From: Virginia Housum
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: License modification to license no. 20110002908/University of St. Thomas
Date: Saturday, August 9, 2025 12:19:45 PM
Attachments: obj to liquor license modification application UST 8-6-25.pdf

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Attached is my objection to the modification of UST's liquor license. Please let me know when a hearing is scheduled on this application.

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ginny.housum@gmail.com

2229 Fairmount Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55105

August 9, 2025

Legislative Hearing Officer
310 City Hall
15 West Kellogg Boulevard
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

RE: License Number 20110002908/application by the University of Saint Thomas to modify its liquor license

TO THE CITY HEARING OFFICER:

As a neighbor of the University of St. Thomas, I object to its application to modify its liquor license to permit alcohol to be served at campus events between 10 AM and midnight, with last call at 11:30. The plan to permit alcohol sales until midnight is inconsistent with and opposed to the best interest of the residential surroundings of the UST campus.

At the Xcel Arena, the sale of alcohol beverages ends at hockey games at the end of the third quarter of the game. Wild games at the Xcel Arena generally start at 7 PM, so liquor sales probably end around 10 PM for an average game. At the University of Minnesota events, liquor sales end 30 minutes before the relevant venue closes. Its games also generally start at 7 PM, so liquor sales at UofM hockey events would also be likely to stop by 10 PM.

The biggest difference between the locations for the Minnesota Wild and the UofM games, on one hand, and the University of St. Thomas games, is that the former are in commercial locations. In marked contrast, the University of St. Thomas built an arena in an entirely residential neighborhood. Since it provides limited parking for its games, St. Thomas fans will be walking through quiet residential neighborhoods, after drinking, past midnight. This will be extremely disruptive for the surrounding neighborhoods, which will have already been inconvenienced by the disruptions imposed by fans exiting the neighborhoods. What UST is proposing is that the disruptions which are already expected should be exacerbated by the noise from drinkers, leaving empty beverage containers around, and confusion of people trying to leave the neighborhood who are impaired by drinking.

Other businesses in the neighborhood close the bars at an earlier hour. In a survey of twenty restaurants and taverns within 2 miles of the UST campus, only one, Pauly's Pub at Selby and Pierce, routinely serves alcohol until midnight. Bar Cart on Grand and Snelling, serves alcohol until midnight on Friday and Saturday, and it, like Pauly's, is in the business of selling alcohol.

UST provides no justification for serving alcohol so late in the evening, and promises only to discuss new or modified conditions at the next annual license renewal. It would be more sensible to start with a less destructive schedule for sales of alcohol, and if there are no complaints, UST could then seek to expand its sales of alcohol at a later date. But as proposed, the modification sought by UST is objectionable. I would appreciate the opportunity to speak at a public hearing on this proposed disruption to a residential neighborhood.

Please contact me at the telephone number or email addresses below with any response to this objection.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Virginia Anne Housum

Virginia Anne Housum
Telephone: 612-384-6452
Email: ginny.housum@gmail.com

From: John Kingrey
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: UST Liquor Application
Date: Monday, August 11, 2025 8:02:23 AM

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Good morning. I oppose the UST liquor application as submitted to the Department of Safety and Inspections for the following reasons:

1. Outdoor sales should be prohibited.
2. Alcohol hours should be reduced.
3. There should be a drink limit per transaction to help reduce over consumption.
4. There should be a provision to require UST to pick up trash after major events.

Thank you. John Kingrey
651-690-0778

From: DAVID FEINWACHS
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: UST Liquor Application
Date: Monday, August 11, 2025 10:55:04 AM

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Good morning. I oppose the UST liquor application as submitted to the Department of Safety and Inspections for the following reasons:

1. Outdoor sales should be prohibited.

1. Alcohol hours should be reduced.

1. There should be a drink limit per transaction to help reduce over consumption.

1. There should be a provision to require UST to pick up trash after major events.

Thank you. David Feinwachs
651-690-1112

From: Sara Manulikow
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: Objection to St. Thomas liquor license application
Date: Monday, August 11, 2025 11:29:52 AM

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Hello,

As a resident who lives not even a block from the university, I strongly oppose this license being approved. Offering alcohol on the premises, will do nothing to benefit the student body, especially considering the majority of them are not of drinking age, and certainly will not benefit the residential surrounding neighborhood. I have a child, and many neighbors with young children. I do not want to have to worry about reckless behavior or driving after events. The university has put enough strain and stress on this residential neighborhood. We do not need any more.
-Sara Manulikow

Sent from my iPhone

From: Tom Moss
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: University of Saint Thomas application for a modification to its liquor license
Date: Monday, August 11, 2025 7:01:07 PM

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To the Legislative Hearing Officer
310 City Hall
15 West Kellogg Boulevard
St. Paul MN 55102

Dear Hearing Officer:

I am a 32-year resident of St. Paul, living two blocks from St. Thomas's proposed arena and I strongly object to its proposed modification of its liquor license.

