




Sound Level Variance Application

Legislative Code Chapter 293. - Noise Regulations Application and \$178 fee should be submitted a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to the event date to allow ample time for required public notification period and scheduling of a Council public hearing. Applications submitted within sixty (60) days of the event date may not satisfy the processing timeline requirements.

1. Organization/person seeking variance: The Great Northern Winter Festival
2. Event Name: Ice Bar at Union Depot
3. Address and physical description of noise source location (Event, Worksite): 214 4th Street East
Noise source is speakers as indicated on accompanying diagram pointed away from building.
4. Responsible person: J. Beckett Title: Festival Operations Manager
5. Telephone: 612-231-4001 E-Mail: j@thegreatnorthernfestival.com
6. Date(s) variance requested: January 30,31, and February 1, 2025
7. Noise source - Time(s) of operation: 1/30: 4p - 9p | 1/31: 4p -9p | 2/1: 2p -9p
- Time(s) of pre-event sound check: 1 hour before event start time each day.
8. Sound level requested (dBA/Decibels): no louder than 70 dBA
9. Mailing address w/zip code: 1011 Washington Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55415
10. Briefly describe the noise source and equipment involved: 2 speakers on either end of the plaza
connected to an iphone/tablet or laptop sitting on sound table playing a canned playlist of music
11. Describe the steps that will be taken to minimize the noise levels: Goal is to provide a festive ambience
supplement the guest experience. Music is not the primary focus of the event. It is additive ambience
12. State reason for seeking variance (example - music, announcements, construction, etc.): _____
Music to be played as ambience during event hours only outdoors on Union Depot's North Plaza
13. Maximum number of attendees: 300
14. A site diagram & map must be attached showing location of noise source(s), streets, stages, tents, etc.
(If there will be amplified sound, indicate location and direction that all speakers will be facing).
Multiple locations may require more than one application.
15. Submit completed application, site diagram/map, and \$178 fee to:

CITY OF SAINT PAUL
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS 375 JACKSON
STREET, SUITE 220
SAINT PAUL, MN 55101-1806

Signature of responsible person:  Date: 1/3/2025

WACOUTA STREET

4TH STREET EAST

LIGHTRAIL

50' ICE BAR

UNION DEPOT

N. SIBLEY STREET

Both speakers on either side of plaza pointing in same direction.



SPEAKER

Sound Table SPEAKER



DSI RECEIPT

CITY OF SAINT PAUL
Department of Safety and Inspections
375 Jackson Street Suite 220
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806
Phone: (651) 266-8989 Fax: (651) 266-9124
www.stpaul.gov/dsi

Date: 01/03/2025

Received From: THE GREAT NORTHERN WINTER FESTIVAL
1011 WASHINGTON AVE S MINNEAPOLIS MN 55415

Description:

Invoice Details	Invoice Amount	Amount Paid
1174295 Noise Variance	\$356.00	\$356.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID:		\$356.00

Paid By:

Payment Type	Check #	Received Date	Amount
Credit Card	V0723	01/03/2025	\$356.00