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Hello,

I am strongly opposed to the increased sound levels. I am a Health care provider (resident doctor) with a very atypical work schedule due to which I often work nights and sleep in the morning. This request is horrendous and Kraus Anderson and the people making that request are absolutely ignorant of people like myself who have been working relentlessly to serve the people during these difficult times. These increased sound levels will significantly impact my physical and mental health by disturbing my sleep and keeping me awake after extremely long working hours, and I will hold Kraus Anderson and his company/other people involved accountable for any such impact on my physical and mental health, as well as my ability to do my job. If they would like to proceed, they have to provide adequate financial compensation for people like me to stay in a decent hotel until the time the construction is done to ensure that not only there won't be a detrimental impact on our ability to perform our jobs as doctors, but also the safety of our physical and mental health. Again, I strongly oppose this request for sound level variance for 85-125 dBA.

Thank you!

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance Kraus Anderson Construction Company & Ramsey Company 2383 University Apartments

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: 2383 University Ave. W.

Noise Source: Kraus Anderson has requested a sound level variance, for 85-125 dBA measured at no specified distance from the sound source for operating sheet pile driving construction equipment. The variance is requested for the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., February 11, 2021 or the date following City Council approval through March 21, 2021. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) the Variance shall be for the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at 2383 University Ave. W. 2) The Variance will include elevated sound level limits from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. from Thursday, February 11, 2021 or the date following City Council approval through Sunday, March 21, 2021. 3) If the sound level variance is approved, Kraus Anderson Construction Company and Ramsey Company will notify in writing, all property owners/residents within 400 feet of the proposed work location. Notification shall be a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of the work. The applicant shall provide personnel and equipment to ensure compliance with the sound level variance conditions. 4) Contractors working on the project to use best practicable methods for controlling noise, such as, but not limited to noise blankets, shields or portable sound barriers. Construction activities should be scheduled to minimize noise as much as possible.

Public attendance at the City Council's regular meeting location is not feasible due to the COVID-19 health pandemic. Members of the public may view City Council meetings online at <https://stpaul.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> or on local cable Channel 18.

Submit Comments for Public Hearing Electronically The public may comment on public hearing items in writing or via voicemail. Any comments and materials submitted by 12:00 pm of the day before the meeting, Tuesday, February 9, 2021, and 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.

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

Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: Members of the City Council will participate in City Council meetings by telephone or other electronic means. 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