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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance
Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church – Nativity County Fair

«GreetingLine»
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: 1900 Stanford Avenue – Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School grounds
Noise Source: Nick Strauss, Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church, Steering Committee, has requested a sound level variance, for 85-90 decibels (dBA) at fifty (50) feet, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the Nativity County Fair event Friday, September 18, Saturday, September 19, and Sunday, September 20, 2026, at 1900 Stanford Avenue – Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School grounds. The variance is requested for the hours of 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm Friday, September 18, 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Saturday, September 19, and 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Sunday, September 20, 2026, with a pre-event sound check at 3:00 pm on Friday, September 18, 2026.

The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions:
1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Friday, September 18, 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Saturday, September 19, and 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Sunday, September 20, 2026, with a pre-event sound check at 3:00 pm on Friday, September 18, 2026, for the Nativity County Fair event.

2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA as measured at 50 feet from the sound source from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Friday, September 18, 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Saturday, September 19, and 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Sunday, September 20, 2026.

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 and within 30 days thereafter. The 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 9:59 pm on Friday, September 18, and Saturday, September 19, and 2:59 pm, Sunday, September 20, 2026.

Comments for Public Hearings
The public may comment on public hearing items in person, in writing or via voicemail. Any comments and materials submitted by 12:00 pm on the day before the meeting, Tuesday, August 18, 2026, will be attached to the public record and available for review by the City Council.

Written public comment on public hearing items can be submitted to Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us or CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us. Submit a comment by voicemail at 651-266-6805.

*Tennessen Warning (**Minnesota Statutes, § 13.04, subd. 2**) If you submit a comment, the email address you provide is public data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. You are not legally or otherwise required to provide your email.*

Live testimony will be taken in person in the Council Chambers. You may need to sign up to testify when you attend a Council meeting -- please check with a greeter.

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, August 19, 2026
Time: 3:30 pm
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:

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