From: Daniel Kennedy
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: Re: Objection to License No. 20110002908, University of St. Thomas Liquor License Expansion
Date: Friday, August 15, 2025 5:54:34 PM
Attachments: Liquor App Notice.pdf

Dear Mr. Weiner,

Attached is the notice I received regarding the application of the University of St. Thomas (UST) to expand its liquor license. The objection I submitted today on behalf of Advocates for Responsible Development was based on this notice. As noted in my previous correspondence, the city has refused the requests of UST neighbors, including me, to provide the actual application by UST so that our response could address all aspects of the application.

After I submitted the objection this afternoon, I received an emailed response from you that included an attachment entitled Notice of License Hearing. The body of that notice states that "During the notification period of 8/1/2025 to 8/16/2025, University of Saint Thomas, dba same, 2115 Summit Ave applied for adding Liquor On Sale – Sunday and Entertainment (B) licenses to the existing Liquor On Sale - 291 or more Seats License and to modify the existing liquor service area, and correspondence of objections were received which triggered a hearing."

If I understand correctly, the Notice of License Hearing states that UST applied for its license *after* the attached notice was sent, and UST's application was for more than what was disclosed in the attached notice, including Sunday service and an Entertainment (B) license. Those elements of an application were not mentioned in the attached notice.

Advocates for Responsible Development objects to consideration of an application that has not been fully disclosed and to which the public, including those of us who live near the UST campus, have not been provided an opportunity to submit objections after due notice. It is not sufficient to take the position that those who objected have notice of the hearing and may speak there; many who did not object may wish to raise an objection to the add-ons disclosed in the Notice of License Hearing, not all objectors may be able to attend the hearing, some objectors may be better able to express their objection in writing than through speaking due to disability or other reason, and presentation time at the hearing may be too limited to fully express an objection.

I therefore respectfully request that the Department of Safety and Inspections cancel the hearing and issue a new notice that includes copies of UST's full applications to which objections are invited. If objections are received, a different hearing would be scheduled.

Please make this correspondence part of the record for the hearing if it does proceed on August 25, 2025.

Sincerely,

Daniel L. M. Kennedy
(612) 728-8080

On Fri, Aug 15, 2025 at 3:29 PM *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing <LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Hello,

Thank you for your interest in this license application for University of Saint Thomas, dba same, 2115 Summit Ave. See attached for License Hearing information.

Best,

Greg Weiner

Executive Assistant – Licensing Hearings

Saint Paul City Council

Greg.Weiner@ci.stpaul.mn.us

651-266-8512

He/him/his

From: Daniel Kennedy <info@advocates4rd.org>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 2:44 PM
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing <LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Objection to License No. 20110002908, University of St. Thomas Liquor License Expansion

Dear Mr. Fischbach,

Attached please find a submission from Advocates for Responsible Development in opposition to the application by the University of St. Thomas to expand its liquor license. In an attempt to obtain the information required to submit a sufficient response, I attempted multiple times over the course of two weeks to call you and Tom Ferrara at the phone numbers listed on the notification of the application and to email your department at the email address stated in Mr. Ferrara's outgoing phone message. I have received no call or email in return. I object to the requirement that the citizens of St. Paul submit an objection without being permitted to see the application that they may object to.

Sincerely,

Daniel L. M. Kennedy

President

Advocates for Responsible Development

From: david O"Brien
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: University of St. Thomas request to modify their alcohol service area
Date: Friday, August 15, 2025 10:00:32 PM

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TO: City of St. Paul Legislative Hearing Officer
FROM: David OBrien
davesob1@yahoo.com
RE: The University of St. Thomas's application for an expansion of its liquor license
Date: August 13, 2025

I'm writing in regard to the University of St. Thomas (UST) request to expand their alcohol service area. I do not want UST to obtain any change to their current service area agreement. I live close to UST, and I believe that the change would have significant negative effects on the surrounding residential area.

UST operates in close proximity to long established residential neighborhoods. (This is quite different than Twin Cities other division 1 sports program, at the University of Minnesota.) If UST is allowed to sell alcohol at athletic events, the surrounding neighborhoods will be forced to deal with the problems that always happen when there are more inebriated students and sports fans leaving the event and travelling through the neighborhoods.

