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May 23, 2012

The Honorable Saint Paul Council President Kathy Lantry Honorable Members of the Saint Paul City Council 320C City Hall 15 West Kellogg Boulevard Saint Paul, MN 55102

Re: Parking Regulatory Changes

Dear Council President Kathy Lantry and City Council Members:

As the body appointed to review proposed legislation that affects the regulatory environment of business and industry in Saint Paul, the Business Review Council (BRC) has reviewed the proposed parking regulatory changes recommended by the Saint Paul Planning Commission to the Saint Paul City Council (Ordinance 12-26).

We fully support the recommendations of the Planning Commission and unanimously approved this measure at our May 2, 2012, meeting.

It is the BRC's position that a reduction in the number of required parking spaces for restaurants with alcohol, wine and beer will add to the vitality of the City's business climate by encouraging expansion of existing businesses and attraction of new businesses.

We commend the Planning Commission's thoughtful deliberation of these proposed parking regulatory changes and urge you to adopt their recommendations. Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely.

Ken Liddell, Chair

On behalf of the members of the Business Review Council

c: Mayor Chris Coleman

Saint Paul Planning Commission