



September 10, 2024

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Sound Level Variance

MNUFC v Colorado Rapids – Minnesota United FC/Allianz Field on September 28, 2024

MNUFC v St. Louis – Minnesota United FC/Allianz Field on October 19, 2024

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, July 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. – Amplified sound within the Street and the Beer Garden Area outside of Allianz Field

**Noise Source:** Steven Lorbiecki, Minnesota United/Allianz Field Event Operations Manager, has requested two sound level variances, for 95 dBA at no specified distance to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the MNUFC v Colorado Rapids, and MNUFC v St. Louis games at 400 Snelling Ave. N – Amplified sound within the Street and the Beer Garden Area outside of Allianz Field. The variances are requested for the hours of 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 5:00 p.m. for the MNUFC v Colorado Rapids game and from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 5:00 p.m. for the MNUFC v St. Louis game. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 28, 2024 for the MNUFC v Colorado Rapids game, and from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 5:00 p.m. Saturday October 19, 2024 for the MNUFC v St. Louis game. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA as measured at 50 feet from all sound sources on September 28, and October 19, 2024. 3) The applicant shall continuously monitor the decibel level from the variance approved distance of each noise source throughout the duration of the variance and create a report that records the decibel levels at intervals no greater than 10 minutes apart. The report shall be available for viewing by city staff, upon request.

4) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 7:30 p.m. on September 28, and no later than 8:00 p.m. on October 19, 2024.

**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, September 24, 2024 will be attached to the public record and available for review by the City Council. Comments July be submitted as follows: Written public comment on public hearing items can be submitted to [Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us), [CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us), or by voicemail at 651-266-6805. Live testimony will be taken in person in the Council Chambers. 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, September 25, 2024

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: 3rd floor, City Hall Council Chambers

After the public hearing, the Council July 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](mailto:barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us)