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Subject:	ORD 25-36 1624/1626 White Bear Ave Commercial Development District
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Saint Paul City Council
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15 Kellogg Blvd W
St Paul, MN 55102

Dear City Council,

Please accept my comments under Legistar file ORD 25-36.

This ordinance proposes to create a commercial development district within a strip mall located on the east side of White Bear Ave, at approximately Larpenteur Ave.
It provides that: "*This district and its legal description **(Exhibit #7)** shall appear in the Appendix to Chapter 409 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code.*"
This same language was also adopted under ordinances 24-7, 23-12, 22-40, 21-41, 20-25, 20-11, 19-48, 18-25, 17-37, 16-22, 16-21, 15-79, 15-54 and 99-1179.
To date, none of these districts appear anywhere within Chapter 409, making these liquor districts difficult to locate without extensive research (please see previous comments under ORD 24-7 noting the same).
I ask the City Council to please conform to its ordinances by directing that Chapter 409 be properly amended through the inclusion of an appendix defining the various CDD locations throughout the City of St Paul.

Secondly, will the City Council please consider removing the single liquor license limitation found in Section 2 of the proposed ordinance?
1650 White Bear Ave (the former Arc's Value Village Thrift Store) is within the proposed CDD parcel (pin **232922220048**). The space is currently vacant and could be a home for any number of music venues.
Such a venue could bring along the development that Councilmember Johnson seeks for the City's younger residents or visitors.

Lastly, please keep these public hearings for CDD's in the communities for which they are being proposed.
To get better community input the City Council should further consider notifying not just the property owners, but also the residents living in their vicinity.
Property owners may not always pass along the notices to their residents who may be affected by these Council actions.

Thank you for your consideration.

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