This is a 5500-seat entertainment venue in the middle of a quiet residential neighborhood, that would be granted the ability to sell liquor from 10 in the morning to 11 at night, ANY day of the year. We already know that St. Thomas is planning over a hundred of its own events for the arena, and it has strong economic reasons to book the venue for any number of outside events, including major entertainment concerts as happen at the Xcel Center. Potentially EVERY night of the year.

St. Thomas has not provided any new parking for the arena, so we expect that most attendees will be parking in the immediate neighborhood — including in front of my house. On top of having no street parking for my guests, this permit expansion would mean that I have to deal with inebriated arena attendees loudly returning to their cars after every event.

The City of St. Paul has gone out of its way to grant St. Thomas any concession it has wanted for this arena. It's time to stop that, and give consideration to the surrounding neighborhood.

The St. Thomas application should be denied.

Tom Moss
175 Woodlawn Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55105
612-790-7831

From:	Craig Roen
To:	*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Cc:	Daniel Kennedy; Virginia Housum; Tom Alf
Subject:	Objection to UST Application to Expand the Terms of its Liquor License
Date:	Tuesday, August 12, 2025 7:57:06 AM
Attachments:	Roen Objections to UST"s Request to Modify Liquor License.docx Best-Practices-for-Responsible-Serving-of-Alcohol-2.pdf UST Liquor License Expansion PP Deck Presented at July HLU Comm Meeting.pdf

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Good morning Jeff:

I have attached my objection to UST's application to expand the terms of its liquor license. I have also attached two documents referenced in my objection.

In the objection itself, I asked to see UST's current license an its application to expand it. It is difficult to fully understand UST's position, and the City's response, without seeing those documents. So, I am requesting you provide those copies to me and to those cc-ed on this email.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Regards,

Craig Roen
651-329-1241

To: Jeff Fischbach, City of Saint Paul DSI Inspector, LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Re: University of Saint Thomas License Application Notice, License No. 20110002908

From: Craig M. Roen
183 Mount Curve Blvd., Saint Paul, MN. 55105
(651) 329-1241

Date: Submitted August 12, 2025

Dear Mr. Fischbach:

I write in opposition to the University of St. Thomas's (UST's) application to expand the terms of its current liquor license.

As an initial matter, I am unable to locate UST's current license. The City should make UST's existing license, as well as its application to expand it, available to the public so that we may better understand what, exactly, UST wants and the appropriateness of what appears to be the City's recommended license conditions. As the license application notice is presented, it appears the City does not oppose the expansion of UST's liquor license, but instead merely enumerates some proposed restrictions. This is concerning because it appears the City has already decided to green light the application.

According to UST's presentation at the MGCC HLU committee meeting on August 6, 2025, UST proposes to expand liquor sales to the entire grandstand at the football stadium, the Anderson arena, and to sell liquor seven days a week. I have attached UST's PowerPoint presentation for your review. Therefore, UST would be able to sell alcohol at multiple venues that draw large crowds throughout the year.

I live within two blocks of UST's South Campus. As I am sure you are aware, many St. Paul residents living close to UST have opposed the City-approved scale and the impact the new arena will have on the surrounding neighborhoods. In my view, UST and the City have taken no meaningful steps to protect the surrounding neighborhoods from UST event patrons using our neighborhood as a free parking lot. The scope of UST's application for modification of its liquor license adds insult to injury.

Should the City approve the application, UST event patrons may begin to party at 10:00 a.m., and drink alcohol sold by UST *until midnight*. *Throughout the year*. *In a residential neighborhood*. The City should not permit this. UST event patrons would be free to party all day and late into the evening, then wander back into my neighborhood, an area that the City apparently will allow UST patrons to use as a free event parking lot. Indeed, regardless of what UST has represented, UST event patrons will line our neighborhood streets during major events for three undeniable reasons: (1) it is free, (2) it is

close, and (3) it provides quicker in-and-out access than at any of UST's on-campus lots. As it is, I am regularly awakened by UST event patrons (usually students) drunkenly celebrating post-athletic events. Expanding alcohol sales will no doubt increase disturbances caused by UST's event patrons.

As to the City's recommended license conditions, they do not meet best practices, as outlined by the Hospitality Insurance Group. I have attached that document for your review. Nor does it even track with the Excel Energy Center's policy of inspecting bags and prohibiting admission to patrons who attempt to bring in beverages, including cans, glass bottles, coolers or similar containers. This policy reduces the likelihood that patrons buying alcohol at the site will also drink from their own "stash." Further, Target Center makes clear that any patron attempting to share alcoholic beverages with underage attendees will be ejected from the event and subject to arrest. Neither of these policies are specifically included in the recommended license conditions to the proposed modifications. Moreover, the City's recommendations don't even rise to the level of UST's current policies, *which it can choose to change at any time*. See, https://tommiesports.com/sports/2022/8/15/game-day-policies.

