

Legislative Hearing Officer
310 City Hall
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
RE: License Number 20230000698

7/9/2023

To Legislative Hearing Officer,

I am writing in response to the license application notification I received on July 8th regarding above license number. I am a resident of the neighborhood affected by this request who shares the entrance to the alley way with two restaurants, one of which is J. Selby's. Since the business' inception, we have been struggling with an on-going parking issue behind our garage. We've done our due diligence by communicating with the city of Saint Paul engineering and parking departments with the understanding that parking in a residential alley way is prohibited especially when there is insufficient space available for passage of other vehicles. The city installed signs indicating this, however, the illegal parking continues, mostly with delivery trucks but also with customers ordering and picking up food. Access to our garage is often blocked even after the building's owner posted "Do not block garage" signs. The drivers have argued, yelled and even threatened us and most times, make us wait in order to enter or exit our garage. We have received little to no support from either business to help stop this when it seems that they could tell their delivery drivers that they cannot park in the alley way. My concern is that this problem will grow with the new ownership and the additional license. I am in favor of small businesses for growth and prosperity of the areas they support, however in this case, they have shown none with respect to our home. Many other businesses around the metro area have been able to show respect and regard for the residents. It just shows good business practice and is good for the whole community. I would be in favor of this new business if the owners could agree to take a stand and support the residents.

Sincerely,

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