



Legislation Text

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Approving the application of Women's March on Washington - Minnesota for a sound level variance for an Outdoor Event on Saturday, January 21, 2017 on the south steps of the State Capitol.

WHEREAS, Chapter 293 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code was enacted to regulate the subject of noise in the City of Saint Paul; and

WHEREAS, §293.09 provides for the granting of variances from the sound level limitations contained in §293.07, upon a finding by the City Council that full compliance with Chapter 293 would constitute an unreasonable hardship on the applicant, other persons or on the community; and

WHEREAS, Women's March on Washington- Minnesota, represented by Jo Ann Tesar, Chairperson-Logistics, who has been designated as the responsible person on the application, has applied for a variance for an event on Saturday, January 21, 2017 on the south steps of the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, applicant has requested a variance for the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 9:00 a.m., and a requested sound level limit of 100 dBA at no specified distance on Saturday, January 21, 2017; and

WHEREAS, if applicant is not granted a variance applicant will not be able to have the event on the south steps of the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Safety and Inspections has reviewed the application and has made recommendations regarding conditions for the variance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Saint Paul hereby grants a variance to Women's March on Washington- Minnesota, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The variance shall be for the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2017.
- 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA as measured 50 feet from any sound source including equipment used for speaker announcements.
- 3) The applicant shall provide personnel and equipment who shall provide continuous sound level monitoring at each sound mix during the hours of the variance.
- 4) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 2:00 p.m. on the event date.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any violations of the conditions set forth above on Saturday, January 21, 2017 date may result in denial of future requests for the grant of a noise variance, in addition to any criminal citation which might issue.

Women's March on Washington- Minnesota, represented by Jo Ann Tesar, Chairperson- Logistics, has requested an exemption from the sound level limitations in Chapter 293.07 for the Outdoor Event on Saturday,

January 21, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 9:00 a.m. on the south steps of the State Capitol. Chapter 293.09 provides for the granting of variances from the sound level limitations contained in Chapter 293.07.

Was proper notice given? YES - See Attachments