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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

El Burrito Mercado – Patio Fiesta: Taco Tuesdays Music Series

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: 175 Caesar Chavez St – El Burrito Mercado patio

Noise Source: Milissa Silva, El Burrito Mercado, CEO, has requested a sound level variance, at a requested sound level limit of 80 dBA at no specified distance from the sound source, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for a Patio Fiesta: Taco Tuesdays Music Series on Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2025 at 175 Caesar Chavez St – El Burrito Mercado patio. The variance is requested for the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the above listed dates. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2025 for a Patio Fiesta: Taco Tuesdays Music Series event. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 80 dBA at 50 feet from any sound source on Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2025. 3) The applicant shall monitor the decibel level from the variance approved distance of each noise source and create a report that records the general operating decibel levels within 15 minutes of the start of each performing act and at intervals no greater than 60 minutes apart thereafter. The report shall be made available for viewing by city staff, upon request during the variance or within 30 days thereafter. Applicant shall also conduct a decibel reading during the variance upon request of city staff. FURTHER RESOLVED, that any violations of the conditions set forth above on the listed Tuesdays Music Series dates may result in denial of future requests for the granting of a noise variance, in addition to any criminal citation which might issue. The applicant shall provide personnel and equipment to ensure compliance with the sound level variance conditions. 4) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 9:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12, 19, and 26, 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, June 24, 2025, 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 or https://forms.office.com/g/TD3xN7WHy5.

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

Date: Wednesday, June 25, 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**