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**From:** Charlotte Hennessy <chennessy@visi.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 24, 2013 9:25 PM  
**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_LH-Licensing  
**Subject:** 80 North Snelling

Legislative Hearing Officer

I am writing to express my deep concern about the proposed liquor license to Buffalo Wild Wings at 80 N. Snelling.

This is a heavily residential area, with over 90 residential properties within 350 feet of this site. The restaurant will be half way down the block from Snelling, and have homes surrounding it. This brings up lots of concerns from the neighborhood about traffic problems, late hours, and drunken behavior in the neighborhood.

Nationwide, Buffalo Wild Wings has a variety of business hours, and I strongly feel that closing by 11PM in this neighborhood setting is very important. Also a fence and landscaping to prevent patrons from parking on Ashland and walking into the restaurant will be essential to funneling people out onto Snelling rather than into the surrounding neighborhood.

I feel it is essential to the livability of this neighborhood to have restricted hours and a fence and landscaping.

Charlotte Hennessy  
1563 Ashland Ave.  
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# Laurence Hennessy

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Date: April 17, 2013

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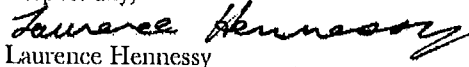
Legislative Hearing Office,

I'm writing to express my concerns regarding the application for a liquor license by Buffalo Wild Wings at 80 Snelling Ave N., License Number 20130000167. I am opposed to Buffalo Wild Wings receiving a liquor license and degrading both the residential character of our neighborhood and my home's property value. Even though the address is on Snelling Avenue, the building itself is set back almost halfway down the block, is surrounded on three sides by residential homes and with over 90 residential properties within 350 feet of the building. My own property at 1563 Ashland is entirely closer to Snelling Avenue than the building they are moving into, even though there is an apartment building and parking lot between me and Snelling Avenue.

I am not against a restaurant moving into that location, even a restaurant with a liquor license. I am opposed to Buffalo Wild Wings because they are, as they describe themselves, a Sports Bar catering to the college age. Our neighborhood has to deal with the noise, litter and public urination from parties at houses of college students now. Adding a Sports Bar will only compound the problems. Look at the Buffalo Wild Wings web site ([www.buffalowildwings.com](http://www.buffalowildwings.com)) where they encourage you to "cheer on your team with an airhorn?" This is a residential neighborhood where people have to get up in the morning and go to work. We do not need college kids drinking until 1:00 or 2:00 in the morning and blowing airhorns in the parking lot if their team wins. I urge you to support the homeowners in this residential area and deny the liquor license to Buffalo Wild Wings. They may argue that they have invested heavily into the renovation of the building to turn it into a restaurant but I'd argue that they did the renovation prematurely before the liquor license process was completed.

If a liquor license is granted to Buffalo Wild Wings then, at a minimum, I would request that the following conditions be placed on that license: restrict the hours of operation to no later than 11:00 pm, and include the addition of an attractive wrought iron fence and landscaping running the length of the property along Ashland Avenue to control pedestrian traffic.

Respectfully,

  
Laurence Hennessy

1563 Ashland Avenue  
651.647.9287

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**From:** Quarstad Brian <bquarstad@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 8:52 PM  
**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_LH-Licensing  
**Cc:** Rozek, Christine (CI-StPaul); Fischbach, Jeffrey (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** Re: 80 Snelling Ave N - Buffalo Wild Wings  
**Attachments:** 80 North Snelling Development\_UPCD\_LandUse\_March12\_2013.docx

Jeffrey and Christine,

Thank you for the notice.

I would like to request a legislative hearing on the Buffalo Wild Wings application for a liquor license at 80 N. Snelling.

My partner, Brenda Natala (1549 Ashland) and I originally passed out a flyer to just a few neighbors when we first heard about B-Dubs wanting to move into the neighborhood. We let folks know about the Union-Park Land Use Committee meeting in Feb. and had nearly 40 concerned citizens show up. This month we handed out more information and held a meeting with concerned neighbors. Twenty-eight neighbors showed up who voiced their concerns. From those concerns we prioritized them and then made a list of restrictions and or limitations that we only feel fair as neighbors who's property values will now drop and who will have to deal with a second bar/restaurant with a full liquor license just two blocks from each other. We already deal with a lot of nuisance noise and rowdiness from O'Gara's and now the neighborhood is bracing for a double whammy, so to speak, and most likely parking issues as well.

At the March Union-Park Land Use Committee meeting, our neighborhood group called Citizens for a Better Snelling Avenue presented to the group, sharing the list that was created by the neighbors as well as many visuals to show the impact this will have on our neighborhood. The committee heard our concerns and voted to pass onto the full Union-Park Community Council the recommendation for a legislative hearing. As one member said, there were too many issues that were not yet resolved and felt needed attention.

I personally started a Facebook page called Citizens for a Better Snelling Avenue which allows (hopefully) civil discussions amongst St. Paul residents as to the pros and cons of this establishment moving in. I would highly recommend you look at some of the postings made. Because of our concerns for this property we have now gotten coverage in the Highland Villager, Pioneer Press, Mpls and St. Paul Business Journal, Macalester College newspaper, and coming soon a St. Thomas University article as well as a Star Tribune article. We did not go out and solicit this publicity but our issues and concerns have mustered interest with those covering this story.

An important and unique aspect of the property at 80 N. Snelling is that the building is dropped back approximately 300 feet into the neighborhood. I suppose this is because of the old Applebaums grocery store where my parents went shopping on Saturday mornings when I was a child. The property has most likely been set for full commercial use since then. I did some checking and I cannot find another property on Snelling Avenue between W. 7th St. and Larpenteur Avenue that has residential side streets bordering it and is set back 1/2 block into the neighborhood like 80 N. Snelling. That's approximately 5 lots into the neighborhood. (See visual included) Because of this, many neighbors will be directly impacted by the noise, smell and lights, including the new window that is planned for the north side (Ashland) of the building and will now look into our bedroom and living room windows.

