



May 27, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

The United Hmong Family, Inc. – Hmong International Freedom Festival

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: 1151 Jessamine Ave W - McMurray Fields

Noise Source: Mee Vang, The United Hmong Family, Inc., Board President, has requested a sound level variance, for 120 dBA at no specified distance, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the Hmong International Freedom Festival on Friday June 27 – Sunday June 29, 2025 at 1151 Jessamine Ave W - McMurray Fields. The variance is requested for the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday June 27 – Sunday June 29, 2025 with a pre-event sound check on June 27, 2025. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday June 28, and Sunday June 29, 2025 with a pre-event sound check on Friday, June 27, 2025 for up to a specific one hour period between the hours of 8:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m. for the Hmong International Freedom Festival. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA at 50 feet from any stage and sound source during the June 28 and June 29, 2025 event dates and shall not exceed 80 dBA at 50 feet from any sound source between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. during the specific one hour pre-event sound check on June 27, 2025.

3) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers, or similar devices used in the merchandise areas, on or near the sporting field events, must not exceed 75 dBA as measured at the nearest residential receiver. All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 9:00 p.m. on June 27-29, 2025, the event dates. 4) 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. FURTHER RESOLVED, that any violations of the conditions set forth above on the Saturday, June 28 and Sunday, June 29, 2025 music dates and June 27, 2025 pre-event sound checks may result in denial of future requests for the granting of a noise variance, in addition to any criminal citation which might issue. The applicant shall provide personnel and equipment to ensure compliance with the sound level variance conditions.

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, June 10, 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, ouncilHearing@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, June 11, 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