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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Sound Level Variance
Pro-Life Action Ministries – Good Friday Solemn Prayer Vigil

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: 671 Vandalia Street on Charles Avenue between Pillsbury and Vandalia Street.
Noise Source: Brian Walker, Pro-Life Action Ministries, Program Director, has requested a sound level variance, for 120 dBA at no specified distance from the sound source, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the Good Friday Solemn Prayer Vigil at 671 Vandalia Street on Charles Avenue between Pillsbury and Vandalia Street on Friday April 3, 2026. The variance is requested for the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 7:45 a.m. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 7:45 a.m. on Friday, April 3, 2026, for the Good Friday Solemn Prayer event. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 85 dBA as measured at 50 feet from all sound sources on April 3, 2026. 3) The applicant shall 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 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. 4) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday April 3, 2026.

Submit comments for Public Hearing electronically. The public my 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, February 17, 2026, 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. 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, February 18, 2026
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.