



## Legislation Text

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Approving the application of HSR Events for a sound level variance in order to present amplified music from 12:00 noon until 10:00 p.m. on August 10, 2013 during the Guitar Festival in Mears 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, §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, HSR Events, represented by Steve Heckler, Director, who has been designated as the responsible person on the application, has applied for a variance to present amplified music in Mears Park; and

WHEREAS, applicant is seeking a variance for the hours of 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m. on August 10, 2013 during the Guitar Festival Contest; and

WHEREAS, if applicant is not granted a variance it will not be able to present amplified music in Mears 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 HSR Events, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The variance shall be for the hours of 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m. on August 10, 2013.
- 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 85 dBA as measured 50 feet from the sound source.
- 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 10:00 p.m. on the event date.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any violations of the conditions set forth above on the August 10, 2013 date may result in denial of future requests for the grant of a noise variance, in addition to any criminal citation which might issue.

HSR Events, represented by Steve Heckler, Director, has requested an exemption from the sound level limitations in Chapter 293.07 in order to present amplified music, with limitations, from 12:00 noon until 10:00 p.m. on August 10, 2013 during the Guitar Festival. 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