



Legislation Text

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Approving the application of Minnesota Children's Museum for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on August 14, 2021 at 10 West Seventh Street - Minnesota Children's Museum

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 Children's Museum, represented by Sara Oehlerts, Event Manager, who has been designated as the responsible person on the application, has applied for a variance, for a requested sound level limit of 100 dBA at no specified distance, to present amplified sound at 10 West 7th Street - the Minnesota Children's Museum; and

WHEREAS, applicant has requested a variance for the hours from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on August 14, 2021 with a pre-event sound check at 9:30 a.m. on August 14, 2021 for the Celebration of Play Block Party and

WHEREAS, if applicant is not granted a variance applicant will not be able to present amplified sound at 10 West 7th Street - the Minnesota Children's Museum; 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 Minnesota Children's Museum, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The Variance shall be for the hours from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 14, 2021 with a pre-event sound check at 9:30 a.m. on August 14, 2021.
- 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 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 3:00 p.m. on August 14, 2021, the event date.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any violations of the conditions set forth above on the August 14, 2021 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 Children's Museum, represented by Sarah Oehlerts, has requested an exemption from the sound level limitations in Chapter 293.07 in order to present amplified sound, with limitations, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on August 14, 2021. 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