



August 17, 2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

University of St. Thomas – St. Thomas Football Saturday Game Day Series

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: 2115 Summit Avenue – O’Shaughnessy Stadium

Noise Source: Aaron Fimon, University of St. Thomas St. Paul Campus Manager, has requested a sound level variance, for 92 dBA measured at 50 feet from the sound source, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for their St. Thomas Football Game series on Saturdays September 23, October 7, 28, and November 18, 2023 at 2115 Summit Avenue – O’Shaughnessy Stadium. The variance is requested for the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays September 23, October 7, 28, and November 18, 2023 with a pre-event sound check from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm on event days. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on September 23, October 7, 28, and November 18, 2023 with pre-event sound checks from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on event days for the St. Thomas Football Saturday game series, at 2115 Summit Avenue – O’Shaughnessy Stadium. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 92 dBA as measured at 50 feet from all sound sources on September 23, October 7, 28, and November 18, 2023. 3) The applicant shall provide personnel and equipment to ensure compliance with the sound level variance conditions. 4) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 23, October 7, 28, and November 18, 2023.

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 5, 2023, 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 6, 2023

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