



Legislation Text

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Approving the applications of the Minnesota United FC for sound level variance applications in order to present amplified sound on June 1, 8, and 22, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with pre-event sound checks at 4:30 p.m., within the Street and the Beer Garden Area at Allianz Field - 400 Snelling Avenue 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, Minnesota United FC, represented by Steven Lorbiecki, Event Operations Manager, who has been designated as the responsible person on the application, has applied for three variances, for a sound level limit of 95 dBA at no specified distance, to present amplified sound within the street and Beer Garden area for the Minnesota United FC v Sporting Kansas City, Minnesota United FC v FC Dallas, and for the Minnesota United FC v Austin FC games at Allianz Field - 400 Snelling Ave. N.; and

WHEREAS, applicant has requested a variance for the hours from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday June 1, for MNUFC v Sporting Kansas City game, Saturday June 8, for MNUFC v FC Dallas game, and Saturday June 22, 2024 for MNUFC v Austin FC game; and

WHEREAS, if applicant is not granted a variance applicant will not be able to present amplified sound within the street and Beer Garden area outside of Allianz Field - 400 Snelling Ave; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Safety and Inspections has reviewed the applications and have made recommendations regarding conditions for the variances. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Saint Paul hereby grants three variances to the Minnesota United FC, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The Variances shall be for the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays June 1, 8, and 22, 2024 for the MNUFC v Sporting Kansas City, MNUFC v FC Dallas, and MNUFC v Austin FC games.
- 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA as measured at 50 feet from all sound sources.
- 3) The applicant shall provide personnel and equipment who shall provide continuous sound level monitoring at each sound source during the hours of the variance.
- 4) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 7:30 p.m. on June 1, 8, and 22, 2024 the event dates.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any violations of the conditions set forth above on the June 1, 8, and 22, 2024

dates may result in denial of future requests for the grant of a noise variance, in addition to any criminal citation which might issue.

Minnesota United FC, represented by Steven Lorbiecki, has requested an exemption from the sound level limitations in Chapter 293.07 in order to present amplified sound for the MNUFC v Sporting Kansas City, with limitations, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday June 1, 2024, on Saturday June 8, 2024 for the MNUFC v FC Dallas, as well as with limitations, on Saturday June 22, 2024 for the MNUFC v Austin FC game. 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