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Subject: RES PH 24-135 Wabasha Brewing Co Sound Level Variance
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Attached is my letter to the City Council urging them to deny the sound level variance requested by Wabasha Brewing Co and the reasons for my stance.

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RE: RES PH 24-135 Sound Level Variance Request by Wabasha Brewing Co and Dymaxion LLC/Jason Vastine, Owner.

We are against granting Wabasha Brewing Co this sound level variance, even with the four conditions mentioned in the letter dated May 24, 2024 from the Department of Safety and Inspections.

The area around the Wabasha Brewing Co property is residential, with homes as close as 250 feet from his front door. I appreciate my privacy and solitude and Mr. Vastine's parties bring unwanted traffic, people, trash and noise to this area of the West Side. We do not want large unsupervised and unregulated outdoor gatherings in this neighborhood.

Therefore, this sound level variance must be denied. Also, being that the Department of Safety and Inspections is the regulatory entity overseeing these issues, perhaps the City Counsel could address some public safety concerns to aid it's determination, as well.

- With whom can myself and my neighbors register complaints? Do we call the Police, State Patrol, Ms. Wiese of the Department of Safety and Inspections or perhaps any one of you St. Paul City Council members?
- Does Mr. Vastine have a contingency plan in place for crowd monitoring and control to keep his patrons from trespassing on private properties to the West, South and North of his establishment?
- Does Mr. Vastine have a contingency plan in place for the major increase in traffic that WILL result from his events? He wishes to have large crowds but has zero off-street parking available. With cars and a food truck parked in front of his establishment presently, a person coming to Wabasha St from eastbound Isabel St. cannot make a

safe right-hand or left-hand turn onto Wabasha St. because of extremely limited visibility. If police records are checked several accidents have happened because of this situation. Although not as severe, the same is true traveling eastbound on Congress St. to Wabasha St. Further, with vehicles parked on both sides of Congress St and Isabel St. between Wabasha St. and Hall Ave., and on both sides of Hall Ave. from Winifred St. to Delos St., will there be enough clearance for emergency vehicles to safely pass? This was a major issue when the annual Cinco de Mayo celebrations were happening in the past. Therefore, will the St. Paul Police or St. Paul Police Reserve be sending officers to mitigate traffic issues while these prolonged events are taking place?

The conclusion of the matter is the Wabasha Brewing Company should be denied a variance to the sound level limitations as indicated in the St. Paul Noise Ordinance, that is Chapter 293 of the St. Paul Legislative Code. The brewery's venue is indoors, so let them hold the music series within the confines of the building. But that still does not address the public safety issues I mentioned above. Who is responsible, who is accountable?

Sincerely,

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