



August 28, 2026

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

University of Saint Thomas – 2026 University of St. Thomas Football Season

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 – O'Shaughnessy Stadium

Noise Source: Ryan Clark, University of Saint Thomas, Assistant Director of Athletic Events and Operations, has requested a sound level variance, for 92 dBA decibels (dBA) at fifty (50) feet, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the 2026 University of St. Thomas Football Season series, September 19, September 26, October 10, October 31, and November 14, 2026, at 2115 Summit Avenue – O'Shaughnessy Stadium. The variance is requested for the hours of 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturdays of September 19, September 26, October 10, October 31, and November 14, 2026, with a pre-event sound check at 10:00 am on the event days.

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

- 1)** The Variance shall be for the hours of 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturdays of September 19, September 26, October 10, October 31, and November 14, 2026, with pre-event sound checks at 10:00 am on the event days, for the 2026 University of St. Thomas Football Season series.
- 2)** All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA as measured at fifty (50) feet from the sound source from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturdays of September 19, September 26, October 10, October 31, and November 14, 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 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 5:00 pm on Saturdays of September 19, September 26, October 10, October 31, and November 14, 2026.

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Comments for Public Hearings

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, September 15, 2026, will be attached to the public record and available for review by the City Council.

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.

Tennessee Warning ([Minnesota Statutes, § 13.04, subd. 2](#)) If you submit a comment, the email address you provide is public data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. You are not legally or otherwise required to provide your email.

Live testimony will be taken in person in the Council Chambers. You may need to sign up to testify when you attend a Council meeting -- please check with a greeter.

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, September 16, 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:

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