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To: Frances Birch
Subject: Courtesy Copy: Sound Level Variance Application, MN Dept of Human Services – DHS Day at the Park

This is a courtesy copy of an email bulletin sent by Barb McMonigal-St. Dennis.

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Event: MN Dept of Human Services- DHS Day at the Park

Description of Variance:

Location: 1600 Phalen Dr - Phalen Regional Park

Noise Source: Deondra Avery, MN Department of Human Services, Director of Employee Engagement, has requested a sound level variance, for 127 dBA at no specific distance, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for a DHS Day at the Park Event, on August 13, 2025 at 1600 Phalen Dr – Phalen Regional Park. The variance is requested for the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 7:00 a.m. on August 13, 2025. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 for a DHS Day at the Park Event. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA at 50 feet from any sound source on August 13, 2025. 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 or during the variance or within 30 days thereafter. 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 4:00 p.m. on August 13, 2025.

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, August 5, 2025, 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, 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 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, August 6, 2025

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



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