Thank you for hearing our concerns. I hope to hear back and be able to present at a legislative hearing in the near future.

(Please see two enclosures.)

Regards,

Brian Quarstad  
1549 Ashland Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55104



On Mar 13, 2013, at 4:49 PM, Fischbach, Jeffrey (CI-StPaul) wrote:

# Citizens for a Better Snelling Avenue

## Neighbor Concerns and Requested Liquor License and Site Plan Modifications 80 North Snelling Ave Development; Buffalo Wild Wings

1. **Impact of Full Liquor Service on neighborhood**
  - a. **10:00 p.m. closing Sunday through Thursday.**
  - b. **No late night Happy Hours.**
  - c. Maintain at least 60/40 food/alcohol ratio
  - d. No patio ever.
  - e. Beer and wine only, Beer under 3.2
2. **Reduce Nuisance Noise to Near Neighbors**
  - a. **Ensure noise inside the bar/restaurant is not audible outside the structure by soundproofing the building.**
  - b. **Doors must remain closed at all times.**
  - c. Prevent nuisance noise as patrons/employees enter and exit, take breaks and/or wait for service outside.
  - d. Ensure exhaust fans, air conditioning, etc. is not a nuisance
  - e. Signage posted: "Respect our neighbors as you leave the building."
3. **Prevent Parking on Ashland Avenue**
  - a. **Install wrought iron fence along Ashland Avenue extending from the dumpster area around the corner onto Snelling Ave.**
4. Protect neighbors from nuisance smells.
  - a. Control cooking/grease odors.
  - b. Control trash odors especially in the summer.
  - c. Control location of cigarette smoking by patrons/employees
5. Trash and Upkeep of Parking Lot
  - a. **Trash/recycling pickup and disposal not between 10 pm & 7 am**
  - b. **Daily litter/butts pickup in parking lot and boulevards**
  - c. Dumpster is secured--prevent vermin.
6. **Security**
  - a. **Provide neighbors with 24 hour live phone number (manager)**
  - b. Security after 10:00 pm in the parking lot until closing.
  - c. Parking lot patrolled and under surveillance after closing hours
7. Lighting
  - a. Ensure adequate lighting, avoid nuisance lighting facing homes.
  - b. **No more than one lumen crossing the property line.**
8. **Signage and windows**
  - a. **No signage or window facing Ashland.**
  - b. What is the nature of the signage plan? Is the Buffalo lit from behind?  
What will happen with the sign currently near Snelling?
9. **Design/site plan in line with our historic neighborhood**
  - a. Tone it down. Current design is garish.
  - b. Don't need the big box façade on the building with a sign on Snelling.
  - c. **Trees, plants, landscaping on Snelling and Ashland,**
  - d. **Islands with trees, plantings in the parking lot**
  - e. **Landscaped pedestrian route in from Snelling.**
  - f. Attractive bicycle racks to encourage sustainable transit.

# Citizens for a Better Snelling Avenue

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## Concerns addressed to Union Park District Council and City of St. Paul

1. Impact of three full liquor establishments between Portland and Selby on the east side of Snelling: Buffalo Wild Wings, Park Liquor & O'Garas
2. Traffic
  - a. Request a traffic study on Snelling, Ashland, Portland & Saratoga.
    - i. Neighbors are not in favor of a stoplight at Ashland & Snelling
    - ii. Will permit parking be needed on side streets?
  - b. Add left turn lane from Snelling to 80 N. Snelling
  - c. Pedestrian Safety a huge concern on Snelling Ave at Ashland
    - i. Drunk and sober walkers at risk
    - ii. 9,600 undergraduate students
  - d. Consideration of April 2012 study by Transit for Livable Communities: *Trunk Highway 51 Snelling Avenue Road Safety Audit*.
    - i. Page 31, figure 26: **Signaled Pedestrian Crossing** would be an excellent choice for Ashland and Snelling
  - e. Concern about inebriated drivers from O'Gara's, Buffalo Wild Wings
  - f. **Traffic in the north-south alley between Ashland and Laurel**
    - i. Is there an ordinance about driving in an alley?
    - ii. **No Through Traffic** signage needed in the alley
  - g. Concern about spillover parking from Associated Bank development and O'Gara's on side streets.
3. Declining property values for homeowners
  - a. There is currently over \$36 million in residential property values within the 350-foot radius of 80 N. Snelling.
  - b. Property values are finally starting to rise again. What does the city stand to lose if properties decline because of poorly planned development?
4. Neighbors would like a zoning study along Snelling Avenue between Summit and Selby Avenue.

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**From:** Elise Chahla <elise.chahla@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2013 4:33 PM  
**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_LH-Licensing  
**Subject:** Objections to Buffalo Wild Wings Liquor License

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in touch because a Buffalo Wild Wings may be built across the street from me on 80 N Snelling. This was devastating news. Our family has been a fixture of the neighborhood for 30 years. We love our community. My siblings and I plan to see that another generation stays in the house. We were devastated not because we have some great elitism about corporate chain restaurants in the area, or the kind of food they serve-- it's the liquor license and their intentions to serve until 1am. It will draw so many issues.

I understand that neighborhoods will see changes for the sake of development and commercial enterprises, but this change is too drastic and too detrimental to our well-being. We already juggle so many problems with noise and petty crimes related to students drinking and wandering into our backyard or milling around the streets. The Buffalo Wild Wings was built to attract the student population to our residential area and it's going to be devastating if they do get to move in with a liquor license. This would be the closest bar to Macalester with a full liquor license. You can only imagine the foot traffic and noise every day. It is not built to serve the community, rather the transition student populations outside the immediate community.

