



August 31, 2026

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

Twin Cities in Motion – Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon Weekend

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: 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. – Minnesota State Capitol Grounds

Noise Source: Sam Rush, Twin Cities in Motion, Event Operations Manager, has requested a sound level variance, for 85 decibels (dBA) at fifty (50) feet, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon Weekend event Saturday, October 3, and Sunday, October 4, 2026, at 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. – Minnesota State Capitol Grounds. The variance is requested for the hours of 7:00 am to 12:00 pm, Saturday, October 3, and 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Sunday, October 4, 2026, with a pre-event sound check at 6:30 am on the event dates.

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

- 1)** The Variance shall be for the hours of 7:00 am to 12:00 pm, Saturday, October 3, and 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Sunday, October 4, 2026, with a pre-event sound check from 6:30 am to 7:00 am on the event dates, for the Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon Weekend event.
- 2)** All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 85 dBA as measured at 50 feet from the sound source from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm, Saturday, October 3, and 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Sunday, October 4, 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 12:00 pm, Saturday, October 3, and 3:30 pm, Sunday, October 4, 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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