



May 13, 2025

MACALESTER COLLEGE
1600 GRAND AVE
SAINT PAUL MN 55105-1899

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

Grand Avenue Business Association – Grand Old Day

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: 1553 Grand Ave – Macalester Parking Lot

Noise Source: Holly Weinkauff, Grand Avenue Business Association, GABA President, has requested a sound level variance, for 100 dBA at 100 feet to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for Grand Old Day on June 1, 2025 at 1553 Grand Ave – Macalester Parking Lot. The variance is requested for the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on June 1, 2025. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., on Sunday, June 1, 2025 for Grand Old Day. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA at 50 feet from any sound source on June 1, 2025. 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. FURTHER RESOLVED, that any violations of the conditions set forth above on the listed Grand Old Day event date may result in denial of future requests for the granting of a noise variance, in addition to any criminal citation which might issue. 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 6:00 p.m. on June 1, 2025.

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, May 27, 2025, 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, May 28, 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