We are also concerned about our home value. We have paid extensive taxes on our property. It's been valued at above \$500,000. We have worked hard to improve our home and put pride in our surrounding lawn and it is our family's only asset of significance. Surely, that will value change dramatically for us and our neighbors. We've already encountered young people trespassing onto the property and late night noises. We have been good stewards of our area and taken care of our historic properties. But, I will not want to stay in my childhood home with changes like this. It breaks my heart to imagine having to leave and I will fight tooth and nail to not see it happen.

Please take a stance with us!

Best,  
Elise Chahla

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**From:** Elise Chahla <elise.chahla@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 27, 2013 11:25 AM  
**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_LH-Licensing  
**Subject:** Buffalo Wild Wings on Snelling

To Whom It May Concern:

First, sorry about the previous email that accidentally sent.

I would like to be part of the hearing to oppose the liquor license Buffalo Wild Wings is applying for on 80 N Snelling. I have a variety of concerns about this establishment receiving their license.

Warm Regards,

Elise Chahla and the Chahla family  
1583 Portland Ave  
Saint Paul, MN 55104  
651-808-0101



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**From:** mandahopeman@q.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2013 8:49 PM  
**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_LH-Licensing  
**Subject:** license # 2013000167

To: Legislative Hearing Officer

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are strenuously opposed to the granting of a license to Blazin Wings, Inc., dba Buffalo Wild Wings, for the sale of liquor until 2 am closing at 80 N. Snelling Ave.

We have lived in this house since 1974--38 years. In that entire time we have had frequent, regular sleep disruptions due to party noise and the noise made by inebriated partygoers as they make their way home or to their cars. We have many Macalester students, and some St. Thomas students, living on our street, and they cause the bulk of the problem. Apparently their expensive, morality-based educations do not include a component of manners and consideration for others. I cannot tell you how many times we have been awakened at ridiculous hours by these college students--including one day last week at 5 a.m.

The Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant, if allowed to serve liquor, will only add to the problem. Of course, they will cater to the same college-age crowd that already causes so many problems for us. Please don't make this situation any worse by allowing liquor sales until 2 a.m. at this location.

We can also tell you that, when the 80 N. Snelling Ave. location was a grocery store, we had rats in our yard. Since the store closed we have never had a recurrence of that problem, which of course was due to their handling of food in trash. We also had constant, loud noise in our yard due to refrigeration and HVAC equipment. What assurances do we have from Blazin Wings, Inc., that they will not reintroduce these problems to our neighborhood?

Alan and Martha Hopeman

1543 Portland Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104

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**From:** Robertson, Steve <Steve.Robertson@ParkNicollet.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2013 8:22 AM  
**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_LH-Licensing  
**Subject:** Objections to Liquor License for Buffalo Wild Wings  
**Attachments:** Dear Legislative Hearing Officer.docx

Re: License Number: 20130000167

Dear Legislative Hearing Officer,

I am writing at this time to express my objections to granting a liquor license to Buffalo Wild Wings at 80 North Snelling. My objections are as follows.

First of all, I am concerned about the proposed hours of operation. The building that BWW will be operating in is surrounded by homes. A closing time of 1:00 am six nights a week and midnight on the seventh night will be a major change for a residential neighborhood that had a quiet record shop and video store in this location for the past two decades. Given that a SuperAmerica next door is required to close at midnight every night and not allowed to sell liquor, I think the maximum hours of operation for BWW should not go beyond midnight.

Secondly, I am concerned about a huge change in the volume of customers parking, walking and moving through my neighborhood. It is my understanding that there will only be one entrance/exit from the parking lot, directly onto Snelling Avenue. As a resident of this neighborhood for 25 years, I have given up ever trying to turn left onto Snelling Avenue from the east side of Snelling. I believe there will be an increased number of issues with customers parking on the streets, loudly leaving the establishment at late hours and creating general chaos in the neighborhood. This will add to the issues already created by O'Gara's and a large number of college students in the neighborhood.

For the purpose of granting a hearing, my last concern centers on property values. I am very concerned that allowing this type of big box establishment into the neighborhood will decrease the property values and that this is the beginning of compromising our values in this quaint area of Saint Paul. Yes, there are many other businesses. There is even a Patina, (there are several Patinas in Mpls/Saint Paul) but that is a gift shop and closes no later than 9pm. Allowing a chain restaurant with a full bar and late hours into a space always previously occupied by quiet retailers is a huge change and quite an unwelcome one.

Thank you,

Steve Robertson  
1562 Laurel Avenue 55104  
651-642-9075

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Thank you,

Gretchen Robertson  
1562 Laurel Avenue 55104

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April 15, 2013

To whom it may concern.

I am writing about the license for Buffalo Wings which is directly across from ~~my~~ <sup>our</sup> bedroom window which I know, will keep us awake at night. So we would like to have the hours of closing to be early maybe 11:00 pm so the noise won't go on so late at night. Also we are waiting and hope that they will put a fence around it and block the people from coming out on Ashland Ave.

Just the other morning at 2:00 AM they were removing trash we hope this will be changed.

Thank - you

Margaret & Albert Seckel

1553 Ashland Ave  
St Paul MN 55104

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**From:** Kathy Kliez <kkliez@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2013 1:36 PM  
**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_LH-Licensing  
**Subject:** Buffalo Wild Wings

I'm writing to express my opposition to the Buffalo Wild Wings Restaurant and its request for a liquor license. I live on Laurel Ave, one block north and I feel it will destroy the character of our neighborhood. I support the idea of having no large signage facing Ashland, closing at 11pm, and a nice iron fence on Ashland.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Kathy Kliez  
1495 Laurel Ave  
St. Paul  
651-646-6938

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**From:** merle.greene@q.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2013 1:34 PM  
**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_LH-Licensing  
**Subject:** Re: liquor license request for Buffalo Wild Wings

I would very much like to see a number of conditions placed on the licensing of Buffalo Wild Wings, which will be moving into a new location at Snelling & Ashland: reduced hours of operation in the evening; no large window or signage on the building facing Ashland Avenue; and the addition of an attractive wrought iron fence and landscaping running the length of the property along Ashland Avenue. Thank you for your attention.

