



August 30, 2024

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Sound Level Variance  
High Society Ink. LLC – Capital City Fest

Dear St. Paul Property Owner:

This is to inform you of a request for a variance from the sound level limitations as indicated in the St. Paul Noise Ordinance (Chapter 293 of the St. Paul Legislative Code). Property owned by you and located near the noise source, may be affected by this variance request. Rental property owners must provide a copy of this notice to all renters or post a copy in a common area of the building so it can be viewed by the occupants.

**Description of Variance:**

**Location:** 425 Rice Street – parking lot

**Noise Source:** High Society Ink, LLC, David Powell, Organizer, has requested a sound level variance, for 95 dBA at no specific distance, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the Capital City Fest, on September 21, 2024 at 425 Rice Street – parking lot. The variance is requested for the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on September 21, 2024 with a pre-event sound check at 10:00 a.m.. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 21, 2024 for the Capital City Fest. 2. All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA at 50 feet from all sound sources on Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and shall not exceed 80 dBA at 50 feet from any sound source from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. during the pre-event sound check. 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 7:00 p.m. on September 21, 2024.

**Submit comments for Public Hearing electronically.** The public may comment on public hearing items in person, in writing or via voicemail. Any comments and materials submitted by 12:00 pm of the day before the meeting, Tuesday, September 17, 2024, will be attached to the public record and available for review by the City Council. Comments may be submitted as follows: Written public comment on public hearing items can be submitted to [Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us), [CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us), or by voicemail at 651-266-6805. Live testimony will be taken in person in the Council Chambers, and by telephone by registering to speak by noon on the day before the meeting. The registration link is located on the City Council website at [www.stpaul.gov/council](http://www.stpaul.gov/council) or <https://forms.office.com/g/TD3xN7WHy5>. Members of the public may view City Council meetings online at <https://stpaul.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> or on local cable Channel 18.

**A public hearing before the City Council on this variance request will be held on:**

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: 3rd floor, City Hall Council Chambers

After the public hearing, the Council may grant, deny, or modify the variance request.

If you have questions about the sound level variance, please contact: Barb McMonigal-St.Dennis, Environmental Health Specialist, 651-266-9137, [barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us)