The City's recommended license conditions reference sales of liquor beginning at 10:00 a.m. and on through 11:30 p.m., allowing patrons to drink until midnight. I cannot tell if this is already allowed under the existing license (because I don't have it) or whether it, too, is a requested expansion by UST. UST made no reference to it as part of its presentation. Even if service hours are in line with UST's existing license they should be reconsidered given the dramatic increase in alcohol availability at multiple large-scale events over an expanded period.

UST wishes to greatly expand the scope of its liquor license to sell more liquor, and thus to make more money. So, I will close with this question: Is there a point at which the City will prioritize the welfare and quality of life of its residents over the economic interests of UST?

Respectfully, now would be a good time.

Regards,

Craig M. Roen

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Best Practices for Responsible Serving of Alcohol

Serving alcohol comes with a great deal of responsibility. Keeping patrons safe from harm and your establishment safe from liability is a job that falls to every employee. The failure to act responsibly may result in fines, loss of your liquor license, damage to your reputation, increased cost of insurance, or even imprisonment.

Train your staff *– Proper training of your employees will help your establishment proactively avoid alcohol related issues that might potentially occur. Awareness of how much alcohol has been served to a patron, when and by whom should be part of the training process. Proper training is a critical part of creating a responsible and accountable staff. Employees should have alcohol awareness training and complete timely recertification. Employees shall not consume alcohol before, during or after shift.

Have policies in place and posted * – Having specific policies in place and posted when it comes to alcohol can assist your employees in preventing potential problems. Putting policies in place is not difficult and it can have great benefits when an employee encounters an alcohol related issue.

Responsible Service of Alcohol Policy *- Having a written policy that outlines the process will make it easier for staff to exercise good judgement of how and when to refuse service. Have all staff sign this policy and agree to abide by its contents. This shows management's support and the seriousness of enforcement.

Check IDs - Before serving an alcoholic beverage, employees **MUST** check the identification of guests who appear to be under the age of thirty years old. If unsure, it's best to err on the side of caution. If you are caught serving a minor, you will not only face fines but risk losing your liquor license for a few days or longer. An ID scanner is preferred, but at a minimum a birthdate calendar should be posted to easily identify date of birth. *

Use a measuring device on all mixed drinks – Using standard measures for pouring drinks can be very helpful in maintaining a level of consistency can help avoid alcohol-related issues.

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Best Practices for Responsible Serving of Alcohol Continued

Do not serve visibly intoxicated customers * – It is important that not only bartenders, but all servers, are watchful and know when to say "enough." If they are slurring words or unsteady, these are indicators that the customer should not be served alcohol. Sometimes it is hard to tell when a customer has had enough but alcohol awareness training programs can help. If a customer comes into your establishment and is already looking like they have had enough, it is your right and obligation to not serve them. The customer might not be happy, but an unhappy customer is easier to deal with than the risk of them harming themselves, disrupting the bar or causing an innocent person harm.

Communication - After a customer has been refused service, let the other servers and bartenders working know about the refusal so they do not mistakenly serve the individual another drink.

Documentation * - Secure the receipt, document contact information of witnesses and key details as soon as you become aware of an incident. Documentation is tangible evidence that should be preserved upon learning of an incident.

Surveillance Video - If something happens at your establishment, you should review and safeguard the surveillance tapes for at least three (3) years. Be sure to copy the surveillance footage prior to recycling the tape.

Safe mode of transport from the premises – Have a designated driver policy or an alternate mode of transportation, Uber, Lyft or Taxi service readily available for those patrons who should not be behind the wheel. Allow customers to keep their car parked in your lot overnight without fear of being towed or ticketed.

Last Call - Consider an earlier last call, offering free nonalcoholic beverages and providing plenty of time for patrons to have their last drink before the establishment closes.

Closing the establishment- No patrons should be on the premises after the establishment is closed.

Sell alcohol responsibly - If you are not sure, DON'T SERVE!

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August 5, 2025

Donn Waage
2229 Fairmount Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55105

Legislative Hearing Officer
310 City Hall
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
Dear Sir:

I am writing to protest the University of St. Thomas Revised Liquor License application. I am not opposed to St Thomas selling alcohol, but I believe it should conform to the restrictions of similar sports/events venues. Recommended License Condition 6 would allow sales between 10:00 a.m. and midnight with last call at 11:30 p.m.

