



August 23, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

Stone Saloon, SBC dba Waldmann – Waldmann Oktoberfest

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: 445 Smith Ave N

Noise Source: Stone Saloon, SBC dba Waldmann, represented by Tom Schroeder, President/CEO, has requested a sound level variance, for 85 dBA at no specified distance, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the Waldmann Oktoberfest on September 20-22, and September 27-29, 2024 at 445 Smith Ave N. The variance is requested for the hours of 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm. on Fridays and Saturdays, September 20, 21, 27 and 28, 2024 and 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Sundays, September 22, and 29, 2024 with an hour pre-event sound check from the start time. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm. on Fridays and Saturdays, September 20, 21, 27, and 28, 2024 and 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Sundays, September 22, and 29, 2024 with an hour pre-event sound check from the start time for the Waldmann Oktoberfest. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 85 dBA as measured at 50 feet from all sound sources on September 20-22, and September 27-29, 2024. 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 10:00 pm on September 20, 21, 27, and 28, 2024 and 7:00 pm on September 22, and 29, 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 10, 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, 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, September 11, 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