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To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: Objections Re: Licensing Application Notification, #0016384
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Jeff Fischbach,

We are the property owners of 486 Victoria Street S, right across the street from The Spot Bar. The Spot Bar has made a City licensing department request for approval to allow it to permanently expand the bar to add outdoor seating - it's our understanding though that this establishment has had a permanent structure and outdoor seating within the last year already, so to see this request arrive randomly was a bit concerning.

We object to the expansion for The Spot Bar for a number of reasons, as an expansion is a complete detriment to all of the nearby property owners. Objection reasons stated below:

1. Higher patron traffic and concerns not all will be good citizens.
2. Noise levels increasing - there has already been an issue with those who go outside the Spot Bar (smoking/talking) being extremely loud, and on occasion one might consider patrons behavior to be dangerous. There is also a concern that people would bring their alcohol outside on the sidewalk, which is extremely close to our property and home. On many occasions we have been woken up in the middle of the night to hear people laughing/screaming/yelling at one another, and sounding completely reckless.
3. "Light Pollution" - prior to The Spot Bar having an outdoor seating area, the yard side was dark and not lit up. Since 2 of our rooms are street facing and directly across the street from the patio, we get a lot of unwelcome light in our rooms.
4. Hours of operation & children in the neighborhood - our neighborhood has many children, as there's a school just 0.2 miles away (Monroe Community School), and if this were to be approved it *would* increase the business hours to be day and later evening time. Children need restful, quiet hours, and increasing the hours of operation to accommodate having an outdoor patio (during the Early Spring - Late Fall season) can be dangerous.
5. Extremely limited parking - and right in the middle of a very busy intersection (and bus line) - in which the expansion will add to the already congested and scarcity of parking. From a visual count today, 9/15. there appears to be only 7 parking spaces behind the bar.
6. Excess Littering - there is already an issue where many patrons who leave The Spot Bar will dump their trash on our lawn on the way back to their car.

We hope that you'll take the time to consider and listen to the property owners who are here daily. Please understand that our neighborhood has already experienced a lot of challenges and hearing of this request has brought nothing but worry and concern on our end.

Best,

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