Merle Greene  
1466 Ashland Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55104

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**From:** Brenda Nataala <brendanataala@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2013 7:55 AM  
**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_LH-Licensing  
**Cc:** Quarstad Brian  
**Subject:** Snap Fitness at 80 N. Snelling

Hello,

Thank you for the notification about Snap Fitness expansion at 80 N. Snelling Ave.

I live at 1549 Ashland directly south across the street from the property. I'm writing in support of this expansion. Snap Fitness has been an asset to the community and a good neighbor.

In contrast, we are very disappointed about the Buffalo Wild Wings project and will be objecting to their liquor license when notified.

One concern I have in consideration of both projects is that with additional parking needed for Snap Fitness, will there be enough parking for Buffalo Wild Wings and Snap combined? Currently, fitness and tanning customers fill 1/3 to 1/2 of the lot. On big game days, the lot may not contain all customers causing overflow parking on side streets.

In response to the liquor license application, we will be requesting a wrought iron fence along Ashland to prevent nuisance and pedestrians on Ashland. A fence would deter folks from parking on Ashland and walking into the building.

Thank you for your consideration,

Brenda Nataala  
1549 Ashland Ave  
St. Paul, MN 55104  
612-616-2519

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**From:** Jack Nelson <jnelson@justilaw.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 23, 2013 10:41 AM  
**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_LH-Licensing  
**Subject:** Objection to license application for Buffalo Wild Wings (Lic. No. 20130000167)

Dear Legislative Hearing Officer:

I write to formally object to the proposed license application of Buffalo Wild Wings (BWW) for a full on sale liquor license for their proposed BWW restaurant at 80 N. Snelling in St. Paul. My reasons are as follows:

1. BWW requests a 2 AM closing time liquor license. They have already stated that their actual closing time is 1 AM during the week and 12 AM on Sunday night with liquor service to cease ½ hour before their stated closing time. As such, a request for a 2 AM closing time liquor license far exceeds their operational limitations and thus does not rationally relate to the business hours previously claimed by BWW.
2. They have stated emphatically and with repetition that they are a family restaurant first and foremost with their primary demographic being families. As such, it is indefensible that they would request a 2 AM liquor license for a claimed family restaurant in a residential neighborhood of St. Paul. Families do not go out to eat at midnight and do not consume alcohol with their children. On this point, their statements strike as disingenuous.
3. As a primarily residential neighborhood (save the Snelling strip of businesses) it is incumbent upon business, as well as the city officials who provide stewardship for the citizens who employ them, to find reasonable ways to protect the neighborhoods and not disrupt what already exists. Bringing what is primarily a bar into a residential neighborhood puts extraordinary stresses on the citizens who live there and does little to enhance the living experience of those citizens. (Although BWW has been trumpeting the mantra of being a family restaurant, one need only view their corporate slogan once to realize this not to be the case, to wit: “WINGS. **BEER.** SPORTS”. (see below – taken from BWW’s website home page)(You’ll note on their website that the word “BEER” appears larger than WINGS or SPORTS, is bolder and is the centerpiece of the slogan.) Clearly nowhere in that slogan does BWW embrace the family restaurant concept. The slogan speaks for itself.) BWW requests that we simply accept that a full on sale liquor establishment is an appropriate venue to be placed in the middle of a residential neighborhood. They ask essentially that the citizens be the ones who make all of the living adjustments to accommodate them, rather than coming into the neighborhood in a manner that respects the citizenry and minimizes any intrusive behavior. Allowing BWW to maintain a full on sale liquor license until 2 AM will encourage a sea change in the behavior that occurs in our neighborhood. Instead of being able to maintain normal residential family hours with children going to sleep at reasonable times and working adults and parents likewise going to sleep at reasonable times, the neighborhood will be transformed into one that has constant traffic, noise and disruption going on until the middle of the night, every night of the week.





4. Although placing a large sports bar in the middle of a residential neighborhood is an unfortunate direction of development for this area, and repugnant to many of the citizens who actually reside here, assuming that the bar is a foregone conclusion, the only chance we have to try to protect our neighborhood from the influx of non-residents who will frequent the bar, some of whom will disrupt the neighborhood, it to impose restrictions on the bar as to the hours during which they can serve liquor to their patrons. This is a reasonable accommodation to the citizens who live here and will help reduce the number of instances of noise, public drunkenness, public urination and defecation, and congregated outdoor smoking, all of which will have an adverse and decidedly disheartening impact on the neighborhood. BWW is imposing their business upon the citizens of this neighborhood and has done little to nothing to address the concerns of people and families who actually live here hours of operation and hours of liquor sales. Restricting the hours of liquor sales is the only way to protect this neighborhood and the only way to force BWW to be true to their claimed goal of establishing a family restaurant in St. Paul. Otherwise, the neighborhood is diminished and BWW will never be held to the standard they have claimed as their own.

Please give genuine consideration of this and provide the St. Paul citizens who live here with a measure of relief and certainty by imposing reasonable restrictions on BWW so that we may continue to live here and enjoy our neighborhood.

Regards,

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**From:** bshea@promoall.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2013 10:01 AM  
**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_LH-Licensing  
**Subject:** Buffalo Wild Wings - 80 N. Snelling Ave., St. Paul

As a neighbor of the above location for Buffalo Wild Wings I must stress my concerns for the liquor license proposed for this new location. Because of the type of restaurant it caters to it will have a younger drinking crowd drawing from the nearby colleges and universities. It is impossible to serve liquor in a establishment that is located basically in a neighborhood without the late night outdoor noise and disruption and subsequent complaints from the neighbors. The warm weather nights invites this type of activity and there is no actual control over it short of calling the police and the neighbors are the ones who bear the brunt of such a continuing problem. If this operation ever considers an outdoor patio this will raise the problem to even a greater extent. The people of the surrounding neighborhood are the taxpayers who deserve peace and quiet. While there is a parking lot for patrons in the front there is certain to be parking on the surrounding streets which adds to the traffic conjection of Snelling Ave. If there are no restrictions or denial of a liquor license then the problems will start. And then what?

