January 31, and Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 214th Street East – Union Depot. The variance is requested for the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday January 30, and Friday January 31, 2025, and for 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday February 1, 2025, with a pre-event sound check one hour before the event start on the event days. 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 9:00 p.m. on Thursday January 30, and Friday January 31, 2025, and for 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday February 1, 2025, with a pre-event sound check one hour before the event start on the event days, for the Ice Bar at Union Depot. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 70 dBA at 50 feet from all sound sources on January 30, January 31, and February 1, 2025. 3) The applicant shall continuously monitor the decibel level from the variance approved distance of each noise source throughout the duration of the variance and create a report that records the decibel levels at intervals no greater than 10 minutes apart. The report shall be available for viewing by city staff, upon request. 4) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 9:00 p.m. on Thursday January 30, Friday January 31, and Saturday February 1, 2025.

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, January 21, 2025, 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, 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 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, January 22, 2025

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