

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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