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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Sound Level Variance
Twin Cities Jazz 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: 221 5th St. E. – Mears Park

Noise Source: Steve Heckler, Twin Cities Jazz Festival Executive Director, has requested a sound level variance, for 92 dBA measured at no specified distance from the sound source, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the Twin Cities Jazz Festival event on September 17 and 18, 2021 at Mears Park. The variance is requested for the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 17, and Saturday September 18, 2021. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 17, and Saturday, September 18, 2021 for the Twin Cities Jazz Festival event, at Mears Park. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 85 dBA as measured at 50 feet from all sound sources from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 17, 2021 and shall not exceed 92 dBA as measured at 50 feet from all sound sources from 5:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. on September 17 and from 1:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. on September 18, 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 9:30 p.m. on September 17 and 18, 2021.

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. Applicant indicates that residents of the block will be given wristbands for their families and friends as part of access and control of number of participants.

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, August 10, 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, 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, August 11, 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