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St. Paul Port Authority

Western Bank

May 13, 2012

Madam President and Members of the Saint Paul City Council:

The Midway Chamber of Commerce supports for the proposed amendments to the definitions of restaurants and bars for purposes of setting parking requirements and urges the City Council to adopt these changes.

We believe it is reasonable and wise to recognize the distinction between restaurants that serve alcoholic beverages and bars that are open after midnight. It is important to recognize these distinctions in the number of parking spaces required in order for a business to be eligible for licensure.

Adopting these changes will reduce barriers- both financial and regulatory- that prevent entrepreneurs from establishing or expanding restaurant businesses in the Midway Area and in other areas in the city of Saint Paul. The changes send an important message about Saint Paul as a place open to business that can also help encourage the development of restaurants and other hospitality businesses particularly in neighborhoods that are well served by transit.

We believe strongly that city neighborhoods that include these kinds of amenities help to create a city where people will want to live work, play and invest.

The Midway Chamber of Commerce has been an integral part of this community for 92 years. Although the backbone of the Twin Cities has evolved and changed over the years, one thing has remained consistent – the Midway Chamber of Commerce supports jobs and the businesses needed to provide those economic opportunities for families.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Thank you.

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Chair of the Board  
Midway Chamber of Commerce

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President/Executive Director  
Midway Chamber of Commerce