Thanks you

Bill Shea  
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**From:** Eileen Haus <emhaus1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2013 1:45 PM  
**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_LH-Licensing  
**Subject:** Liquor License for 80 North Snelling Buffalo Wild Wings

To Whom It May Concern:

I live at 1603 Ashland Avenue and oppose the Buffalo Wild Wings acquiring a liquor license for 80 North Snelling Avenue.

- 1) They told the neighbors at the community council meeting in February that they would be closing at 1:00 AM and stop serving alcohol at 12:30 AM, but have applied for a license until 2:00 AM.
- 2) They told the neighbors they had enough parking for their establishment, but there are a couple other businesses in that strip mall and I question whether there is indeed enough parking for all.
- 3) They told the neighbors they would not be putting in a patio "at this time". I would like to see that in writing and saying "never putting in any outdoor seating".
- 4) They told the neighbors they would be backing their trash and delivery trucks up to the north side of the building inside their parking lot, but looking at the map of the site makes this look like an impossible task. I suspect they plan to load, unload food, alcohol, and trash to and from trucks parked on Ashland Avenue, which would explain their opposition to a fence along the Ashland Avenue property line. They claim it is the landlord's responsibility, but they won't tell us who that man is or how to contact him. There is a new wood privacy fence on the south side of the property matching up to the chain link fence the landlord put up between his parking lot and the SuperAmerica station on the south corner. This suggests the landlord does not oppose fencing.
- 5) When the Super America was build it was under the restrictions of closing from 11:00 PM (might be midnight) and not opening until 6:00 AM, unlike other SA locations open 24 hours/7days a week. Also, the SA is prohibited from selling alcohol of any kind, unlike some SAs where 3.2 beer is sold. Therefore, a precedent for this block has been established: No Sales of Alcohol and Close Before Midnight. The landlord should have been well aware of the restrictions and should have informed Buffalo Wild Wings of this precedent.
- 6) I am a lifelong resident of St. Paul and a property tax payer for 35 years. I have never seen a development project handled as poorly as this one. The city, the landlord and Buffalo Wild Wings have not been upfront with the neighborhood. The community council was not notified of this development until I received a letter from BWW in January informing me they were moving in, not stating the location, but a meeting to be held at Dunning - more than 1 mile from the location. When I called Union Park Community Council about this they started to look into it - but had no prior knowledge. Only one other neighbor has ever acknowledged receiving this letter and we both live on the opposite side of Snelling from the location. BWW said they got a mailing list from the city of St. Paul - I would like to see a copy of that list and find out who gave them the information. Again, I have never seen a development handled so poorly with so little concern for the citizens. Buffalo Wild Wings has never paid property taxes in St. Paul and I would like to know what gives them rights over that of longtime citizens.
- 7) This location is within 2 blocks of Macalester College.

In summary, I oppose granting a liquor license to this establishment. They say they are all about the food, so they shouldn't need a liquor license.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Concerns about BWW

As a resident of the Union Park neighborhood, I have strong concerns about the addition of Buffalo Wild Wings to Snelling Ave. My greatest concern is the additional foot traffic of intoxicated students returning from the restaurant to their student housing. For the past few years, since the opening of The Blue Door, our weekend nights are filled with loud, roving bands of students who drop garbage in the lawns, steal, urinate, vomit, curse and yell, as they return to their St. Thomas or Macalester housing. The addition of another drinking establishment on Snelling Ave. will only increase this behavior. Unless the city clamps down on the liquor license hours, I'm sure that this behavior will increase. We've seen our neighborhood turn from single owner occupied housing to student rentals, and watched as property values fall. Please do the right thing for the long term viability of the neighborhood and restrict the liquor license at BWW.

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**Subject:** Comments on requested Liquor License for Buffalo Wild Wings at 80 Snelling Avenue North  
**Attachments:** A Discussion of How the Snelling Avenue BWW location is.docx

Please see the attached paper that documents the vast differences between a normal BWW and the BWW at 80 Snelling Avenue North. I am requesting that the restaurant closing hours be fixed at 11pm on Sunday through Thursday, and 12 midnight on Friday and Saturday. The paper will show just how close this location is to the front of homes in a well established neighborhood.

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# A Discussion of How the Snelling Avenue BWW location is

