

From: [Becky Foss](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: License application Notification for Groveland Tap
Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 3:48:11 PM

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I am writing today after receiving in the mail notification that The Groveland Tap is applying for a full liquor and gambling license.

As a residential neighbor a block away, I strongly oppose this license. There is no need to have hard alcohol in such close proximity to the neighborhood. We already put up with the endless parking overflow into our neighborhood and frequently the loud talking and yelling by their patrons leaving. The proposed conditions may look good on paper, but as a resident of the neighborhood for ten years, I never have witnessed employees picking up trash, monitoring the neighborhood or asking patrons to be respectful when leaving the neighborhood.

I feel that this would increase parking in the neighborhood and contribute to even more drunken noise and disrespect. You can put reminders up all you want about being in a residential neighborhood, but that's really not effective as NOT serving hard alcohol.

The later closing at midnight is also a concern with noise and the parking.

In my ten years of living around the corner, The Tap has not once offered neighbor's a discount, thanked us for putting up with their patio addition and come picked up litter or actually watch their patrons leave. This is just a bigger money grab for the Tap and they do not need this license. I voiced my opinion and concern as a neighbor and hope you take this into consideration.

A concerned neighbor,
Becky Foss (651) 210-1349

Sent from my iPad

From: [kellie charles](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: OPPOSITION to Groveland Tap license expansion DSIBLLIQ-000561-2026
Date: Thursday, February 19, 2026 6:49:11 PM

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Dear Legislative Hearing Officer,

Please accept this letter as strong opposition to the Groveland Tap's request to add a gambling location, upgrade to a full liquor on sale and liquor on sale Sunday license.

I received notification of this request via letter because I am a neighbor on the same block as the Groveland Tap.

I have serious concerns and look forward to explaining them in person at a legislative hearing.

Please let me know when that will be scheduled.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Kellie Connor
651-295-6955

From: [Michael Eddy](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: Groveland Tap License Application
Date: Friday, February 20, 2026 9:57:02 AM

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Hello,

I'm writing in regard to Groveland Tap's pending license application, license number DSIBLLIQ-000561-2026.

My wife Megan and I live behind the Groveland Tap at 1841 Berkeley Ave, Saint Paul. The following are our comments on/objections to to the license application:

- We do not object to the Groveland Tap upgrading to a full Liquor On Sale license.
- We assume that the Gambling Location license is being put in place in order to add pull-tabs to the restaurant. If this is the case we do not object to this license. If this is not the case please let us know what their intent is. If it is larger/greater than simple pull-tabs then we would object to this license.
- Our main grievance is expanding the hours of the establishment to 12:00 AM each night and having customers out by 12:30 AM. The application notification we received indicates that the Groveland Tap intends to continue operating as a restaurant. However, these expanded hours indicate that it instead plans to operate as a bar. I'm not aware of other restaurants that stay open until midnight in order to serve food. This is clearly an attempt to increase their liquor sales, not their food sales. Given that they not only want to increase their hours, but also add a full liquor license, it's clear that there would be much more heavy drinking occurring, particularly late at night, which would undoubtedly disrupt the neighborhood. There's no reason for a restaurant to stay open that late except to service individuals whose only intent is to drink heavily.

Please let me know if you have any questions on my above comments.

Thanks,

Michael Eddy

From: [Meg Haley](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Groveland Tap Liquor and Gambling License
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 9:37:18 AM

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To whom it may concern:

I'm writing as a resident of the neighborhood surrounding the Groveland Tap, a regular patron of the restaurant, and a mom. While I don't see any real issue with adding a cocktail list and a pull-tabs to the menu of the Tap, it's the expanded hours I'm concerned by. We are a quiet neighborhood with lots of older folks and families with young kids. **Having a bar that's open til midnight 7 days a week just doesn't fit with the culture of the neighborhood.** I'm really disappointed in the ongoing demonstration by the owners of the Tap that they seem more interested in grabbing a cheap dollar from college kids than in investing in what's going to keep their true regulars (neighborhood families) happy and coming back. If there's a way to approve expanded menu offerings while keeping the hours the same, that would be my recommendation. If not, I ask the city **not** to approve the new license.

Thanks for your time and collecting public comment.

Best,
Meg Haley
Juliet Avenue Homeowner

From: [Rebecca Trost](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: NO gambling and full liquor license for Groveland Tap
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 11:02:59 AM

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To whom it concerns,

I live one block away from Groveland Tap. I strongly object to their acquiring a full liquor and gambling license.

We are a family neighborhood with kids and we love Groveland tap just the way it is where we can take our kids for a hamburger.

