



August 12, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Parish/School - Nativity County Fair

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: 1900 Wellesley Avenue

Noise Source: Michael Reif, Nativity County Fair Steering Committee Member, has requested a sound level variance, for 90 dBA at no specified distance from the sound source, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Parish/School, Nativity County Fair on September 12, 13 and 14, 2025 event at 1900 Wellesley Avenue. The applicant has requested a variance for the hours of 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 12, 2025, for the hours of 12:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 13, 2025, and the hours of 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 14, 2025 for a Parish Nativity County Fair event.

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

1) The Variance shall be for the requested variance hours of 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 12, 2025, for the hours of 12:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 13, 2025, and the hours of 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 14, 2025 for the Nativity County Fair event.

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2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA at 50 feet from all sound sources on 09/12/2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., from 12:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on 09/13/2025 and from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on 09/14/2025. All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the events shall not exceed 80 dBA at 50 feet from all sound sources during the pre-event sound checks.

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 09:59 p.m. on Friday, 09/12 and Saturday, 09/13/2025 and no later than 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 14, 2025, the event dates.

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, August 26, 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, ouncilHearing@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, August 27, 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.