



August 28, 2025

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Sound Level Variance  
Laura K. LeFebvre – Highland Park Harmonies

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 283 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:** 1227 Montreal Ave – Highland Park Picnic Shelter

**Noise Source:** Laura LeFebvre, Event Coordinator, has requested a sound level variance, for 100 dBA at no specified distance from the sound source, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the Highland Park Harmonies event on October 4, 2025 at the Highland Park Picnic Shelter, 1227 Montreal Ave. The applicant has requested a variance for the hours of 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 4, 2025, with a pre-event sound check at 10:00 a.m. for the Highland Park Harmonies event. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the requested variance hours of 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 4, 2025, with a pre-event sound check at 10:00 a.m. for a Laura K LeFebvre, Highland Park Harmonies event. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 85 dBA at 50 feet from all sound sources during the Highland Park Harmonies event and shall not exceed 80 decibels at 50 feet for up to a specified hour during the pre-event sound check. 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 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 6:00 p.m. on October 4, 2025, the event date.

**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 16, 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](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 17, 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, 651-266-8137, [barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us)