In contrast the Minnesota Wild Visitors Guide states:

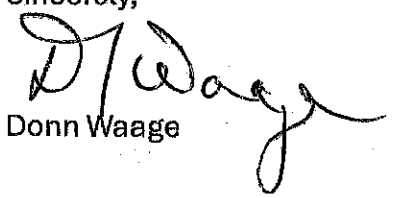
> "Alcohol sales (including beer, spirits and wine) on the concourse ends during the third period of Minnesota Wild games and no later than one (1) hour prior to the scheduled end of concerts and other events."

The University of Minnesota's policy of alcohol from the University Policy Library states:

> "Sales of alcoholic beverages will stop at least 30 minutes before the licensed venue closes."

Presumably these experienced institutions do not want fans staying around and getting increasingly intoxicated. Allowing fans to continue to drink and toddle out onto the streets increases the burden on neighborhoods and the Saint Paul police. It is important to recognize that UST's Environmental Assessment Worksheet stated that hundreds of cars will park in local neighborhoods for every game. Allowing drinking at the end of and following the game would increase the likelihood of neighborhood noise and disruption, increases risks to both pedestrians and drivers, and increases the need for a police presence well after most game traffic has dispersed. Please do not allow this non-profit University to place undue burdens on the neighborhoods and the City

Sincerely,



Donn Waage

From: Victoria Stewart
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: Expanding alcohol use at UDT events
Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 11:04:31 AM

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I write to express my firm opposition to any expansion of the serving of alcohol at events at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. UST is located in the middle of neighborhoods filled with families and children. Alcohol consumption is totally inconsistent with the safety of these children and their parents. The changes proposed by UST would hugely expand the numbers of people, places and occasions on which alcohol would be served. Please vote NO on any proposal to expand alcohol use at UST events.

Sincerely,
Victoria Stewart
124 Montrose Place
St. Paul, MN 55104

From: Gail Lundeen Brand
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: Do not expand UST liquor license
Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 11:57:10 AM

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Many of the community's complaints come from the overconsumption of alcohol and the resultant loud inconsiderate behavior. Do not reinforce the idea that spectator sports must have alcohol. It is impossible to monitor at a sports event and will be hard on the neighborhood when drunks go searching for their cars.

From: Katie Tuma
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: Please think of the children!
Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 12:02:06 PM

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Children should always be our main focus in life.

They replicate adult behavior. And that includes drinking and driving.

As I am sure you have experienced many gatherings business art and otherwise have moved to hosting without alcohol as it is detrimental to society.

Think of all of the Native American lives it has impacted when given as a “gift” for Land
Think of all the wealthy white American lives it has impacted
All negatively.

If you can think ahead in this world. Then you can imagine a world when we don’t have to deal with all of this and worry about the accidents the drunk driving lawsuits.

If this kind of behavior is not encouraged our children and all will be more healthy.

What if St. Thomas could be a leader in the world to stand up against this behavior and become known for supporting alcohol free events for families even at the loss of $ but will gain positive power in the world.

But of course I know this would never happen.
Good Luck and please think of this email when the first person is hit and killed by the St.Thomas arena.

Sincerely,
Katie Clements Tuma

From: Linda Van Egeren
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: UST expanded liquor license application
Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 3:16:51 PM

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I live near UST and strongly object to an expansion of their liquor license. I'm not opposed to UST allowing students who are eligible to drink to have access to alcohol but it's important to keep the restrictions in place for the safety of the students and the surrounding community. UST has not explained why they want to lift the restrictions. It seems unreasonable to lift restrictions without any rationale for doing so. I will say overall UST has not been a responsible member of the community. As a result I don't have much confidence that UST will take responsibility for any potential negative consequences due to the expansion of their liquor license . I ask that the council not grant their liquor application expansion and/or that UST have clear responsibility for any resultant problems. It's unacceptable that UST contracts with Levy, a corporation that has a very poor track record in other cities for wage gouging, discrimination, etc. Shows poor ethics and integrity for UST to propose entering into a contract with such a company!

Linda Van Egeren
511 Desnoyer Avenue
St Paul, MN 55104
651-647-9515
lvanegeren@gmail.com

From: Nick Boetticher
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: Modification of existing liquor on sale - 291
Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 3:52:56 PM

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I am a resident at 2208 Goodrich Ave., directly across the street from the areas in question. I object to this license application. The St. Thomas sports facilities in their present state are disruptive both from the standpoint of increased traffic on Goodrich with buses idling in the middle of the street, and noise from PA systems. The addition of an 6000 seat arena with alcohol sales to this mix can only make matters worse, with the addition of intoxicated pedestrians and drivers. This is a direct threat to the safety of everyone in the neighborhood, and should be rejected as such.