There is an Elementary School just two blocks down on the same street as Groveland Tap!

We do not want our quiet neighborhood to become a college bar.

I strongly object to Groveland Tap obtaining a full liquor and gambling license.

Please keep our long time, family neighborhood, family, friendly!

Thank you, Rebecca Trost
1873 Sargent Ave.,
St. Paul, MN 55105

From: [Kate McGowan](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Cc: [Scott Brownlee](#)
Subject: NO gambling license and No full liquor license for Groveland Tap
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 11:15:36 AM

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Object to the Application being sought by the Groveland Tap. The rationale is as follows:

There is already an establishment (Estelle Restaurant) with a full liquor license less than a block away.

Adding gambling and a full liquor license will **fundamentally** change the nature of what has always been a family-friendly establishment.

While the Groveland Tap agrees to continue to operate as a "restaurant," a full On Sale liquor license will actually transform this establishment into a full-service bar.

The Groveland Tap is located in what is almost exclusively a residential neighborhood. Adding gambling and a full liquor license is out of step with the peace and quiet enjoyment we all expect when living in such a neighborhood. *A change of this nature will also negatively impact property values.*

Therefore, I request that the city deny the application to add a gambling license and upgrade to a full Liquor On Sale license to the Groveland Tap.

Sincerely,

Kate D. MCGowan

1877 Sargent Ave
Ph. 651-894-3239

From: [Sterling Erickson](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: NO to gambling license and full liquor license for Groveland Tap
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 2:40:29 PM

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Therefore, I request that the city deny the application to add a gambling license and upgrade the Groveland Tap to a full Liquor On Sale license.

Sincerely,

Sterling Erickson
1850 Sargent Ave

From: jnmcg@mac.com
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Cc: scottbrownlee727@gmail.com
Subject: NO to gambling license and full liquor license for Groveland Tap
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 5:53:13 PM

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Sincerely,

Jordan McGowan
1877 Sargent Avenue
651-695-1755

From: [Evan Kelley](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: NO to gambling license and full liquor license for Groveland Tap
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 8:03:00 PM

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Object to the Application being sought by the Groveland Tap.

The current incarnation of the Groveland Tap absolutely fits the neighborhood.

The Groveland Tap with a full liquor license and gambling absolutely would not.

This is a bad idea.

Evan Kelley
1872 Princeton Avenue
651-276-8097

From: [Scott Brownlee](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: Groveland Tap Application
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 10:29:18 AM

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As a neighbor, and as a Realtor, I have grave concerns about the proposed changes to the Groveland Tap. Please see below:

There is already an establishment (Estelle Restaurant) with a full liquor license less than a block away.

Adding gambling and a full liquor license will **fundamentally** change the nature of what has always been a family-friendly establishment.

While the Groveland Tap agrees to continue to operate as a "restaurant," a full On Sale liquor license will actually transform this establishment into a full-service bar.

The Groveland Tap is located in what is almost exclusively a residential neighborhood. Adding gambling and a full liquor license is out of step with the peace and quiet enjoyment we all expect when living in such a neighborhood. *A change of this nature will also negatively impact property values.*

Therefore, I request that the city deny the application to add a gambling license and upgrade to a full Liquor On Sale license to the Groveland Tap.

Sincerely,

Scott Brownlee
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From: patrick.votel
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: Groveland Tap 1834 St. Clair Upgrade DSIBLLIQ-000561-2026
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 4:26:13 PM

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I own the buildings adjacent to the Tap. I totally support businesses in the area but there are some issues. The noise factor can be very problematic at times, particularly from the back patio . These buildings are right on top of each other. The noise is amplified greatly between the buildings. The front entrance to the Tap was moved to the west end of the building within four feet of the living rooms of several of my apartments. The door would have been better located at the other end of the building which is commercial and there is no one there after hours. Would have made a lot more sense noise and traffic wise. Just a total lack of any privacy now. Also makes those units more difficult to rent, devaluing the property.

The parking in front is totally dominated by the Tap. There is parking in the corner lot but the easiest access is to park in front of my buildings. I expect some traffic but this is excessive. Pretty much have to give up on keeping up the grass and boulevard at this point. The foot traffic is pretty constant. In the winter when it snows the shoveling is constant as the snow is impossible to get up when it's constantly being matted down. Creates a lot more maintenance and liability as everyone is scrambling toward the Tap during the storm.

The whole remodel addition in back was laid out with no planning for trucks ,deliveries, garbage pick or maintenance. The patio goes right to the alley line creating a pinch point. The garage across the alley is difficult to access, not to mention the snow wake accumulations.

