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Title:	Approving the application of Anderson Race Management for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for a Walk for Water event on Saturday, September 26, 2026, at 226 Spring Street - Upper Landing Park.		
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9/2/2026	1	City Council	Adopted	Pass

Approving the application of Anderson Race Management for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for a Walk for Water event on Saturday, September 26, 2026, at 226 Spring Street - Upper Landing Park.
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, Anderson Race Management ("Applicant"), represented by Jennifer Williams, Director of Events, who has been designated as the responsible person on the application, has applied for a variance for a sound level limit of 85 decibels (dBA) at fifty (50) feet from the sound source to present amplified sound at 226 Spring Street - Upper Landing Park; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has requested a variance for the hours of 8:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, September 26, 2026, with a pre-event sound check at 7:45 am on the event date, for the Walk for Water event; and

WHEREAS, if the Applicant is not granted a variance, then the Applicant will not be able to present amplified sound at 226 Spring Street - Upper Landing Park; 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 Anderson Race Management, subject to the following conditions:

1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 8:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, September 26, 2026, with a pre-

event sound check at 7:45 am on the event date, for the Walk for Water event.

2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 85 dBA as measured at 50 feet from the sound source from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, September 26, 2026.

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. The 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 1:00 pm on Saturday, September 26, 2026.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any violations of the conditions set forth above on Saturday, September 26, 2026, the event date, may result in the revocation or modification of this variance, the denial of future applications for a variance, and/or the issue of any criminal citation.

Anderson Race Management, represented by Jennifer Williams, Director of Events, has requested a variance from the sound level limitations in section 293.07 in order to present amplified sound, with limitations, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, September 26, 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