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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Sound Level Variance

**MSP Film Society – 40<sup>th</sup> MSP International Film Festival**

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:** 1360 Lexington Pkwy. N. – Dock and Paddle at Como Lakeside Pavilion

**Noise Source:** Matthew Berg, MSP Film Society, has requested a sound level variance, for 80 dBA at no specified distance, to present amplified sound outdoors with use of a sound system for the 40<sup>th</sup> MSP International Film Festival Events on Thursday, May 13, Friday, May 14 and Saturday May 15, 2021 at 1360 Lexington Pkwy. N. The variance is requested for the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15, 2021 with a pre-event sound check from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the 40<sup>th</sup> MSP International Film Festival Events. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 80 dBA as measured at 50 feet from all sound sources on Thursday, May 13, Friday May 14 and Saturday May 15, 2021. 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 Thursday, May 13, and shall be turned off no later than 11:00 p.m. on Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15, 2021, the event dates.

Applicant has acknowledged that any social gathering associated with this variance must be managed in full compliance with all applicable Governor Walz and Mayor Carter COVID-19 Orders including but not limited to Orders relating to distancing, mask wearing and attendance limits

Public attendance at the City Council's regular meeting location is not feasible due to the COVID-19 health pandemic. Members of the public may view City Council meetings online at <https://stpaul.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> or on local cable Channel 18.

**Submit comments for Public Hearing electronically.** The public may comment on public hearing items in writing or via voicemail. Any comments and materials submitted by 12:00 pm of the day before the meeting, May 4, 2021, and 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](mailto:Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us), [CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us), or by voicemail at 651-266-6805.

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

Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: Members of the City Council will participate in City Council meetings by telephone or other electronic means. 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](mailto:barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us)