The large beer and delivery trucks line up CONSTANTLY in back blocking access to adjacent properties. They are there for long periods of time unloading product. They are regularly pulling in my parking lot and unloading. Heavy vehicles destroy my asphalt. Many times they pull into parking spots which my residents pay for. Most of the maintenance trucks that work on the Tap, grease removal and rooftop vent cleaning outfits cannot do their job without being totally on my property. The exhaust vents on their roof which require periodic cleaning are cleaned late at night. The trucks have to come on my property to get their hoses and equipment on roof .Grease removal same thing. The noise when they are on the roof can be quite deafening. Orders or magnitude beyond allowed decibel limits. The whole neighborhood can hear it not to mention my residents on that side of the building. I feel bad for the maintenance workers and try to work with them as long as they are respectful when they are on my property. The Tap seems to be totally oblivious as to what goes on in the alley or next to them. Don't figure the next owners of my buildings might be as accommodating or stupid as I am.

Longer hours will just prolong the current issues.

Pat Votel

Building owner

651-210-8372

From: [Daralyn Sachs](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Cc: scottbrownlee727@gmail.com
Subject: NO to gambling license and full liquor license for Groveland Tap
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 4:45:23 PM

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I object to the Application being sought by the Groveland Tap. The rationale is as follows:

There is already an establishment (Estelle Restaurant) with a full liquor license less than a block away.

Adding gambling and a full liquor license will **fundamentally** change the nature of what has always been a family-friendly establishment.

While the Groveland Tap agrees to continue to operate as a "restaurant," a full On Sale liquor license will actually transform this establishment into a full-service bar.

The Groveland Tap is located in what is almost exclusively a residential neighborhood. Adding gambling and a full liquor license is out of step with the peace and quiet enjoyment we all expect when living in such a neighborhood. *A change of this nature will also negatively impact property values.*

Therefore, I request that the city deny the application to add a gambling license and upgrade to a full Liquor On Sale license to the Groveland Tap.

Sincerely,

Daralyn Sachs
1851 Lincoln Ave.
St. Paul
651-696-1983

From: cirhanplusone@frontiernet.net
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: NO to gambling license and full liquor license for Groveland Tap
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 5:12:58 PM

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Regarding License Number DSIBLLIQ-000561-2026

I object to the Application being sought by the Groveland Tap. The rationale is as follows:

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Therefore, I request that the city deny the application to add a gambling license and upgrade to a full Liquor On Sale license to the Groveland Tap.

Sincerely,

Danielle Cirhan
1839 Saint Clair Av
St. Paul, MN 55105
612-202-5126

From: [Zack Hedling](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Cc: [Scott Brownlee](#)
Subject: NO to gambling license and full liquor license for Groveland Tap
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 9:27:43 AM

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Object to the Application being sought by the Groveland Tap. The rationale is as follows:

There is already an establishment (Estelle Restaurant) with a full liquor license less than a block away.

Adding gambling and a full liquor license and staying open later will **fundamentally** change the nature of what has always been a family-friendly establishment.

While the Groveland Tap agrees to continue to operate as a "restaurant," a full On Sale liquor license will actually transform this establishment into a full-service bar.

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Therefore, I request that the city deny the application to add a gambling license and upgrade to a full Liquor On Sale license to the Groveland Tap.

Sincerely,

Zachary Hedling
1845 St. Clair Ave.
St. Paul MN 55105

From: [Kim Chapman](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: DSIBLLIQ-000561-2026 - 1834 St Clair Ave Groveland Tap License
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 5:05:56 PM

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Dear Sir or Ms:

I live at 1846 Berkeley Avenue between Fairview Avenue and Howell Street. I oppose the extension of hours to midnight, with the last guests departing by 12:30am. Groveland Tap clients use our section of Berkeley Avenue to park. Because of this some nights the street is almost full of cars.

I believe extending hours will result in more noise on our street well past when people have gone to bed. In the summer when people have windows open, and even in winter when people on the street talk loudly, the guests at Groveland Tap can be very disruptive to sleep.

I do not mind the sale of hard liquor or Sunday sales of alcohol, but the later closing and vacating hours will make an existing noise problem worse.