Thank you,

David OBrien
2208 Princeton Ave
St Paul, MN 55105
651-699-4945

From: Nancy G
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: University of st thomas liquor licenses
Date: Saturday, August 16, 2025 9:09:19 PM

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Hi,
I am writing to express my objection to the University of St. Thomas expanding their liquor sales. I am a direct neighbor and am concerned about the impact on my neighborhood of more use of alcohol on campus.
Nancy Garrett
651-214-8674

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nancy.a.garrett@gmail.com
651-214-8674

From:	Andy Ubel
To:	*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject:	Objection to UST liquor license
Date:	Monday, August 18, 2025 8:36:37 AM

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I write today in opposition to license 20110002908. UST does not deserve any such license for the following reasons:

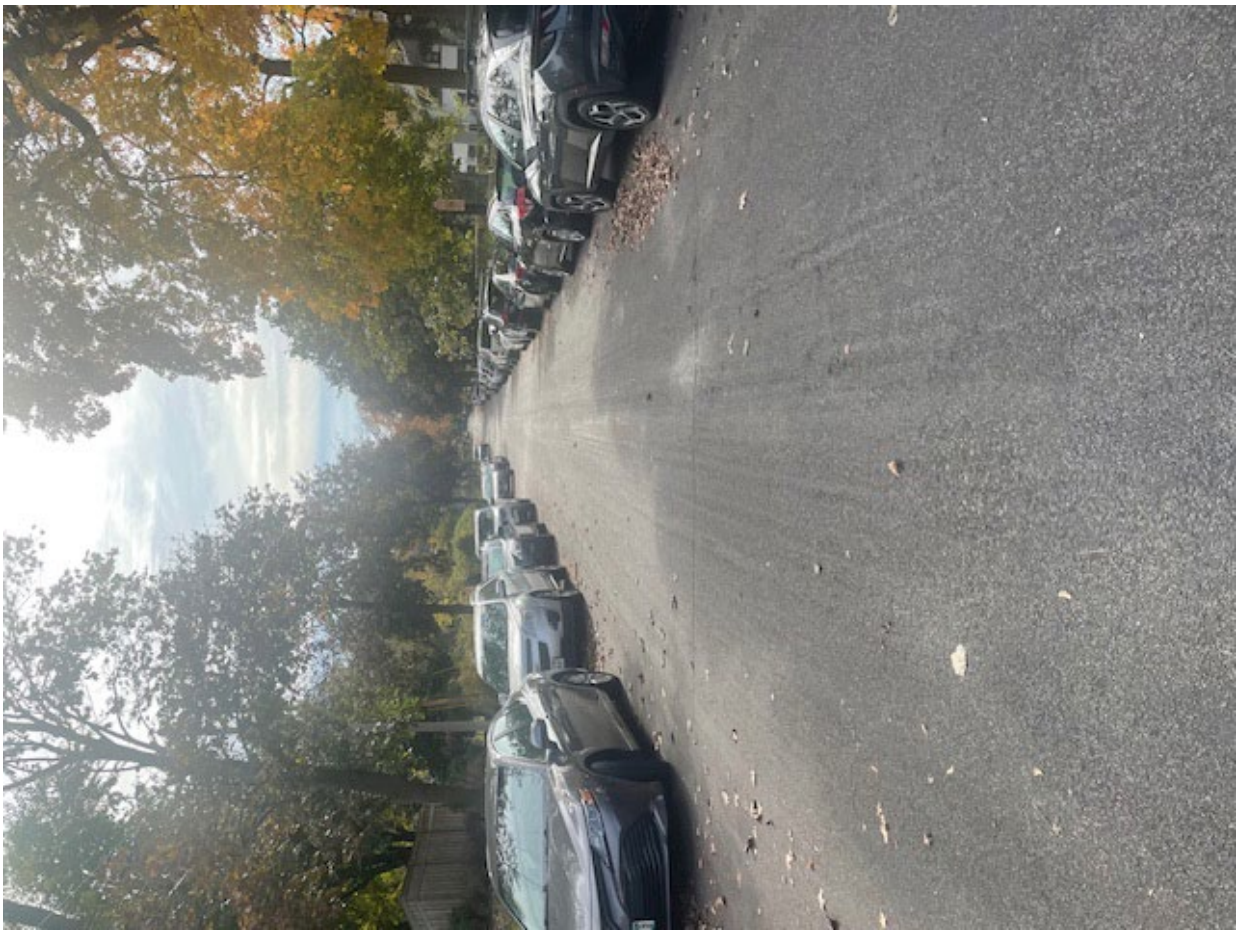
1. The proposed license will serve too many people at the site and it is already anticipated that many, if not most, of these served people will park cars in the surrounding quiet neighborhood. The sports fans already illegally park in the surrounding neighborhood and divert police from their important crime fighting duties to having to issue parking citations. As a result the citizens of Saint Paul will be less safe. Then at the end of the event the now inebriated fans will again descend on the neighborhood and drive away under the influence, hopefully without killing the neighbors.

