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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public Works Sewer Utility-Sanitary Tunnel Cleaning Project – Otis Ave.

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: 145 Otis Ave.

Noise Source: City of St. Paul Public Works Division has applied for a sound level variance at seven sites, including near 145 Otis Avenue, at a requested sound level limit of 90 decibels (dBA) at no specified distance, for operating general cleaning and containment equipment and other equipment for sanitary tunnel cleaning. Sanitary tunnel cleaning is required. Public Works has indicated the tunnel cleaning work to progress “south to north” with equipment occupying two work sites at a time. It is estimated that each work site will be occupied for four to six weeks. The project proposes to allow elevated sound levels during the time when the sewer tunnel site is cleaned, between the dates of November 4, 2019 to April 30, 2020. Applicant indicates the cleaning would occur from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, with use of equipment with back up alarms and hand held power tools as well as other equipment. The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) is recommending that the occupants of properties located within 400 feet of the work location be notified in writing by St. Paul Public Works a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of the work. DSI also recommends that St. Paul Public Works 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.

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

Date: Wednesday, October 16, 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 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, October 15, 2019.