



March 12, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Sound Level Variance
White Squirrel Bar Saturday Patio Music Series

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: 974 7th St W – White Squirrel Bar patio

Noise Source: Jarret Oulman, White Squirrel Bar, owner, has requested a sound level variance, at a requested sound level limit of 80 dBA at 100 feet from the sound source, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for a Saturday Patio Music Series on Saturdays, starting June 1 through August 31, 2024, at 974 7th St W – White Squirrel Bar patio. The variance is requested for the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays, June 1 through August 31, 2024. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a pre-event sound check from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays, June 1 through August 31, 2024, for a Saturday Patio Music Series event. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 85 dBA at 50 feet from any sound source on Saturdays, June 1 through August 31, 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 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays, June 1 through August 31, 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, March 26, 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>.

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

Date: Wednesday, March 27, 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