Sincerely,

Nick Boetticher

From: DIANE HRON
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: RE: expansion of UST liquor license
Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 4:32:53 PM

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Dear Legislative Hearing Officer:

I'm a neighbor of the University of St. Thomas, and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposed expansion of alcohol sales to O'Shaughnessy Stadium and the new Anderson Arena.

These venues are right next to homes like mine. On game days, our neighborhood already deals with traffic, noise, litter, public urination, and parking overflow — all without alcohol being served. Allowing liquor sales to thousands of attendees will only make these issues worse.

UST has not added parking or taken meaningful steps to reduce its impact on the surrounding community. In fact, it has removed parking and built bigger venues, despite its residential setting.

When UST last expanded its license in 2023, it promised that alcohol would be served only at small, private events. That balance worked. What they're asking for now is a major shift that puts university profits ahead of neighborhood livability.

Please deny this application and help preserve the quality of life in our community.

Sincerely,

Diane Hron

651-497-5978

From: Del Hansen
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Cc: Gail; Del Hansen
Subject: Objection: St. Thomas Liquor License
Date: Thursday, August 14, 2025 9:09:36 AM

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Hello Jeff,

I am writing to object to St. Thomas's request to expand their liquor license and to raise concerns about the City's process for soliciting feedback.

Liquor License Concerns

- **Excessive Hours:** Allowing alcohol sales until 11:30 p.m. at all events in both stadiums conflicts with public-health guidance. The CDC's Community Preventive Services Task Force and the World Health Organization recommend restricting sales hours to reduce excessive drinking and related harm[1][2]. Most professional venues (e.g., MLB) cut off sales well before games end, typically around 75 % of game time[3].
- **Youth Events:** The proposal appears to permit sales during high-school sports and other youth activities. Research links alcohol use at sporting events to higher rates of injury, violence, and emergency medical calls[4][5].
- **Public Safety:** The venues' proximity to Cretin Avenue and a challenging intersection increases the risk of pedestrian accidents when alcohol consumption is extended.
- **Expanded Areas:** Adding "blue" map zones—including student housing—introduces harder-to-monitor spaces, raising the likelihood of neighborhood disturbances.

Process Concerns

- Notice arrived August 5 with a very short response window.
- Many neighbors did not receive notice; others received duplicates.
- The map lacked a legend or explanation of current vs. proposed permissions, making evaluation difficult.

Conclusion
Given the documented risks and insufficient community engagement, I urge the City to reject this expansion and improve future notification processes.

Thank you,

Del & Gail Hansen

651-338-2035

References:

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5. Kypri, K. et al. "Alcohol-related harm in sports settings: A systematic review." *Addiction*, 2009. ↩

From: Elizabeth Burr
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: statement on UST"s application to expand its liquor license
Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 7:43:03 PM

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Greetings,

Please note that as a neighbor living within five blocks of UST, I am strongly opposed to any expansion of UST's liquor license beyond its status in 2023.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Burr
651-699-6407

From: Lynette Sikora
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Cc: Lynette Sikora
Subject: University of St Thomas Expanded Liquor License, Vote NO
Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 7:19:13 PM

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To the City of St Paul Legislative Hearing Officer,

No to the University of St Thomas's request for an expanded liquor license. I'd be extremely disappointed with the city if it complies. There are plenty of commercial areas within the city that offer this type of beverage service, UST campus should not be one of them. Keep in mind, we are the City of St Paul not the City of St Thomas.

Like many St Paul citizens, I opposed construction of the UST Anderson Arena because of the traffic disruption it will cause and the irreparable harm it will do to these non-commercial quiet residential neighborhoods surrounding the campus. Help to prevent this area from becoming another Dinkytown. Please be mindful that the time to vote NO is now rather than be faced with reversing the decision in 10-20 years after the harm is done. (Think I-94 corridor and the Rondo Neighborhood).

In many neighborhood discussions with UST, one specifically recorded during a neighborhood Union Park Zoom call, Amy McDonough, UST Chief of Staff accompanied by Jerome Benner, UST Director of Community and Neighborhood Relations assured us that alcohol is rarely served on campus and absolutely would not be served in the arena. She also told us there were no plans for rentals in the arena. Naturally an expanded liquor license opens the doors to lucrative concerts and events.

UST has not been forthcoming with neighborhood groups regarding what it will and won't do for the sole purpose of swaying the city to lean towards their vision and ultimately gain a YES vote even if it requires UST to lie. I strongly oppose any expansion of the UST liquor license. Given UST's ongoing deceptions regarding the arena the City of St Paul must decline the UST application for an expanded license.

Vote NO in service to retaining the integrity of the communities surrounding the University of St Thomas. This is your opportunity to stand with the citizens you serve. Again, this is the City of St Paul not the City of Thomas.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Erickson-Sikora
173 Montrose Place St Paul
August 13, 2025

From: Steve Sikora
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: UST Liquor License
Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 6:58:57 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I'd like to express my extreme displeasure that the University of St Thomas is even applying to the city for an expanded liquor license. And I'll be extremely disappointed with the City of St Paul if it complies.

