

March 30, 2026

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

Breakaway Festivals LLC – Breakaway Minnesota 2026

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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: 400 Snelling Ave N – Allianz Field Grounds; north and northeast of Allianz Stadium

Request: Amy Dunn, Breakaway Festivals LLC, Director of Festival Operations has requested a variance for escalating sound levels ranging from 94 dBA at 125 feet from the sound source to 103 dBA at 125 feet from the sound source on the Main Stage and 92 dBA to 100 dBA at 100 feet from the sound source on a Secondary Stage to present amplified sound for the Breakaway Minnesota 2026 event from 3:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Friday, June 26, and on Saturday June 27, 2026 for the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. with pre-event sound checks on Thursday June 25, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26 and from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2026.

Breakaway Minnesota 2026 Requested Sound Level Limits and Distance:

Main Stage		
Time (p.m.)	Proposed dBA	Distance (ft)
3:00 - 4:00	94	125
4:05 - 4:55	96	
5:00 - 5:50	98	
5:55 - 6:55	100	
7:00 - 8:00	101	
8:05 - 9:05	102	
9:15 - 10:30	103	

Secondary Stage		
Time (p.m.)	Proposed dBA	Distance (ft)
3:00 - 4:05	92	100
4:10 - 5:00	94	
5:05 - 5:55	96	
6:00 - 7:00	98	
7:05 - 8:05	99	
8:10 - 9:10	100	

The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following:

- 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Friday, June 26 and from 2:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. on Saturday June 27, 2026, with pre-event sound checks from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2026; on Friday, June 26, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Saturday June 27, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pre-event sound checks shall not exceed 80 dBA as measured at 50 feet from the sound source.
- 2) The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) Recommended Sound Level Limits and Distance are listed in the Table Below. Sound level limits, distances and times shall not exceed the following:

Main Stage		
Time (p.m.)	Proposed dBA	Distance (ft)
3:00 - 4:00	94	125
4:05 - 4:55	96	
5:00 - 5:50	98	
5:55 - 6:55	100	
7:00 - 8:00	101	
8:05 - 9:05	102	
9:15 - 10:30	103	

Secondary Stage		
Time (p.m.)	Proposed dBA	Distance (ft)
3:00 - 4:05	92	100
4:10 - 5:00	94	
5:05 - 5:55	96	
6:00 - 7:00	98	
7:05 - 8:05	99	
8:10 - 9:10	100	

- 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 conduct a decibel reading during the variance upon request of city staff.
- 4) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event on Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27, 2026 shall not exceed 94 dBA as measured at 125 feet up to 103 dBA as measured at 125 feet from all sound sources in accordance with the above chart for the Main Stage for the event hours of 3:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. and shall not exceed 92 dBA as measured at 100 feet up to 100 dBA at 100 feet from the sound sources between the event hours of 3:00 p.m. until 9:10 p.m. in accordance with the above chart for the Secondary Stage. Electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 80 dBA as measured at 50 feet during the pre-event sound check between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26 and from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 27.
- 5) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 10:30 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2026, and from 2:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2026, the event dates.
- 6) The applicant must reimburse the City for up to ten (10) hours of overtime labor cost for a salary [1] capped DSI Inspector II who will monitor and record DSI-authorized event activities including but not limited to amplified sound levels and alcohol service, consumption, and containment. The applicant will provide the inspector a means of direct communication with on-site event management staff who will immediately address and resolve violations observed by the inspector. The cost of the inspector will not exceed \$641.00.

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 on the day before the meeting, Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 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 or CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us. Submit a comment 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 Tuesday, April 14, 2026. 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, April 15th, 2026

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.

Questions about the sound level variance can be directed to: Barb McMonigal-St.Dennis, Environmental Health Specialist, 651-266-9137, barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us