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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance
Insituform Cured In Place Rehabilitation Sewer Projects
James Avenue Site

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: James Avenue from Prior Avenue to Kenneth Street
Noise Source: Insituform has applied for eight (8) sound level variances, at various locations, for operating general construction/demolition equipment and other repair and installation equipment for replacement, set up and installation of a cured in place sewer pipe. Rehabilitation of deteriorated and corroded damage to the sewer pipe is required. Work is to take place on James Avenue from Prior Avenue to Kenneth Street. The project proposes to allow elevated sound levels during one (1) 24-hour-per-day period at each of the eight sewer pipe rehabilitation sites, between the dates of Monday, April 24, 2017 to Thursday, August 31, 2017 including the James Avenue from Prior Avenue to Kenneth Street site, with a sewer liner curing process requiring 24 hours of continuous work. Applicant indicates the site set up to occur from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with use of equipment with back up alarms and hand held power tools. From 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. of the following day, the only equipment to be used will be critically silenced pumps and truck mounted boiler, not to exceed 70 decibels (dBA) at 50 feet. The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) is recommending that the occupants of property located within 400 feet of the work location be notified in writing by Insituform a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of the work. DSI also recommends that Insituform provide personnel and equipment to ensure compliance with the variance conditions. Contractors working on the project to use best practicable methods for controlling noise, such as, but not limited to noise blankets, shields or portable sound barriers. Construction activities should be scheduled to minimize noise as much as possible in the late night and early morning hours.

A public hearing before the City Council on this variance request will be held on:
Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2017
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: 3rd floor, City Hall Council Chambers

If you attend the public hearing, you will be given the opportunity to present verbal comments or objections before the City Council. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may within fifteen (15) days of the mailing date on this notice, submit written comments or objections with the City of St. Paul, DSI, 375 Jackson Street, Suite 220, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806, attention Barb McMonigal-St. Dennis or by email to barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us. Written comments or objections must be received on or before Tuesday, April 18, 2017.