Like many of my neighbors, I opposed the construction of UST's Anderson Arena, because of the regular traffic disruptions it will cause and the irreparable harm it will do to the quiet residential neighborhoods surrounding campus. To pacify us and distract from the obvious looming threats, UST suggested that the arena would almost never be filled, hardly used for most of the year and that alcohol would not be served at any time.

In the many neighborhood discussions with UST, and one specifically recorded during a neighborhood Union Park Zoom call Amy McDonough, UST Chief of Staff accompanied by Jerome Benner, Director of Community and Neighborhood Relations assured us that alcohol is rarely served on campus and absolutely would not be served in the arena. She also told us there were no plans for arena rentals, not in the foreseeable future. Just wait. Alcohol opens the door to concerts and a variety of events that will be used to generate revenue during the non-sports season.

Given the many, premeditated lies regarding the arena and its impacts on the neighborhood already put forth by UST, we strongly oppose any expansion of the UST liquor license. The City of St Paul must decline the UST application for an expanded license.

Steve Sikora
173 Montrose Place, St Paul

From: Patrice Werner
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: UST and liquor
Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 6:22:50 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I live on Goodrich Avenue, across from UST's south campus. St Thomas has steamrolled many projects that affect my quality of life. The expanded liquor license application is ANOTHER effort to roll right over the neighborhood.

I understand it is their property. However, what UST does has a strong impact on my neighborhood. UST agrees to the stipulations when it wants to obtain variances for proposed plans. Once they secure the go-ahead, they DO NOT FOLLOW THROUGH with their end.

An excellent example: the driveway directly across from my home. They kept their heads down, didn't report the improvements to the building TWICE. Now they say, "We don't want to". Where's the entity to enforce the agreements?

Would the liquor be mainly served to donors? I don't believe anything UST offers as an explanation for the permit.

Once again, St Paul has let me down. Many UST projects have been rubber-stamped. My neighbors are selling their homes to get away from the wolf at our door.

How can this happen? Do they pay any taxes to the city or the state? I do.

Patrice Werner
2240 Goodrich Avenue
(651)214-3007

From:	Tom Alf
To:	*CI-StPaul LH-Licensing
Cc:	Daniel Kennedy; Virginia Housum; Craig Roen
Subject:	University of St Thomas License Application Notice, License No. 20110002908
Date:	Thursday, August 14, 2025 11:16:53 AM
Attachments:	250811 TK Alf Comments to DSI re UST Liquor License Applicantion.docx

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Jeff Fischbach,

Attached are our objections and comments re: the issuance of UST License Application Notice, License No. 20110002908. Would you please confirm the receipt of this email?

Thank you,
Tom and Karen Alf
2252 Fairmount Ave
651 226-1467

To: Jeff Fischbach, City of Saint Paul DSI Inspector, LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Re: University of Saint Thomas License Application Notice, License No. 20110002908

From: Tom and Karen Alf – 2252 Fairmount Ave, Saint Paul, MN. 55105; 651 226-1467

Date: Submitted August 14, 2025

We oppose St Thomas's application to significantly expand the service area of its liquor license. The 2023 liquor license did not include O'Shaughnessy Stadium and the Lee and Penny Anderson Arena, both of which can hold over 5,000 people. Previously, their stated purpose for a liquor license was primarily to serve donor events which usually would not exceed 250 people and would not be attended by students. The proposed liquor license would expand service to include up to 5,000 fans, including students, for 6 home football games (plus playoffs) and 66 home mens and womens hockey/basketball games – a substantial change to the scope and purpose of their 2023 liquor license.

Now that the arena is nearly completed, UST now describes the arena as a Sports and Entertainment complex rather than as just a sports arena. During the arena project approval process, very little mention was made of the significance of using the arena for Entertainment events. As an entertainment center, we will likely see **dozens** of events in addition to the 66 hockey and basketball events. Unlike Excel Energy Center, US Bank arena and the University of MN arenas, the UST Sporting/Entertainment Center is surrounded by residential housing.

UST already uses our residential streets for their own offsite parking needs. With the opening of the Anderson arena this October, surrounding neighborhood streets will be filled with arena attendees' cars. Adding an expanded liquor license that will include students will just exacerbate the problem.

Again, we oppose the proposed expansion of alcohol service to O'Shaughnessy Stadium and the Anderson sports and entertainment arena. However, if the City approves these additions, we strongly suggest the following key conditions be added to the license:

1. Alcohol service does not **c**ommence more than 30 minutes before the start of each event or before 12:00pm, whichever is earlier.
2. No alcohol service after the start of the second half for football and basketball games and the start of the third period for hockey (the same conditions as the University of MN).
3. No alcohol served after 10:00pm.
4. Maximum of one drink per transaction.
5. Attendees searched before entry; no outside alcohol permitted.

