

From: [Jose Blanco](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: Expansion of Groveland Tap
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2023 4:20:49 PM

Dear Committee,

I am writing to voice concerns, shared by many of my neighbors, about the expansion of the Groveland Tap through the widening of the storefront and the Patio in the back.

The patio holds 14 booths seating 6 people each and 11 tables of 4 customers each. That is an additional capacity of 128 customers. There may be additional seating inside where booths have been added where the bar used to be. Given the fact that patrons who par on our block usually arrive 1 or 2 people per car, that could mean an additional 68 cars parking on our streets. This was frequently an issue *before* the expansion. I have a call into Ross your inspector about Maximum Occupancy and noise issues but I wanted to get this note in before the deadline. We also have concerns about the noise, both from the outdoor patrons and from the speakers facing outwards for the TV's.

There are a high percentage of elderly in our neighborhood who will be negatively impacted by these parking issues. We would also like to know how this expansion was made without opportunity for comment and the dangers to traffic from the patio being built right up to the alley, impeding vision and safety in the alley (in addition to the hazard already caused by the fence at the end of the block preventing cars exiting the alley from seeing crossing pedestrians until it is too late.

I look forward to a chance to comment in more detail at the hearing. Please protect our neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Joseph White