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Subject: Re: White Squirrel FW: Class N Notification
Attachments: 20210223160153881.pdf

Think Before You Click: This email originated outside our organization.

Hello all,

I am writing this letter in objection to the patio license, and furthermore, the Commercial Development District that is being made by the city for the following address 974 w 7th street St. Paul, and only that address. This is SPOT ZONING at its finest. I, along with many of my 2 am license holders are in complete awe that a 2 am license is being issued for a single parcel that is a 10th of an acre and is now considered a Commercial District Development (CDD). This loophole has been made and appears to be approved (pending?) will allow "GIN JOINTS" to pop up all over the city. How is this legit? This kind of code or ordinance is inconsistent with any other Commercial District Development which defies any definition of "District" and or "Development". It adds nothing to the area that doesn't already exist and does not allow any other property to be involved in the district.

It also appears that this building was part of the West 7th fort federation, a property of the city, and feels to me like preferential treatment is being made to make this bar happen. I understand loopholes are made inside city policies and things get missed. However, this seems to be made possible only for one freestanding building.

I am pro-business, I have no prior involvement with the new owner or his other location in Downtown St. Paul, an area where a Commercial District Development works and makes sense. I also imagine that this may at first appear that I am against his business when in fact I am questioning the city and its practices and ordinances. Spot Zoning is wrong, plain and simple and if it isn't illegal it should be. And although he found a loophole I imagine he had guidance from the city policymakers. Envious, maybe? Protective of a 2 am bar license that I own and should hold some sort of weight? Absolutely! Why have liquor laws that don't apply all the time?

I own a 2 am Liquor license. One I have had since 2006, I have certain regulations that I have to follow. One being that I serve Food, and have a commercial kitchen to do so, and approved by the State Health Dept.

I also have a beer and wine Licence at another location, I have had this since 2000, it is a 1 am license. It seamlessly has a food requirement as well and if I wanted to bring in Alcohol and or Booze, I would have to close at 12 am, according to your city laws.

This CDD is a "Golden Ticket" with No rules or regulations, no food certificate for a commercial kitchen, and a full range on selling both Spirits and beer till 2 am. Along with I'm sure other things that my liquor license is constantly scrutinized on. (Parking requirements, street festivals, etc)

I am asking that you take a closer look at this questionable liquor license that's being issued. All I'm asking is a fair shake. If they want to come into the neighborhood and have a bar and music hall. The more the merrier !! Give them a beer and wine license... they can stay open till 2 am if they want to. Add liquor, they have to do what everyone else does... close the door at 12 am. They need to have a Commercial Kitchen, approved by the State of Mn, and serve food, either that or open up a "REAL" Commercial Development.

I am not looking for handouts or favorites here, I rarely make a stink. I am asking for what any other liquor license holder would ask and that is fair treatment. This is not. This doesn't protect a liquor license, it cheapens it, it makes it available to anyone who can beat the city at their own game. it's wrong.

In the restaurant world, we can only learn about something bad that happens during a visit if the person who cares so much about our place tells us. If we don't hear it, we can't fix it. I care deeply about the city of St. Paul. we are vested into the community, we own businesses, property, and homes here. We want the city to grow the right way and call upon you leaders to make sure that what's good for the city is both morally right and fair to everyone who lives here. I feel this is an unfair advantage, that's all. If I'm wrong tell me, if I'm right, then make it right. You are the ones that make the rules.

I appreciate your time .

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I would like to request an email list for the mayor, deputy mayor and the city council president.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 12:07:21 PM CST

Subject: White Squirrel FW: Class N Notification

Recent Notice for patio forwarded. The email for objections is on the attached.

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Subject: Class N Notification

Class N Notification for the following:

White Squirrel LLC

DBA The White Squirrel

974 7th St W

Ward 2 District Council 9

License application for:

Add a Liquor-Outdoor Service Area (Patio) license to the existing Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale – Sunday, Liquor On Sale - 2 AM Closing, Entertainment (A), and Cigarette/Tobacco licenses

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