

LH-Licensing - License Application #20010003342-Obbs Bar

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No, please no!

I received this notification today and I am responding immediately.

Obbs is large enough. I'm glad business is doing well but he doesn't need to grow.

I am the first house on the west side of the street from Obbs.

- Little parking is left on our Clarence Street on sports nights.
- He has already expanded. The final results that happened was not what Jim told me when he canvassed the neighborhood house to house.
- Obbs is respectful with noise. When I call at 1am or later, they do quiet the outdoor crowd.
- I was told to keep the windows of my house SHUT so I couldn't hear the bar noise. I was informed that "Obbs has been there long before either of us were born!" I didn't appreciate either suggestion or excuse.
- I asked for noise control by planting trees along the north side of the existing parking lot. I expected arborvitaes to be a barrier. He spaced pines that will fill in one day.
- When the bar closes, people talk outside of their cars. Sounds carry very well at night.
- Motorcycles really are loud as they group. More will come when the parking is larger.

Jim works very well with the neighborhood.

- He communicated about the parking lot and his expense to move the gas station and the street and all of that.
- He has allowed us to use the basement for FREE for community communication meetings.
- He has assisted with crime/policing issues in the neighborhood.
- In the winter he clears sidewalks down Clarence street with his tractor that allows his patrons to safely get to his business. We neighbors appreciate the gesture. I can live without snow removal if he is 'obviously' going to tear down a house and expand north even closer to my 'open' bedroom window. (I do not have air conditioning in my older house!)
- Jim is a good guy.

Clarence and Burns is a neighborhood. A nice one. We don't need more traffic and noise. People will be tailgating in the parking lot.

I haven't talked to any other neighbors...yet.

Please do NOT approve the expansion of Obb's!!!!

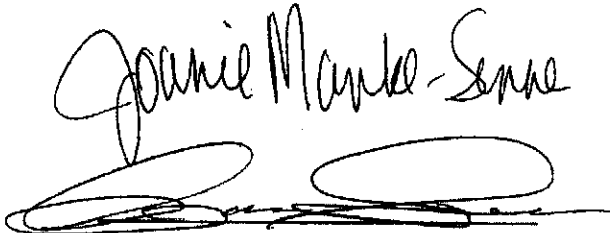
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To Whom It May Concern:

The current gas station at 243 N. Point Douglas Road in St. Paul, MN will be torn down in the near future by Jim Johnsen. The relocation of the streets and new parking lot is currently scheduled to be completed next spring. Until then, do you as an owner/renter at 1325 Burns Avenue have any concerns with temporary parking on this site until the new parking lot is completed and attached to Obb's Restaurant and Bar?

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joanie Mankel-Sense". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line that serves as a baseline for the signature.

(Signed)

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