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ADDRESS

REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

Minnesota Sports and Events – Bold North Breakaway, Rice Park

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: Rice Park -- 109 W 4th St.

Noise Source: John Klinkenberg, Executive Consultant/Chief Operating Officer of Minnesota Sports and Events, has requested a sound level variance of 90 dBA measured at 50 ft from the sound source on December 26, 27, and 28, 2025 from 10:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. on December 31, 2025 to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the Minnesota Sports and Events – Bold North Breakaway event at Rice Park, 109 4th Street West. A requested sound level limit of 80 dBA at 50 feet from the sound source is requested from 10:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on December 29 and 30, 2025 and January 1 through January 5, 2026 to present amplified sound at Rice Park-109 W 4th St., with pre-event sound checks at 10:00 a.m. on requested sound level variance dates. 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 10:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on December 26, 27 and 28, 2025 and from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. on December 31, 2025 at the requested sound level limit of 90 dBA at 50 feet from the sound source. The Variance shall be for the hours of 10:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on December 29 and 30, 2025 and January 1 through January 5, 2026 at the requested sound level limit of 80 dBA at 50 feet from the sound source with pre-event sound checks at 10:00 a.m. on requested sound level variance dates. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA at 50 feet from the sound source on December 26, 27, and 28, and December 31, 2025; the sound level limit shall not exceed 80 dBA at 50 feet from the sound source on December 29 and 30, 2025 as well as from January 1 through 5, 2026. All sound shall not exceed 80 dBA at 50 feet from the sound source during the pre-event sound checks at 10:00 a.m. on the requested sound level variance dates. 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 8:00 p.m. on all of the above requested sound level variance application dates between December 26, 2025 through January 5, 2026, except for turning off all of the above described equipment no later than 9:30 p.m. on December 31, 2025, the event dates.

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, December 2, 2025, will be attached to the public record and available for review by the City Council. Comments may be submitted as follows: Live testimony will be taken in person in the Council Chambers, and hearing items can be submitted in writing 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/TD3xN7WWhy5>.

A public hearing before the City Council on this variance request will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, December 3, 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