



Legislation Text

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Approving the application of Tawfiq Islamic Center for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on June 28 or 29, 2023 at 270 Lexington Parkway North / Oxford Community Center.

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, Tawfiq Islamic Center, represented by Hussen Kedir, Facility Manager, who has been designated as the responsible person on the application, has applied for a variance, for 80 dBA at no specified distance, to present amplified sound for the Tawfiq Islamic Center Eid-al-Adha Muslim Festival at 270 Lexington Pkwy N / Oxford Community Center; and

WHEREAS, applicant has requested a variance for the hours of 6:30am. to 10:30 a.m. for the Tawfiq Islamic Center Eid-al-Adha Muslim Festival; and

WHEREAS, if applicant is not granted a variance applicant will not be able to present amplified sound at 270 Lexington Pkwy N / Oxford Community Center; 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 Tawfiq Islamic Center, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The Variance shall be for the hours from of 7:00am. to 10:30 a.m. for the Tawfiq Islamic Center Eid-al-Adha Muslim Festival.
- 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 75 dBA 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 source during the hours of the variance.
- 4) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 28 or Thursday, June 29, 2023, the event date.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any violations of the conditions set forth above on the June 28 or 29, 2023 date may result in denial of future requests for the grant of a noise variance, in addition to any criminal citation which might issue.

Tawfiq Islamic Center, represented by Hussen Kedir, has requested an exemption from the sound level limitations in Chapter 293.07 in order to present amplified sound, with limitations, from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on June 28 or 29, 2023. 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