6. UST collects all alcoholic containers at the point of exit where attendance is greater than 500.
7. No alcohol servers under the age of 21.
8. Patrons sharing alcohol with an underage person shall be ejected from the event and arrested.
9. Within 24 hours of any event over 1,000 attendees, UST will pick up trash in residential areas within 4 blocks of campus.

Sincerely,

Tom and Karen Alf
2252 Fairmount Ave
651 226-1467
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From: Terrance Brueck
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: OBJECTION TO LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION OF UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS
Date: Thursday, August 14, 2025 6:39:29 PM

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To: City of Saint Paul - Licensing,

I live on Summit Avenue directly across from the Seminary and recently constructed UST arena. I already deal with the attendance and parking congestion at UST fall football games. The arena will surely be another significant impact to the neighborhood with wintertime basketball and hockey events several times a week.

The University of St. Thomas (UST) seeks a massive expansion of its alcohol service area. UST's current license expanded in 2021 and again in 2023 to include venues that hold several hundred people. Now UST wants to serve liquor in O'Shaughnessy Stadium and the Lee & Penny Anderson Arena, each of which hold over 5,000 people. Both venues are situated within feet of single-family homes in multiple directions, and neither provides sufficient parking. O'Shaughnessy Stadium also has no sound barrier. Unlike venues in downtown settings, alcohol sales on a large scale will have a direct adverse effect on the surrounding neighborhood.

Looking at the specifics of UST's proposal, it is evident that UST's priorities benefit UST only and make no attempt to address its residential setting. The proposal contains no meaningful attempt to limit the amount of alcohol consumption, the hours of consumption, noise levels, or the behavior of those who consume.

The legislative hearing officer, the administrative law judge, and the city council should all deny UST's application for this broad expansion of alcohol service in a residential community.

Terrance M. Brueck
2279 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: dnmalf@aol.com
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Cc: Craig Currie
Subject: Liquor License Application of University of St Thomas
Date: Thursday, August 14, 2025 5:03:42 PM

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We are Diane Malfeld and Craig Currie. We live at 84 N. Mississippi River Boulevard. We support the Objection to Liquor License Application of Advocates for Responsible Development. We anticipate that UST will offer assurances about actions it may take to address the concerns of the residents in the neighborhoods who will be affected. Based on the assurances contained in the Environmental Assessment Worksheets regarding actions to be taken by UST to mitigate negative effects on residents near its venues, we would anticipate nothing would be included that would constitute a binding commitment. Accordingly, the City of St. Paul must impose specific binding requirements, and not merely accept UST's general assurances, to meaningfully mitigate the reasonably foreseeable adverse effects arising from any expansion of UST's liquor license.

Respectfully,
Diane Malfeld and Craig Currie

From: Kelly Vinson-Taylor
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: UST"s Liquor License Expansion
Date: Friday, August 15, 2025 8:26:01 AM

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Hello...I'm writing to express my strong objection to the University of St. Thomas expanding their liquor license.

Up until Dec. 2024, we lived at 2127 Dayton Ave. one block from the University near the football stadium. We lived there for 20 years and decided to sell our beloved home and leave St. Paul in large part due to UST's negative impact on the neighborhood. We have experienced property damage on game days (our car quarter panel was kicked in by an attendee), party buses picking up and dropping off large crowds of students on our street corner, and spectators urinating on our lawn, which did not make it conducive to family living. Given UST's lack of commitment to acknowledge and address the university's impact on the neighborhood and the impending building of the arena, we felt we had no choice but to leave St. Paul.

The University of St. Thomas is not a good neighbor and for this reason I strongly object.

Kelly Vinson-Taylor
Former resident of 2127 Dayton Ave.

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From: Benjamin Elliott
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: UST liquor license
Date: Friday, August 15, 2025 9:39:00 AM

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Hello,
I am writing to voice my complete objection to any further expansion of UST's liquor license.

The only benefit coming from an expansion of the current license is to UST while those that live in the surrounding neighborhoods will suffer more than what we have already been exposed to. There is zero upside for residents like my family.

The UST students and alumni are a consistent problem for the surrounding residents when alcohol is involved during UST functions already… leaving their empty alcohol containers in various yards, yelling/screaming after 10pm (to the point of waking everyone within our home- children and adults alike), vomiting on our properties, or relieving themselves in our backyards.

The aforementioned is under the current license and UST would like to expand its alcohol serving capabilities… what do you think the result will be if the current safeguards/rules are relaxed or removed?