Even if only one party a night leaving the Tap stands outside at midnight and talks before getting in their car, it will disrupt the sleep of people on our block with children going to bed early, or who must get up early to go to work.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kim Alan Chapman
kim.a.chapman@gmail.com
651.341.5980

From: [Deb D.](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: DSIBLLIQ-000551-2026 Groveland Tap License
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026 12:22:03 AM

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To the city of St. Paul,

We can see the Groveland Tap from our back door. People already walk out the front door and walk directly across the street and down our alley talking loudly at 10:00 at night. Allowing them to extend their hours, AND have a full liquor license, AND then adding gambling on top of that, everyday of the week, means we will never have a good night's sleep again.

This is a residential neighborhood. They should respect their neighbors. They knew this was the situation when they opened. Expecting to expand operations with more liquor, later hours and gambling shows a great disregard for the community that supports them.

We ask that you reject this request. The citizens of St. Paul should be able to leave peaceably in their own homes without the increased noise and misbehavior that can come from increased alcohol use.

Thank you.
Deb Draeger & Howard Freeman
227 Fairview Avenue S.
St. Paul, MN 55105

From: [Mary Tipping](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Cc: [*CI-StPaul_Mayor](#)
Subject: Groveland Tap: Gambling Location and Full Liquor License
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026 9:03:23 AM

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To the Legislative Hearing Officer:

We are writing as homeowners and property tax payers in Saint Paul/Macalester Groveland to formally express our strong opposition to the request by Groveland Tap to expand their current operations to include a full liquor license and a gambling location license. While we support local businesses, the introduction of these specific elements (on top of the fallout from the 2023 patio license) into our residential area poses significant risks to our community's character and property values.

Our concerns are centered on the following points:

- **Excessive Noise:** As homeowners living directly across the alley from the establishment, we are uniquely impacted by both the 2023 expansion, and the new license request. The 2023 'patio'—which functions more as an enclosed secondary dining room—has already escalated noise levels to the point where we rarely use our own backyard. Adding a full liquor license and gambling would only exacerbate an already intrusive situation.
 - **Excessive Smoke:** We are currently subjected to excessive smoke from the restaurant's outdoor fireplace. This occurs even on the clearest, warmest days when there is no practical need for a fire. This smoke drifts directly across the alley and into our yard and home--we often need to close our windows on beautiful days.
- **Alley:** As shown in the attached [**Photo #1**], the restaurant's "patio" room is built so close to the property line that it has severely compromised our ability to safely exit our garage. Even with our small vehicle, the clearance is dangerously narrow. During the winter, in spite of plowing, icy ruts form due to the high traffic of delivery trucks through a narrow area. If we do not level the ice and snow ourselves, we risk becoming stuck and stranded in our own garage. Expanding to a high-volume gambling and liquor venue will only increase the frequency of deliveries and patron traffic, making it increasingly difficult to get out of our garage.
- **Property Values:** Real estate data consistently shows that proximity to "nuisance properties" can deter potential homebuyers. We have invested in this neighborhood under the impression it was a quiet residential zone, and this change threatens our primary financial asset.
- **Unauthorized Alley Access and Foot Traffic** The original license for this

establishment did not include provisions for pets on the "patio."

However, Groveland Tap has allowed patrons—even those without pets—to enter and exit the building via the alley door. Patrons coming and going through the alley significantly increases noise levels and bypasses the front-facing entrance designed to keep commercial activity on the main street.

- **Operational Hours and Seasonal Limits** The owner of the Groveland Tap explicitly stated, during the 2023 license process, that the "patio" would only be open during the summer and "shoulder months." However, this is not true. As shown in the attached [**Photo 3**] and their own advertising, the patio is operated year-round. This has extended the noise and smoke nuisances into every season, and this was not what we were told would happen.
- **Inadequate Waste Management and Infrastructure Damage Groveland Tap** is currently failing to manage its waste disposal effectively. The back patio was designed to maximize seating space, and did not account for garbage disposal volume. Garbage can be overflowing [**Photo # 6**], creating an eyesore and a potential health hazard for the immediate residents. To address this, the restaurant would need to significantly increase the frequency of garbage truck pickups. A gambling and full liquor license will likely increase waste volume, making the frequency of unsanitary conditions worse.
- **Parking Congestion:** Our streets are already at capacity. A gambling and full liquor establishment attracts patrons for much longer durations than a standard meal, leading to more parking congestion. This will force increased overflow parking onto our residential side streets, blocking walkways to the street and creating hazards for two-way traffic - including emergency vehicles.

We urge the board to deny this application to preserve the safety, quiet enjoyment, and value of our homes.

