



## City of Saint Paul

### Proposed Commercial Development District

#### Item of Consideration:

Creation of a Commercial Development District at 974 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street to operate a bar on the property: with a full liquor license, entertainment, and 2:00am closing.

#### Points for Consideration:

- Saint Paul City Ordinance prohibits the issuance of a new full liquor license to a bar that is located outside downtown, unless they are located in a City approved Commercial Development District.
- Bars issued a full liquor license prior to this 1990s law are grandfathered, and a full liquor license can continue to be issued as long as there are no periods greater than 2 years where a license is not issued for that location.
- City Charter allows for the City to approve the creation of Commercial Development Districts to allow for the issuance of full on-sale liquor licenses to bar type establishments outside of downtown.
- Studies indicate the negative impact on neighborhoods when there is an over concentration of bars within an area. Impacts result from the inability of the neighboring community to effectively handle the disorder activities associated with bar type establishments. Activities can include and result in criminal activity.
- Currently, there are:
  - Two bars (with full on-sale liquor licenses) operate within a 1 block radius of the proposed location for the new Commercial Development District.
  - Two existing Commercial Development Districts are within 2 blocks of the proposed Commercial Development District (one district allows for a theater and one allows for a bar.)