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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Lowertown Blues Festival - Sound Level Variance

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: Mears Park, 221 5th St. E.
Noise Source: Lowertown Blues Festival, Steve Heckler, Director, has applied for a sound level variance, with a sound level request of 92 dBA at 100 feet, to provide music outdoors in Mears Park, 221 5th St. E. on Wednesday, July 24 through Saturday July 27, 2019 from noon to 10:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 10:00 a.m. The Department of Safety and Inspections recommends the following conditions: 1) the Variance shall be for Wednesday, July 24, through Saturday, July 27, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 10:00 a.m. 2) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 80 dBA as measured at 50 feet from the sound source from the hours of 12:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24, 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 25 and Friday, July 26; and shall not exceed 92 dBA at 50 feet from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, Friday, July 26 and 12:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday. July 27, 2019. 3) 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 10:00 p.m. on the event dates.

A public hearing before the City Council on this variance request will be held on:
Date: Wednesday, July 10, 2019
Time: 3:30 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 file written comments or objections with the: City of St. Paul, Department of Safety and Inspections, 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, July 9, 2019.