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Amy,

Thank you for the question.

With the proposed Charter Amendment, the availability of on-sale liquor licenses by Ward will be as follows:

- Restaurants - unlimited availability of on-sale liquor licenses.
  - o Similar to the current situation with Wine and Beer Only Licenses.
- Bars – no availability except within the Downtown Business District and Council defined and approved Commercial Development Districts. (No change from existing situation.)
  - o Saint Paul Ordinance stipulates that outside of the Downtown Business District and Council defined and approved Commercial Development Districts, liquor licenses can only be issued to restaurants, hotels\*, and private non-profit colleges.
- Hotels\* and private non-profit colleges – increased availability by 1 or 2 licenses per Ward.
  - o The demand for hotels and private non-profit colleges is extremely low.

The current number of Wine and Beer Only Licenses by Ward are:

Ward 1:	13	Ward 5:	1
Ward 2:	17	Ward 6:	3
Ward 3:	31	Ward 7:	7
Ward 4:	19		

The higher number of Wine and Beer Only licenses in some Wards are in part due to the lack of on-sale liquor licenses in those Wards. DSI expects some of these license holders to seek on-sale liquor licenses.

- \* Hotel shall mean an establishment with resident proprietor or manager, where, for payment, food and lodging are regularly furnished to transients, and which maintains, for use of its guests, no fewer than fifty (50) guest rooms with bedding and other suitable and necessary furnishings in each room, and which has a main entrance with suitable lobby, desk and office for the registration of guests on the ground floor and which employs an adequate staff to provide suitable and usual service, and which maintains, under the same management and control as the rest of the establishment and as an integral part thereof, a dining room with appropriate facilities for seating not less than thirty (30) guests at one (1) time, where the general public is, in consideration of payment, served with meals at tables, whose gross receipts from the sales of food and liquor are at least sixty (60) percent attributable to the sale of food during each and every calendar month, and having a full service kitchen and a menu, offering meals and full menu service on a daily basis to at least 11:00 p.m. or to the closing time of the entire establishment. A full service kitchen shall meet the definition of full service kitchen under the definition of restaurant below.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Ricardo



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**Subject:** Re: Proposed Restaurant On-Sale Liquor Charter Amendment

Ricardo -

I think it makes sense to be aligned with the State and Minneapolis in this matter, but to better understand the impact in the City, as these changes are considered, It would be helpful to know what the new availability of full on-sale liquor licenses would be, by Ward, if these changes are adopted. And again, for reference, how many wine and beer only licenses have been issued by Ward in the City?

thanks,

Amy

On Mon, Oct 26, 2015 at 2:27 PM, Cervantes, Ricardo (CI-StPaul) <[ricardo.cervantes@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:ricardo.cervantes@ci.stpaul.mn.us)> wrote:

Commissioners,

As you are all fully aware, it’s an exciting time for the City of Saint Paul. Increasing population and resulting robust housing growth, a record-setting \$718 M in 2014 private sector development investment, implementation of the Green Line and the opening CHS field clearly indicate the City is in the middle of a vibrant resurgence. Continued and emerging business opportunities along the Green Line, the Schmidt Brewery development district, the 120-acre Ford site and now the upcoming new 20,000 Midway seat soccer stadium all place the City in an attractive position for unprecedented growth and development. In order to sustain this momentum and encourage continued reinvestment, we are challenged to revisit our codes and prudently adjust barriers to marketplace opportunities where necessary. To stay competitive with

Minneapolis and surrounding communities we are proposing changes to how the City manages liquor licenses for restaurants in Saint Paul.

Over the past year, the Department of Safety and Inspections worked with Council Members, District Councils, the City's Business Review Council, business owners, and residents to evaluate restaurant market conditions impacting Saint Paul's vibrant restaurant market. One major issue identified was the ability of existing or new restaurant operators to obtain an on-sale liquor license in the City of Saint Paul. This work has brought us to the Charter Amendment language before you. The attached documents provide additional information on the proposed Amendment.

The Mayor and all Council Members have expressed their support for the language. The current Council is interested in completing this work before the end of their current terms. To achieve this, we are requesting that if you support the amendment, please vote to not require a second reading by the Charter Commission. This will allow the City Council to have their Public Hearing on December 2, 2015.

Please let me know if you have any questions, need any additional information, or would like to meet prior to your November 10 Charter Commission. You can direct all questions and inquiries to my Deputy Director Dan Niziolek ([651-266-9108](tel:651-266-9108)) who is leading our efforts on this amendment.

Sincerely,

Ricardo



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