

August 14, 2022

Re: File # Ord 22-36, Proposed amendment to City Ordinance 409.01

Dear Council Member,

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In our residential neighborhood, we have a disruptive club across the street from us that frequently disturbs the peace with excessive noise, drunken and disorderly conduct, and the trespass of private property. For some time, this property has been illegally serving alcohol without a license on a BYOB basis.

We and multiple other neighbors have filed complaints to the City about this property. These complaints have directly led to the proposal of this amendment. We are frustrated that our efforts to address a neighborhood nuisance have instead caused the City to consider changing the liquor law which only serves to facilitate the ongoing nuisance.

The proposed amendment would create a loophole in the liquor law which would allow any current or future rental hall operator to operate as if they have a liquor license without consideration of the appropriateness of land use, zoning or proximity to schools. In the amendment there is no mechanism for the notification of or gathering input from affected neighbors.

In St. Paul there are multiple such rental halls in residential neighborhoods and in proximity to schools. By making these changes, these rental halls will essentially become bars with alcohol service permitted every day of the year.

PLEASE VOTE NO on the proposed amendment.

Sincerely,

Anne and Jack Wussler
999 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55105

Ordinance vote

Alice Faribault <afaribault@gmail.com>

Sun 08/14/22 07:55 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

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I am a St. Paul resident living at 1615 Beechwood Avenue (55116) writing to you to ask you to support the change to Chapter 409.01 of the Legislative Code that will align with the requirement for caterer's permits with MN State 340A.404 Subd. 14 . As a member of AAUW St. Paul, I am in favor of the change to the ordinance. This ordinance change is of the utmost importance to the continuance of our catering business and all venues similar to ours. Many venues in St. Paul operate the same way AAUW business does and need this change. The business has been operated for 50 years at 990 Summit Avenue as a catering business without a problem.

Alec Faribault
1615 Beechwood Avenue
St Paul, MN 55116
651-690-3569
afaribault@gmail.com

Fwd: Urge support to change Chapter 409.01 of Legislative Code

Carol Byrne <carolcarolbyrne@gmail.com>

Sun 08/14/22 06:15 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

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Dear Councilman Balenger,

My name is Carol E. Byrne and I live at 883 Linwood Avenue, St. Paul, MN. As a St. Paul citizen I am writing to ask you to support the change to Chapter 409.01 of the Legislative Code.

I stand behind the small businesses of St. Paul and feel that the ordinance must be changed. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Carol E. Byrne (former President, Global Minnesota)

Chapter 409.01 change

Connie Anderson <cojeranderson@gmail.com>

Sun 08/14/22 02:38 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

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Russel Balenger,

My name is Connie Anderson and I live in St.Paul at 1910 Graham Avenue, 55116.

I am writing to you to ask you to support the change to Chapter 409.01 of the Legislative Code.

Thank you very much.

Sent from my iPad

Chapter 409.01 of the Legislative Code

Jerri Smith <smit1348@umn.edu>

Sun 08/14/22 03:25 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Jerri Smith <smit1348@umn.edu>

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1120 California Ave W.
St. Paul, MN 55108
August 14, 2022

Dear Russel,

My name is Jerri Smith, and I live in St. Paul at the above address. I am writing to you to ask you to support the change to Chapter 409.01 of the Legislative Code.

Thank you very much.

Jerri Smith, DVM

Neighborhood

Mike Shreve <shreve@crccs.com>

Mon 08/15/22 08:04 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

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August 15, 2022

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PLEASE VOTE NO on the proposed amendment.

Sincerely,

Michael and Judy Shreve
1017 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55105

Attention Russell Balenger

Renee Lane <orchidrpl@mac.com>

Sat 08/13/22 02:42 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

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Attention Russell Balenger

My name is Renee Potts Lane and I live in St. Paul at 464 Ashland Avenue, St. Paul MN 55102. I am writing to you to ask you to support the change to Chapter 409.01 of the Legislative Code.

Thank you very much.

