



August 18, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

University of St Thomas, University of St Thomas Saturdays Football Games Series
October 4, October 18, November 1 and November 15, 2025

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: 2115 Summit Avenue

Noise Source: Travis Hornik, University of St Thomas (UST) Assistant Athletic Director, has requested a sound level variance, for 92 dBA at 50 feet from a sound source, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the University of St Thomas, University of St Thomas Saturdays Football Games Series on Saturdays, October 4, October 18, November 1 and November 15, 2025, at 2115 Summit Avenue. The variance is requested for the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays, October 4, October 18, November 1 and November 15, 2025.

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

- 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check at 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays, October 4, October 18, November 1 and November 15, 2025 for the University of St Thomas, University of St Thomas Saturdays Football Games Series.
- 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 92 dBA at 50 feet from any sound source during the listed Saturday Football Game Series events. 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.

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- 3) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays, October 4, October 18, November 1 and November 15, 2025.
- 4) 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. Any violations of the conditions set forth above on each Saturday October 4, October 18, November 1 and November 15, 2025, date may result in denial of future requests for the granting of a noise variance, in addition to any criminal citation which might issue.

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, September 2, 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, 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>

A public hearing before the City Council on this variance request will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, September 3, 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 .