2. UST has provided no practical parking alternatives to its visitors and no detailed plan how they will prevent drunk fans from driving away from the venue. UST has a history of ignoring neighbor concerns and happily letting UST visitors break neighborhood parking laws. We can assume UST will similarly ignore the DUIs they will unleash upon us. The attached photo was taken recently during a UST sporting event at the soccer fields. As can be seen, numerous cars are being illegally parked in the neighborhood (in a permit only street) and UST has done nothing to mitigate that from happening. This is already happening, even though soccer draws only a few hundred spectators, not 4,500 ticket holders. Now multiply the problem by 40 and add in numerous drunk and rowdy fans. This will be pandemonium in our otherwise quiet neighborhood.

3. The increased traffic in the neighborhood imperils young children who live in the neighborhood. Simply stated, the neighborhood streets are not built for thousands of concert and sporting event spectators, let alone drunk fans. Someone will surely die as a result of the increased traffic.

4. Noise impact to the neighborhood is also a concern. It is logical to assume that crowds of drunk and rowdy sports fans will emerge from the proposed stadium in the evening hours and loudly walk through the neighborhood to get to their illegally parked cars, thereby waking up the neighbors, causing vandalism and leaving trash on the streets. This is already happening. UST visitors already frequently park illegally on Woodlawn Avenue and leave their trash behind. This is a fact and UST has done nothing to stop the behavior of their visitors.

I have lived in this neighborhood for over 65 years. (First on Fairmount Ave., then Berkeley Ave., and now on Woodlawn Ave.) For many decades UST and the Saint Paul Seminary were good neighbors. However, over the past ten years or so UST has grown too big for their property, and they are a loud and uncaring neighbor. Bad neighbors should not be granted any special use permits or licenses by the city. They don’t deserve those permission as a mater of their having such unclean hands.



Please do not grant a license to UST.

Regards,
Andy
612 845 9384

From: MARIAN BIEHN
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Cc: #CI-StPaul_Ward4
Subject: UST Expansion of Liquor License Request
Date: Monday, August 18, 2025 8:36:38 AM

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I am a 46 year resident on Otis Ave in St Paul. 3 blocks from the UST campuses.

I am opposed to ANY expansion of the current University of St Thomas liquor license and especially any expansion of a liquor license at any of the arenas and sport facilities on campus. Please **do not** vote, give permission or administratively grant the expansion of on campus venues and opportunities for liquor consumption.

In the 46 years I have lived on Otis Ave, UST has continued to grow. Academically this is a good thing. It was 2000 students 46 years ago with most students living on campus. Now it is over 8000 with most commuting. It was a small academic D3 in a residential neighborhood. Now has now changed it stripes and is focusing on growing D1 status and desiring all the facilities and amenities that go with D1. BUT still in a residential n'hood and WITHOUT the on site or contract parking, mass transit options, shuttles, etc that other arenas provide. From my experience, currently most UST sporting event attendees drive to the event. It will only be more so when the new arena opens. Liquor and driving do not mix well.

UST only provides 1000 on campus parking spaces for students, faculty and sporting event attendees. The new arena seats 5-7000 people depending on the use. As currently happens now, and will happen more dramatically when the new arena for basketball and hockey opens, event attendees will park in the surrounding neighborhood. The neighborhood currently is ill treated by UST sporting event attendees with litter, blocked sidewalks and drives, loud patrons. Add liquor to that mix and it and it creates a larger burden on the neighborhood, a quality of life issue, potential property damage and an issues for the neighborhood that UST will not address because it isn't on their property. The residents surrounding UST support UST in many ways, but an expansion of their liquor license can not be one of them.

As I said, I am 3 blocks from UST. Some time ago UST built a tall dormitory on the east edge of the football & track field, and they expanded and revamped the stadium. In the fall, winter and spring, the stadium lights shine into my bedroom full force well beyond the agreed upon 10pm shut off. In addition, the acoustics are such that I can clearly hear the game play by play and the names of every graduate during commencement ceremonies. Expanding a liquor license to sporting events could contribute to additional noise levels at outdoor events.

UST is in a residential neighborhood. It is NOT in an entertainment or commercial district.

Please remember that as you consider the request.

Best,
Marian Biehn
83 Otis Ave