Renee Potts Lane
464 Ashland Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Phone: 651-653-1224
Mobile: 612-810-0924

orchidrpl@mac.com

Concern regarding the amendment to chapter 409.01

Susan Kramer <thekramers4@gmail.com>

Mon 08/15/22 07:39 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

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I am not supporting the College Club getting a legal pathway to provide contracted liquor service to their clients. So am requesting no amendment. They have owned the property for years and have been illegally providing alcohol. The times have changed; their clients age group often over indulge. There is not 1 off street parking space, this business model does not work anymore to provide income for their work. The people attending the events are walking all over the neighborhood to get to their cars so their behavior affects many. They did not make any alternative solutions for the future to decrease the negative impact of their business on the neighborhood. Limiting hours of operation, providing shuttle service to other parking lots in the area. How can the city support hundreds of cars going into the neighborhood to park for the benefit of one business, just because we have let them since 1950. Their mission is good but not at the current cost to the neighborhood. The safety of getting multitudes of people across Summit in the same timeframe is another whole issue. Have they marketed this space to events that do not serve alcohol. Thank you, Susan Kramer, Ward 1, On the same block as the College Club but on Portland.

Sent from my iPhone

Support the change to Chapter 409.01 of the Legislative Code

Carole P <carottee@aol.com>

Wed 08/17/22 12:21 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

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To Russel Balenger:

My name is Carole Otte Pesek and I live in St. Paul at 769 Lincoln Ave. I am writing to ask you to support the change to Chapter 409.01 of the Legislative Code, to stand behind the small businesses of St Paul.

Thank you.

Carole Otte Pesek

City Council Agenda for August 17, 2022 -- Change to Chapter 409.01

defollmer <defollmer@compuserve.com>

Tue 08/16/22 03:07 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>;#CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>;#CI-StPaul_Ward3 <Ward3@ci.stpaul.mn.us>;#CI-StPaul_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>;#CI-StPaul_Ward5 <Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us>;#CI-StPaul_Ward6 <Ward6@ci.stpaul.mn.us>;#CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

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To: Councilmember Russel Balenger, Ward 1 (welcome to the City Council!)
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Ward 2
Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Ward 3
Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Ward 4
Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Ward 5
Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Ward 6
Councilmember Jane Prince, Ward 7

I am writing to ask you to support the change to Chapter 409.01 of the Legislative Code at the City Council vote on August 17, 2022.

I live directly across from the College Club and I am in favor of allowing the College Club to continue to operate as it has for decades. My husband and I are the longest-term residents on this block, some 35-1/2 years. As far as I know among the neighbors on this block, only the household that testified at the August 10 meeting is against the College Club to continue to operate as a rental hall.

Diane Follmer
1003 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Fwd: ordinance change

Russel Balenger <Russel@tcopm.org>

Tue 08/16/22 01:12 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

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Begin forwarded message:

From: jane Tschida <pauljanetschida@comcast.net>

Date: August 16, 2022 at 11:02:53 AM CDT

To: Russel Balenger <Russel@tcopm.org>

Subject: ordinance change

Hello Russel.

I am a member of the St. Paul American Association of University Women. We are a non-profit located at 990 Summit Avenue which provides scholarships for women and girls. Among other activities, we help St. Paul organizations like the women's shelter on Grand Avenue and Ujamaa Place for young Black men. (I think I met you at an Ujamaa fundraiser a couple years ago.)

We also own a small wedding event business that keeps us alive. I hope you will vote for an ordinance change before the council Wednesday, August 17, which ensures that people who rent our facility can continue to serve liquor at their events.

Thank You!

Jane Tschida, 362 Summit Avenue, St. Paul

Request to lay over final adoption of an amendment to Chapter 409.01 of the Legislative Code

Tom Darling <tsdarling@earthlink.net>

Wed 08/17/22 10:46 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

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Dear Council Member Balenger: My name is Tom Darling. I live at 445 Summit Avenue in your district. I understand that you will be asked to vote today on final adoption of an amendment to Chapter 409.01 of the Legislative Code with respect, in part, to alcohol service at rental halls. I request that you vote to lay over this matter so that it can be studied more thoroughly. I believe it will have unanticipated negative consequences. Thank you.

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Tom Darling
tsdarling@earthlink.net



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