



August 6, 2025

Dear St. Paul Property Owner:

This is to inform you of a request for three (3) variances 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: 2115 Summit Avenue

Noise Source: Travis Hornik, University of St Thomas (UST), UST Assistant Athletic Director, has requested three (3) sound level variances, for 92 dBA at 50 feet from the sound source, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the University of St Thomas (UST), UST Welcome Days Pep Rally on 08/27; a UST Football Game on 08/28 and a UST Welcome Days Tommie Get Together Event on 08/29/2025 at the University of St Thomas Stadium, 2115 Summit Avenue. The applicant has requested a variance for the hours of 6:30 p.m. until 8:15 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday August 27, 2025 for a UST Welcome Days Pep Rally; for the requested hours of 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 28, 2025 for a UST Football Game; and for a UST Welcome Days Tommie Get Together Event on 08/29/2025 for the hours of 10:45 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 9:45 a.m..

The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions:
1) The Variance shall be for the requested variance hours of 6:30 p.m. until 8:15 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday August 27, 2025 for a UST Welcome Days Pep Rally, for the requested hours of 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 28, 2025 for a UST Football Game; and for a UST Welcome Days Tommie Get Together Event on 08/29/2025 for the hours of 10:45 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 9:45 a.m.; for the listed University of St Thomas events.

2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA at 50 feet from all sound sources during the 08/27/2025 event from 6:30 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.; and from 10:45 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 08/29/2025. All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 92 dBA at 50 feet from all sound sources during the 08/28/2025 event from 5:00 p.m. until 9:59 p.m.. 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 8:15 p.m. on August 27, 2025; no later than 9:59 p.m. on August 28, 2025 and no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 29, 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 19, 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 20, 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.