## Unlike Any Other Existing BWW

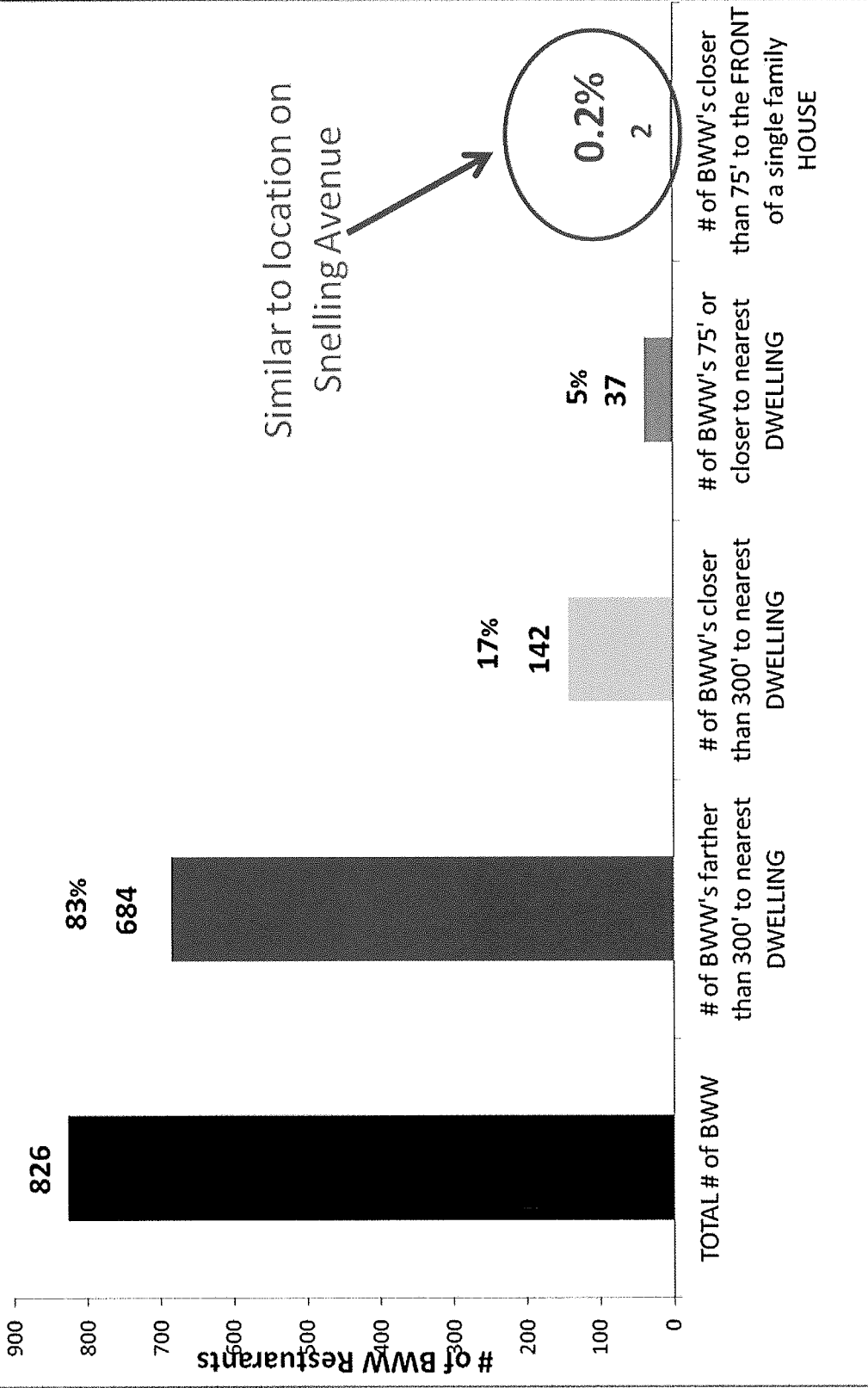
Brian Millberg April 25, 2013

The Buffalo Wild Wings (BWW) restaurant chain has 826 active locations in the U.S. and Canada as of April 15, 2013. This paper will discuss the location of the new Buffalo Wild Wings being placed at 80 Snelling Avenue North in Saint Paul, Minnesota. This location will be shown to be completely unlike any other BWW location in existence due to the very close proximity (just under 75 feet) of the BWW to the front of the houses on the north side Ashland Avenue.

### Methodology:

1. Using the website [www.mystore411.com](http://www.mystore411.com), a detailed list of all 826 BWW locations was prepared.
2. Each location was found on [www.maps.google.com](http://www.maps.google.com) and the distance from the nearest dwelling to the BWW was measured.
3. The wall of the BWW that faced the dwelling was noted.
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5. If the distance between the BWW and the dwelling was less than 300 feet, the type of dwelling was noted. (Apartment building, office tower, townhouses, individual houses, etc.)
6. An attempt was made to learn the closing time for every day of the week for every BWW. The final table contains closing times for 79% of the BWW's.
7. The data was then organized into various groupings to understand the difference in distances, side of dwelling facing the BWW, and the closing hours between all of the BWW's. This data was assembled into the following charts which illustrate that the 80 Snelling Avenue location is unlike any other BWW location in terms of its distance to the FRONT of individual homes. Out of all 826 BWW's, there are only 2 existing locations that are within 75 feet of individual houses where the front of the house directly faces the wall of the BWW. These 2 locations are the BWW's located at 1055 Bardstown Rd in Louisville, KY and at 1690 SE Delaware Drive in Ankeny, IA.
  - The location in Louisville, KY is opposite a series of individual homes that now have businesses operating out of the first floor. This would be a similar situation in St. Paul if the BWW was located on Grand Avenue in the business district between Fairview and Dale Avenues.
  - The Ankeny, IA location is opposite a set of townhouses that appear to have been built in the last 20 years.
8. The charts will also illustrate that the requested hours of operation by the neighborhood group (11pm on Sunday through Thursday, and 12 midnight on Friday and Saturday) do exist at other BWW's. The neighborhood residents feel these restricted hours will ensure a quiet, safe, and enjoyable neighborhood.

# How Close to Dwellings are BWW's?



As can be seen from this chart, only 5% of all BWW's are within 75 feet of a dwelling, and only 0.2%, or 1 out of every 400 has the front of an individual house facing a BWW 75 feet or less away from the house.

