



April 8, 2026

UNIVERSITY OF ST THOMAS
2115 SUMMIT AVE # PHP
SAINT PAUL MN 55105-1048

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

University of Saint Thomas - Campus Life – Tommie Fest

UNIVERSITY OF ST THOMAS:

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 – John P. Monahan Plaza, University of Saint Thomas

Noise Source: Erin Whipkey, University of Saint Thomas – Campus Life, Assistant Director of Campus Life, has requested a sound level variance, for 95 dBA at 50 feet, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the Tommie Fest event Friday, May 15, 2026, at 2115 Summit Avenue – John P. Monahan Plaza, University of Saint Thomas. The variance is requested for the hours of 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Friday, May 15, 2026, with pre-event sound checks between the hours of 11:00 am and 5:00 pm, for the Tommie Fest event.

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

- 1) The variance shall be for the hours of 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Friday, May 15, 2026, with pre-event sound checks for up to a no more than two continuous hour period between the hours of 11:00 am and 5:00 pm, for the Tommie Fest event.
- 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 92 dBA as measured at 50 feet from the sound source for the event hours of 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm and shall not exceed 80 dBA as measured at 50 feet from the sound source during the pre-event sound checks for up to a no more than two continuous hour period between the hours of 11:00 am and 5:00 pm, on Friday, May 15, 2026.
- 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 9:00 p.m. on May 15, 2026, the event date.



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, May 5, 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, May 6, 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.