Sincerely,

Bob and Mary Tipping

1837 Berkeley Ave

Saint Paul, MN 55105





**OUR ENCLOSED
HEATED BACK PATIO
OPEN YEAR ROUND!**

ER
ON

BLUE MOON



From: [David Connor](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: License at 1834 St Clair Groveland Tap DSIBLLIQ-000561-2026
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026 12:12:55 PM

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Dear Legislative Hearing Officer:

I am writing to ask that you deny the application for a gambling and upgrade to full liquor on sale and on sale Sunday license to the Groveland Tap. I also ask that if this application is approved, that you add a condition that all employees and customers enter the establishment on St Clair. I live at 1849 Berkeley and I have personally observed both employees and customers enter and exit the Groveland Tap from the alley. This is a significant safety issue. The alley has a constant flow of vehicles and I am worried about car/pedestrian accidents. In addition, since the patio expansion, it has made it difficult for residents to enter/exit their garages due to heavy car traffic in the alley. It is for these reasons that I ask you add the condition of all employees and customers must enter and exit the establishment on St Clair and specifically forbid employees and customers from entering/exiting from the alley.

Sincerely,

David Connor
1849 Berkeley

From: [Jacob Harris](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: Public comment for license application - Groveland Tap, 1834 St Clair Ave
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026 3:27:42 PM

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Dear Legislative Hearing Officer:

I write to submit my public comment regarding the Groveland Tap license application. Our family lives at 1847 Berkeley, on the same block as the restaurant. We share the alley with them.

We do not oppose the restaurant having a liquor license. We also do not oppose the restaurant having a gambling license, provided that the gambling license is just for pull tabs (this seems to us to be the case but it isn't exactly clear). Our only preference would be the hours do not change for Monday through Thursday.

I note that Estelle, a restaurant less than half a block down St Clair, serves liquor and closes at 11 on the weekends. It only seems fair to Groveland Tap that they have the same business opportunity. I do not see the slight change in hours, and the addition of a cocktail menu and pulltabs, to generate any meaningful change in our experience as neighbors to this restaurant.

I am aware some neighbors are opposed to this license application. I respectfully disagree. This is a very nice neighborhood "watering hole." We moved to this neighborhood, in part, because it has restaurants and amenities we could walk to. The Groveland Tap owners have been respectful, conscientious neighbors. For example, they take care of clearing the alley of snow, always promptly. The building and premises are well kept and always tidy. The clientele are not disruptive. Were the situation different, we might be opposed. But we like these neighbors and would hate to lose them over something like this.

The bottom line is that we live in a dense, mixed-use neighborhood in the middle of a large city - the requests in the license application seem fairly reasonable, and in keeping with other similar establishments in the city.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Regards,

Jacob P. Harris

[e] jpharr@umich.edu

From: [Kyle Finckler](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: Comments regarding license DSIBLLIQ-000561-2026
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026 4:26:03 PM

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Good afternoon,

My name is Kyle, and I live a block south of the Groveland Tap on Berkeley Avenue. I received the license update notification by mail and do have comments:

I oppose the changing of the restaurant hours to midnight Sunday-Thursday from the current 10pm. This keeps them open later than similar businesses in the neighborhood, including Tiffany's. Our street often has noisy bar patrons parking and has not been an issue, but hearing loud chatter and car doors slamming at 12:30 on a Tuesday morning is far less appealing.

They also got the neighborhood to approve of their patio expansion with the current posted hours. Changing those so soon feels like a deliberate misdirection and would really sour my opinion of the establishment.

Thank you for receiving my comments,

Kyle Finckler

From: [K Loewenson](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Cc: [Peter Loewenson](#)
Subject: Groveland Tap licensing application
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026 9:40:34 PM

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Please accept this email and notice to our objection to the license application made by Clairview Holdings (doing business as Groveland Tap). We primarily object to the intent of the Groveland Tap to extend their business hours later at night. We are concerned the later hours will result in increased noise and activity when patrons are arriving and exiting the restaurant.

Additionally, we are conflicted by the Groveland Tap's interest in upgrading their liquor license to full liquor on sale and the addition of a gambling location license. As neighbors, we are frequent patrons of the restaurant and regularly enjoy the establishment's service. We are, however, puzzled by a shift from serving an expanded family/upscale focused menu to an establishment that wants to offer gambling, later hours, and stronger alcohol that are not as family oriented. We are concerned these changes will affect our experience as a neighbor who already accepts disruption but, until this point, has accepted it as a trade off for the benefit of having a successful nearby business whose amenities we enjoy. We fear the proposed changes will bring increased disruption and noise to us as neighboring residents.

We are concerned by the application and believe it deserves a fuller review and consideration of testimony from other interested parties at a legislative hearing.

Peter and Karen Loewenson

Sent from my iPhone