# Distribution of BWW's CLOSER than 300' to dwellings

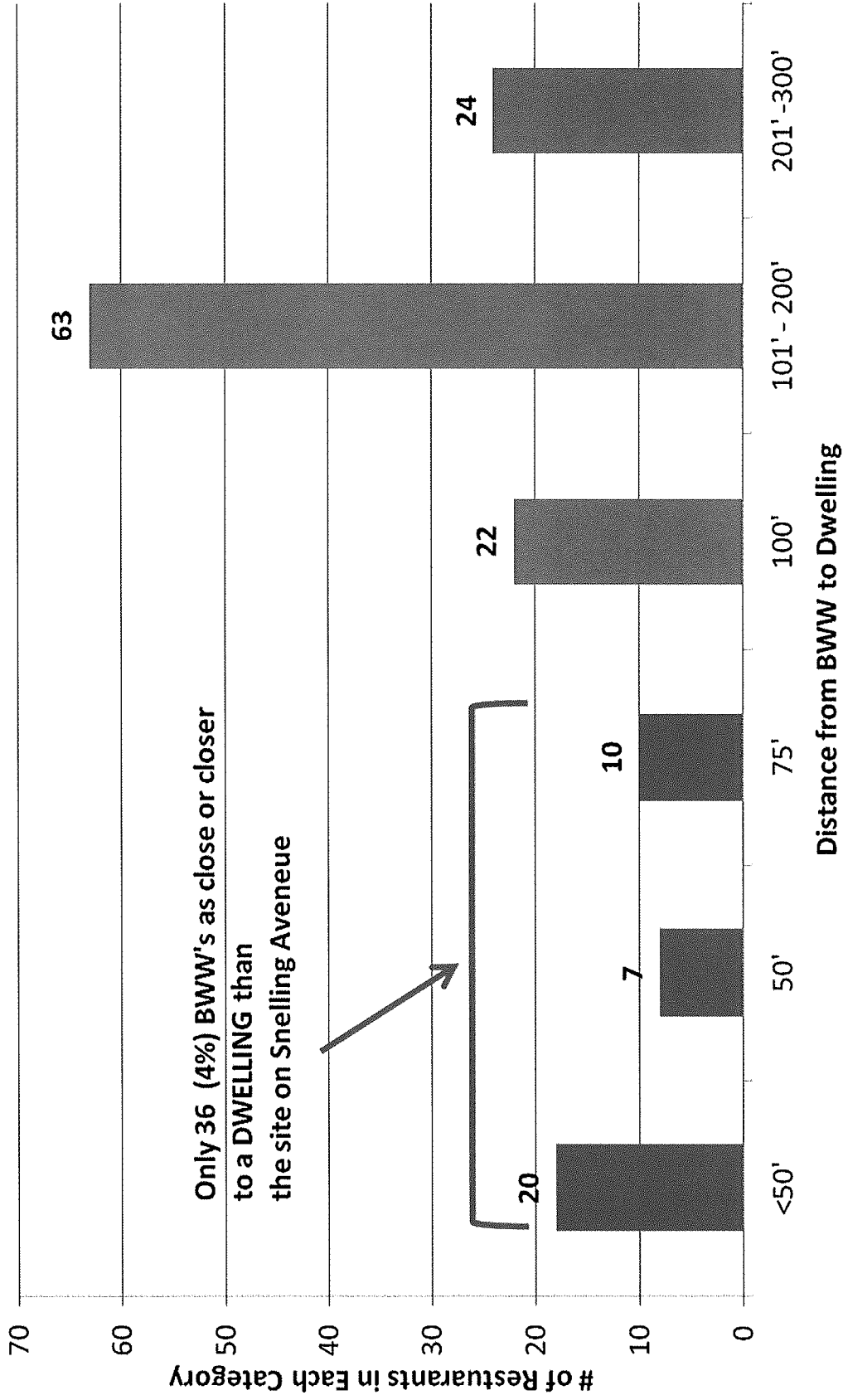
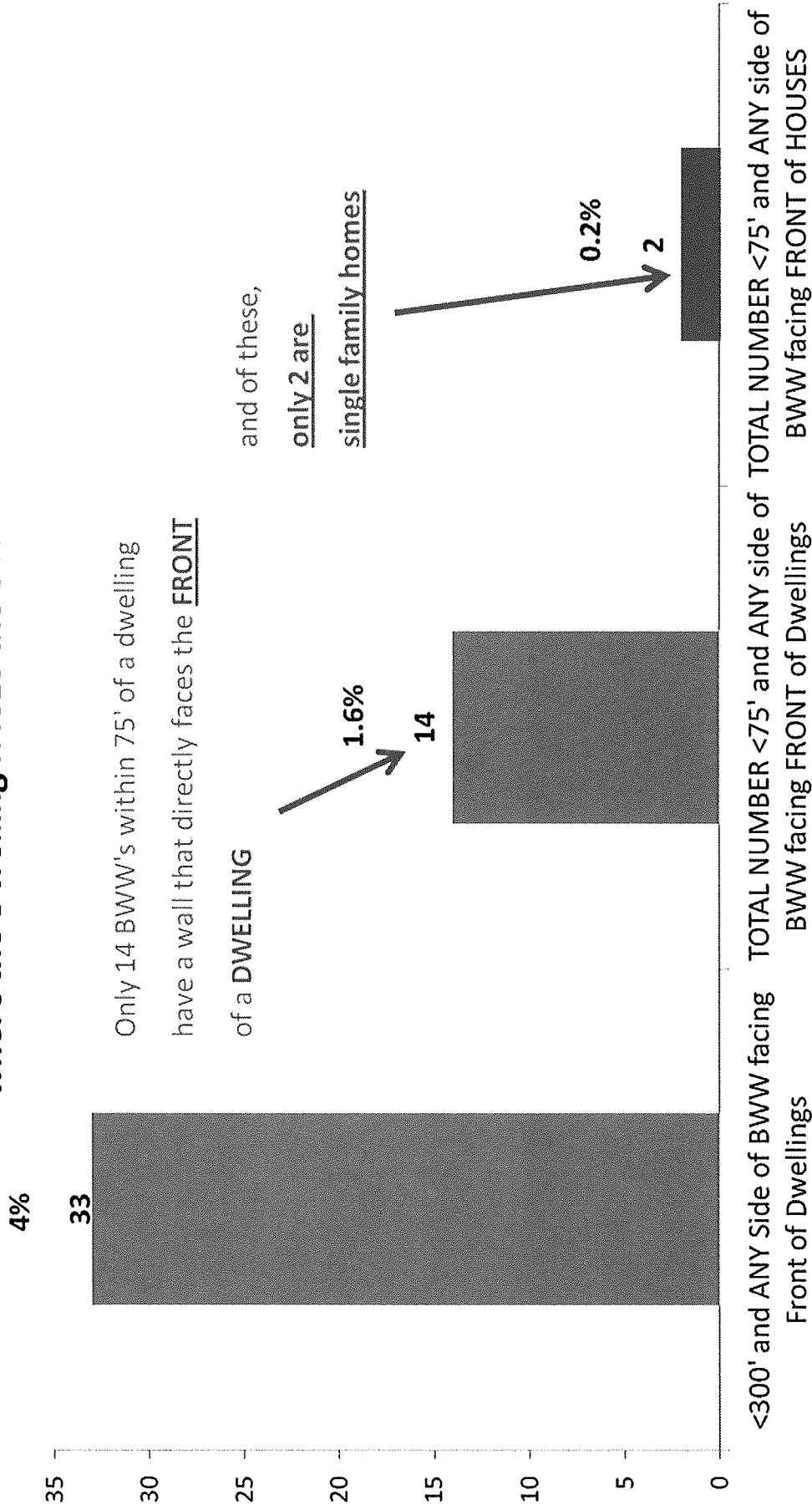


