



Legislation Text

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Approving the application of American Foundation for Suicide Prevention for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on September 15, 2024 at 1199 Midway Parkway - Como Midway Picnic Pavilion. 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, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, represented by Erik Arveseth, Chapter Chair, who has been designated as the responsible person on the application, has applied for a variance, for a requested sound level limit of 100 dBA measured at no specific distance from the sound source, to present amplified sound at 1199 Midway Parkway- Como Midway Picnic Pavilion; and

WHEREAS, applicant has requested a variance for the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 15, 2024 for the Twin Cities Out of the Darkness Walk; and

WHEREAS, if applicant is not granted a variance applicant will not be able to present amplified sound at 1199 Midway Parkway - Como Midway Picnic Pavilion; 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 American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The Variance shall be for the hours from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 15, 2024.
- 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA as measured at 50 feet from all sound sources on Sunday, September 15, 2024.
- 3) The applicant shall continuously monitor the decibel level from the variance approved distance of each noise source throughout the duration of the variance and create a report that records the decibel levels at intervals no greater than 10 minutes apart. The report shall be available for viewing by city staff, upon request.
- 4) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 15, 2024.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any violations of the conditions set forth above on September 15, 2024 date may result in denial of future requests for the grant of a noise variance, in addition to any criminal citation which might issue.

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, represented by Erik Arveseth, has requested an exemption from the sound level limitations in Chapter 293.07 in order to present amplified sound, with limitations, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 15, 2024. 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