

March 6, 2026

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

White Squirrel Bar – Saturday Patio Music Series 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: 974 7th Street West – the Patio of the White Squirrel Bar

Noise Source: Jarret Oulman, White Squirrel Bar, Owner, has requested a sound level variance at no sound level limit or specified distance from a sound source, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the Saturday Patio Music Series event on Saturdays, May 30 – September 26, 2026, at 974 7th Street West – the Patio of the White Squirrel Bar. The variance is requested for the hours of 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Saturdays, May 30 – September 26, 2026, with pre-event sound checks at 12:30 pm and 5:30 pm on event days.

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

- 1)** The variance shall be for the hours of 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Saturdays, May 30 – September 26, 2026, with a pre-event sound checks at 12:30 pm and 5:30 PM on event days.
- 2)** All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 85 dBA at 50 feet from any sound source on Saturdays, May 30 – September 26, 2026.
- 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.
- 4)** All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 8:00 pm on Saturdays, May 30 – September 26, 2026.

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, March 24, 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 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, March 25, 2026

Time: 3:30 pm

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 at 651-266-9137 or barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us.