Chart illustrates how few BWW's are as close or closer to dwellings than the 80



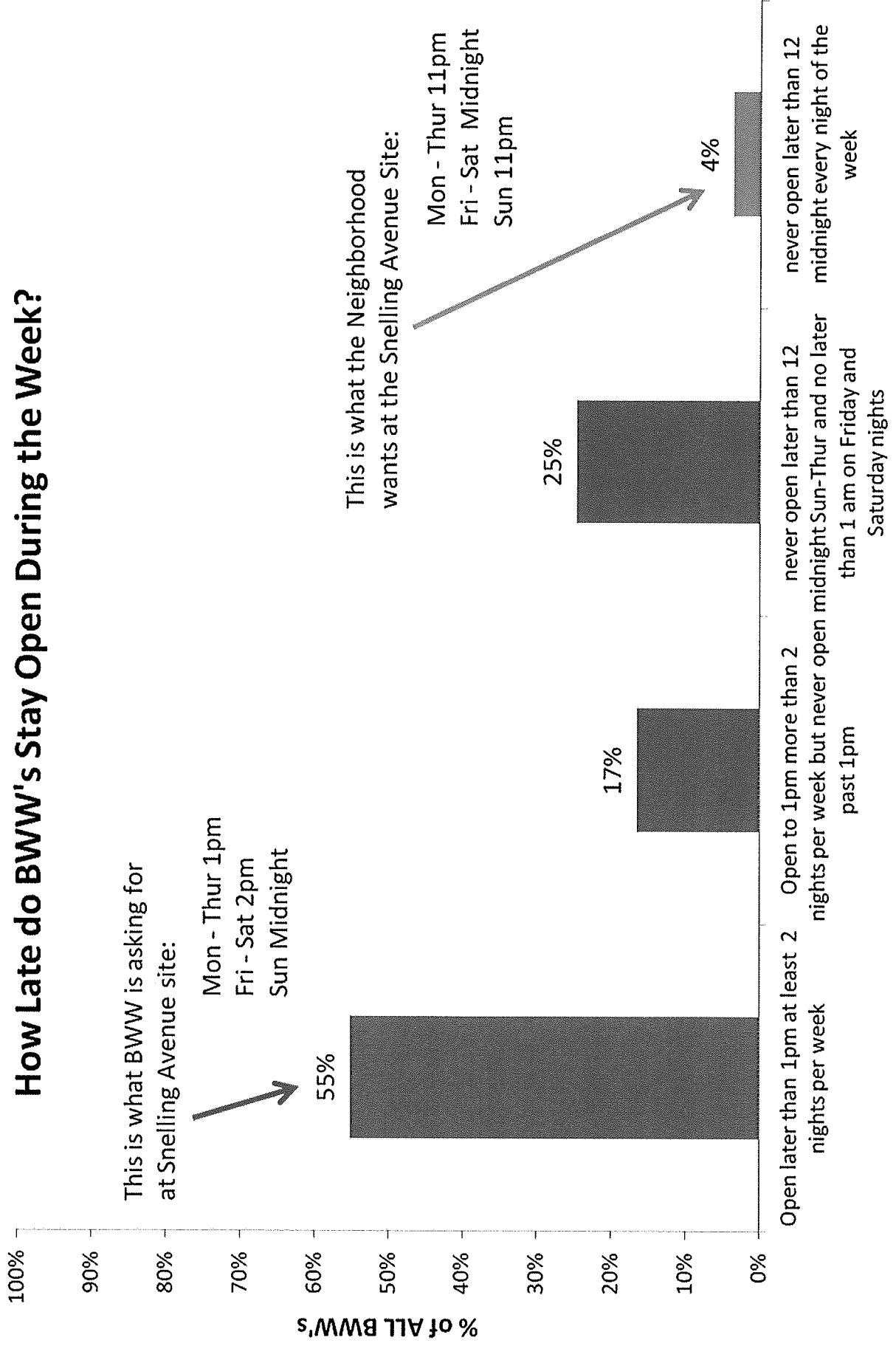
# # of BWW's Closer than 300' to Dwellings where the Dwelling FACES the BWW



<300' and ANY Side of BWW facing TOTAL NUMBER <75' and ANY side of  
 Front of Dwellings BWW facing FRONT of Dwellings BWW facing FRONT of HOUSES

Again, illustrating how unusual the 80 Snelling Avenue site is.

# How Late do BWW's Stay Open During the Week?



This chart shows that the hours requested by the neighborhood are not unheard of for BWB, and almost 30% of the BWB's have closing times in line with our request.