



Legislation Text

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Approving the application of the Minnesota United FC for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on Sunday, August 27, 2023 for the MNUFC v Seattle game and on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 for the MNUFC v Colorado game 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 Zacharia Litzelswope, Director, Events and Guest Experience, who has been designated as the responsible person on the application, has applied for two 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 MNUFC v Seattle game on August 27, 2023 and MNUFC v Colorado game on August 30, 2023 at Allianz Field - 400 Snelling Ave. N.; and

WHEREAS, applicant has requested a variance for the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 27, 2023 for the MNUFC v Seattle game and 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 for the MNUFC v Colorado game.

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 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 the Minnesota United FC, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The Variances shall be for the hours from 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 27, 2023 and 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 3:00 p.m. for the MNUFC v Colorado game on Wednesday, August 30, 2023
- 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 3:30 p.m. on August 27, 2023, for the MNUFC v Seattle game and 7:30 p.m. for the MNUFC v Colorado game, the event dates.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any violations of the conditions set forth above on August 27, 2023 and August 30, 2023 date 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 Zacharia Litzelswope, has requested an exemption from the sound level limitations in Chapter 293.07 in order to present amplified sound for the MNUFC v Seattle game on August 27, 2023, with limitations, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 11:00 a.m. and the MNUFC v Colorado game on August 30, 2033 with limitations from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 3:00 p.m. 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