



Legislation Text

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Approving the application of Tawfiq Islamic Center for a sound level variance for the Eid-al-Fitr End of Ramadan Prayer Festival Service, on Friday, July 17, 2015 or Saturday, July 18, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., with a pre-event sound check at 7:00 a.m., at the Oxford Community Center Football Field, 270 Lexington Parkway North.

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, Tawfiq Islamic Center, represented by Oumer M Wako, Executive Director, and Shamsadin Omar, Engineer, who have been designated as the responsible persons on the application, have applied for a variance for the Eid-al-Fitr End of Ramadan Prayer Festival Service on Friday, July 17, 2015 or Saturday, July 18, 2015, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., with a pre-event sound check at 7:00 a.m., at the Oxford Community Center Football Field; 270 Lexington Pkwy North and

WHEREAS, applicants have requested a variance for the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., with a pre-event sound check at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2015 or Saturday, July 18, 2015; and

WHEREAS, if applicants are not granted a variance they will not be able to have the Eid-al-Fitr End of Ramadan Prayer Festival Service at the Oxford Community Center Football Field, 270 Lexington Pkwy North; 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 Tawfiq Islamic Center, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The variance shall be for the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., with a pre-event sound check at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2015 or Saturday, July 18, 2015.
- 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 75 dBA as measured 50 feet from any sound source used for prayer and/or 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 10:30 a.m. on the event dates.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any violations of the conditions set forth above on Friday, July 17, 2015 or

Saturday, July 18, 2015 date may result in denial of future requests for the grant of a noise variance, in addition to any criminal citation which might issue.

Tawfiq Islamic Center, represented by Oumer M Wako, Executive Director, and Shamsadin Omar, Engineer, have requested an exemption from the sound level limitations in Chapter 293.07 for the Eid-al-Fitr End of Ramadan Prayer Festival Service, on Friday, July 17, 2015 or Saturday, July 18, 2015, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., with a pre-event sound check at 7:00 a.m. at the Oxford Community Center Football Field, 270 Lexington Pkwy North. 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