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Title: Approving the applications of White Squirrel Bar for two sound level variances in order to present amplified sound for a Saturday Patio Music Series and a Sunday Patio Music Series, June 1 - August 31, 2025, at 974 7th St W - the White Squirrel Bar patio.

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Approving the applications of White Squirrel Bar for two sound level variances in order to present amplified sound for a Saturday Patio Music Series and a Sunday Patio Music Series, June 1 - August 31, 2025, at 974 7th St W - the White Squirrel Bar patio.

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, White Squirrel Bar, represented by Jarret Oulman, Owner, who has been designated as the responsible person on the application, has applied for a variance, at a requested sound level limit of 85 dBA at no specified distance from the sound source, to present amplified sound for a Saturday Patio Music Series and a Sunday Patio Music Series at 974 7th St W - White Squirrel Bar; and

WHEREAS, applicant has requested a variance for the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays, June 7 - August 30, 2025 for a Saturday Patio Music Series and Sundays, June 1 - August 31, 2025 for a Sunday Patio Music Series; and

WHEREAS, if applicant is not granted a variance applicant will not be able to present amplified sound at 974 7th St W - White Squirrel Bar; 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 White Squirrel Bar, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check from 4:30 p.m. -

6:00 p.m. on Saturdays, June 7 - August 30, 2025 for a Saturday Patio Music Series and Sundays, June 1- August 31, 2025 for a Sunday Patio Music Series event.

2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 85 dBA at 50 feet from any sound source on Saturdays, June 7 through August 30, 2025.

3) The applicant shall monitor the decibel level from the variance approved distance of each noise source and create a report that records the general operating decibel levels within 15 minutes of the start each performing act and at intervals no greater than 60 minutes apart thereafter. The report shall be made available for viewing by city staff, upon request during the variance or within 30 days thereafter. Applicant shall also conduct a decibel reading during the variance upon request of city staff. FURTHER RESOLVED, that any violations of the conditions set forth above on the Saturdays, June 7 - August 30, 2025 and Sundays, June 1- August 31, 2025 dates may result in denial of future requests for the grant of a noise variance, in addition to any criminal citation which might issue.

4) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays, June 7 - August 30, 2025 and Sundays, June 1 - August 31, 2025.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any violations of the conditions set forth above on the Saturdays, June 7 - August 30, 2025 and Sundays, June 1 - August 31, 2025 dates may result in denial of future requests for the grant of a noise variance, in addition to any criminal citation which might issue.

White Squirrel Bar, represented by owner, Jarret Oulman, has requested an exemption from the sound level limitations in Chapter 293.07 in order to present amplified sound, with limitations, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays, June 7- August 30, 2025 and Sundays, June 1- August 31, 2025. 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