



March 31, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

Breakaway Music Festival Inc. – Breakaway Music Festival 2025 - Minnesota

Dear Saint Paul Property Owner:

This is to inform you of a request for a sound level variance as required by Saint Paul Legislative Code Chapter 293. Property owned by you may be affected by this 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 for tenants to read.

Description of Variance:

Location: 400 Snelling Ave N – Allianz Field Grounds; Festival is north and northeast of Allianz Field

Request: Breakaway Music Festival Inc. has requested a variance for escalating sound levels ranging from 95 dBA at 125 feet from the sound source to 103 dBA at 125 feet from the sound source to present amplified sound for the Breakaway Music Festival 2025 – Minnesota event on Friday, June 6, and Saturday June 7, 2025. for the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. with pre-event sound checks on Thursday June 5, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and June 6 and on June 7, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following:

- 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Friday, June 6 and Saturday June 7, 2025, with pre-event sound checks on Thursday, June 5, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Friday, June 6, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and; Saturday June 7, 2025 from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. Pre-event sound checks shall not exceed 80 dBA as measured at 50 feet.
- 2) Sound level limits, distances and times shall not exceed the following:

Main Stage		Secondary Stage	
Time	Sound	Time	Sound
4:00 – 4:45	95 dBA @ 100 feet	4:00 – 4:50	95 dBA @ 75 feet
4:50 – 5:25	96 dBA @ 100 feet	4:55 – 5:40	96 dBA @ 75 feet
5:30 – 6:15	97 dBA @ 100 feet	5:45 – 6:35	96 dBA @ 75 feet
6:20 – 7:10	98 dBA @ 100 feet	6:40 – 7:30	97 dBA @ 75 feet
7:15 – 8:55	98 dBA @ 100 feet	7:35 – 8:25	98 dBA @ 75 feet
9:00 – 10:30	100 dBA @ 100 feet	8:30 – 9:30	99 dBA @ 75 feet

- 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 that 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, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 10:30 p.m. on Friday, June 6, and Saturday June 7, 2025.

Submit comments: The public may comment on public hearing items in person, in writing or via voicemail. Comments may 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/TD3xN7WHy5>. Any comments and materials submitted by 12:00 pm of the day before the meeting, Tuesday, April 16, 2025, will be attached to the public record and available for review by the City Council.

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

Date: Wednesday, April 16, 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. 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