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Title:	Approving the application of Allianz Field for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the Great Lawn Concert Series event on the Fridays of May 29, July 24, July 31, August 14, and September 18, 2026, at 400 Snelling Avenue North - Outside of Allianz Field.		
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3/20/2026	1	Mayor's Office	Signed	
3/18/2026	1	City Council	Adopted	Pass

Approving the application of Allianz Field for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the Great Lawn Concert Series event on the Fridays of May 29, July 24, July 31, August 14, and September 18, 2026, at 400 Snelling Avenue North - Outside of Allianz Field.

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, section 293.10 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, Allianz Field, represented by Zacharia Litzelswope, Senior Director of Event Operations ("Applicant"), who has been designated as the responsible person on the application, has applied for a variance for a sound level limit of 97 dBA at a distance of 50 feet from the sound source, to present amplified sound at 400 Snelling Avenue North - Outside of Allianz Field; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has requested a variance for the hours of 6:00 p.m to 11:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., on the Fridays of May 29, July 24, July 31, August 14, and September 18, 2026, for the Great Lawn Concert Series event; and

WHEREAS, if the Applicant is not granted a variance, then the Applicant will not be able to present amplified sound at 400 Snelling Avenue North - Outside of Allianz Field; 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 Allianz Field, subject to the following conditions:

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1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 6:00 p.m to 11:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., on the Fridays of May 29, July 24, July 31, August 14, and September 18, 2026, for the Great Lawn Concert Series event.

2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 97 dBA as measured at 50 feet from all sound sources and shall not exceed 80 dBA at 50 feet during the pre-event sound checks.

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 of 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 and within 30 days thereafter. Applicant shall also conduct a decibel reading during the variance upon request of city staff.

4) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers, or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 10:59 p.m. on the Fridays of May 29, July 24, July 31, August 14, and September 18, 2026.; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any violations of the conditions set forth above on the Fridays of May 29, July 24, July 31, August 14, and September 18, 2026, the dates of the Great Lawn Concern Series event, may result in denial of future requests for the grant of a noise variance, in addition to any criminal citation that might issue.

Allianz Field, represented by Zacharia Litzelswope, Senior Director of Event Operations, has requested a variance from the sound level limitations in section 293.07 in order to present amplified sound, with limitations, from 6:00 p.m to 11:00 p.m. on the Fridays of May 29, July 24, July 31, August 14, and September 18, 2026. Section 293.10 provides for the granting of variances from the sound level limitations contained in section 293.07.

Was proper notice given? YES - See Attachments

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