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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Sound Level Variance
Macalester College - Macalester College Commencement

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: 179 Snelling Ave S – Macalester Stadium
Noise Source: Deanna Seppanen, Macalester College, Director, High Winds Fund, has requested a sound level variance, for 100 dBA at 50 ft, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for Macalester College Commencement on May 10 and 11, 2024 at 179 Snelling Ave S – Macalester Stadium. The variance is requested for the hours of 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, 2024 with a pre-event sound check from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 10, 2024. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, 2024 with a pre-event sound check from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 10, 2024. for Macalester College Commencement. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 92 dBA at 50 feet from any sound source on May 10-11, 2024. 3) 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 1:30 p.m. on May 10, 2024 and no later than 1:00 p.m. on May 10, 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, April 23, 2024, 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, April 24, 2024
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