



July 28, 2026

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

Selby Ave JazzFest – Selby Ave JazzFest

«GreetingLine»

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: Selby Avenue at Milton Street North –

Noise Source: Ernest Bisong, Selby Ave JazzFest, Festival Director, has requested a sound level variance, for 100 dBA decibels (dBA) at fifty (50) feet, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the Selby Ave JazzFest event Saturday, September 12, 2026, at the intersection of Selby Avenue at Milton Street North. The variance is requested for the hours of 11:00 am to 7:30 pm on Saturday, September 12, 2026, with a pre-event sound check from 7:00 am to 11:00 am on the event date.

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

- 1)** The Variance shall be for the hours of 11:00 am to 7:30 pm on Saturday, September 12, 2026, with a pre-event sound check for no more than two (2) hours between the hours of 7:00 am to 11:00 am on the event date, for the Selby Ave JazzFest event.
- 2)** All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA as measured at 50 feet from the sound source from 11:00 am to 7:30 pm on Saturday, September 12, 2026. Pre-event sound checks shall not exceed 80 dBA as measured at 50 feet from the sound source.
- 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 and within 30 days thereafter. The 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 7:29 pm on Saturday, September 12, 2026.

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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, August 11, 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, August 12, 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:

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