



May 18, 2026

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

The United Hmong Family, Inc. – Hmong International Freedom Festival

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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: 1151 Wynne Avenue – Como Regional Park

Noise Source: Mee Vang, The United Hmong Family, Inc., President, has requested a sound level variance, for 120 decibels (dBA) at 50 feet, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the Hmong International Freedom Festival event on Friday, June 26, Saturday, June 27, and Sunday, June 28, 2026, at 1151 Wynne Avenue – Como Regional Park. The variance is requested for the hours of 8:00 am to 9:00 pm on June 26, 27, and 28, 2026, with a pre-event sound check conducted intermittently from 8:00 am until 8:00 p.m. on event days.

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

- 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 8:00 am to 9:00 pm on Friday, June 26, Saturday, June 27, and Sunday, June 28, 2026, for the Hmong International Freedom Festival event, with a pre-event sound check for up to no more than two specific-hour periods between the hours of 8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. on event days.
- 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA at 50 feet from any stage or sound source during the event dates and shall not exceed 80 dBA at 50 feet from any sound source up to no more than two specific-hour periods between the hours of 8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. on event days.
- 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 and within 30 days thereafter. The 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 9:00 pm on June 26, 27, 28, 2026.

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 on the day before the meeting, Tuesday, June 2, 2026, 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 or CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us. Submit a comment 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, June 3, 2026

Time: 3:30 pm

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 at 651-266-9137 or barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us.