Where does UST's responsibility start and end? It doesn't appear that UST adheres to the current rules/policies/law with their current building of the hockey arena so why should any of the surrounding residents think that they will not "bend" or "unknowingly" break the rules to their benefit further?

I don't want my neighborhood to be plagued further by more alcohol fueled events when I am disgusted with the current level. I am opposed to ANY expansion of UST's liquor license and would submit that when a university focuses on expanding it's potential for alcohol sales instead of educating students something is wrong.

Benjamin Elliott
2195 Summit Ave

Sent from my iPhone

From: Patricia Rowley
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: UST Liquor License expansion
Date: Friday, August 15, 2025 10:31:02 AM

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I live within 300 feet of the UST stadium and register an emphatic NO to the proposed expansion of the UST liquor license. This is a quiet residential neighborhood that already puts up with crowds, traffic and noise from the University's events. Adding alcohol to the mix in more and more places on campus is going too far.

Allowing outside groups to serve alcohol should never be permitted; the University is an educational institution, not a tavern.

Patricia Rowley
24 Otis Avenue
St. Paul

From: trowell@q.com
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Cc: trowell@q.com
Subject: Revised License Application 20110002908
Date: Friday, August 15, 2025 2:21:15 PM
Attachments: St Thomas Liquor License Expansion Comment August 15 2025.docx

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Hello, My objections to the Revised License Application for 20110002908 are attached.
Regards, T. Rowell

Timothy Rowell

2040 Laurel Ave

St. Paul, MN 55104

August 15, 2025

Legislative Hearing Officer

310 City Hall

15 West Kellogg Blvd

Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Legislative Hearin Officer, I am opposed to the expansion of the St. Thomas University Liquor License.

St. Thomas University was granted an expansion to their liquor license in November 2021, SR21-200.

Seventeen months later St. Thomas University was granted another expansion to their liquor license in April 2023, SR23-69, that further expanded the area of the sale of liquor.

Now, a little over two years later, St. Thomas is back again asking for another expansion of the liquor service area.

St. Thomas University should work within the confines of the current license.

I am also opposed to the addition of serving alcohol on Sunday. We have people wandering our street and neighborhood for St. Thomas' sporting and other events. I would be disappointed to now see people that have been drinking wandering to their parked cars on a Sunday afternoon. Our neighborhood deserves a break for one day on the weekend.

I have lived in this neighborhood for over twenty years and have put up with the student and alumni antics. I fail to see the benefit to Saint Paul and its' residents to allow St. Thomas to expand the liquor service area.

St. Thomas University has expanded in **many ways** over the years and neighborhood has endured enough.

Regards, Tim Rowell

From: Daniel Kennedy
To: *CI-StPaul LH-Licensing
Subject: Objection to License No. 20110002908, University of St. Thomas Liquor License Expansion
Date: Friday, August 15, 2025 2:44:20 PM
Attachments: ARD Objection to UST Liquor Application.pdf

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

OBJECTION TO LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION
OF UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS

TO: City of St. Paul Legislative Hearing Officer
FROM: Advocates for Responsible Development, [1]
info@advocates4rd.org
RE: The University of St. Thomas's application for an expansion of its liquor license
Date: August 15, 2025

The University of St. Thomas (UST) seeks a *massive expansion* of its alcohol service area.[2] UST's 2011 license expanded in 2021 and again in 2023 to include 21 venues that hold several hundred people. Now UST wants to serve liquor in O'Shaughnessy Stadium and the Lee & Penny Anderson Arena, each of which hold more than 5,000 people. Both venues abut single-family homes in multiple directions, and neither provides sufficient parking. Additionally, O'Shaughnessy Stadium has no sound barrier. Unlike venues in downtown settings, alcohol sales on a large scale will have a direct adverse effect on the surrounding neighborhood.

The status quo is that UST is not permitted to serve alcohol at its 5,025-seat football stadium or its 5,324-seat basketball/hockey arena. That baseline, serving alcohol at private functions but not at athletic events, is in line with the other universities in St. Paul that share residential settings with single-family houses, duplexes, and small apartment buildings. It balances each university's desire to entertain selected groups of individuals who support the university with the neighborhood's desire to keep the effects of alcohol consumption on the campuses. Those universities do not serve alcohol at athletic events.

In 2011, UST applied for a liquor license to serve alcohol in nine outdoor locations. The city allowed UST to serve at three outdoor venues, then to expand to nine in the following year. As a condition, the city required UST to pick up litter on adjacent residential streets after events.

In 2021, the city allowed UST to add six additional serving sites to its liquor license, but dropped the litter pick-up requirement. At the legislative hearing, UST's representative assured the hearing officer that "the average person consuming alcohol is 65 years of age as the alcohol is being served at donor and alumni events, and there are very few students involved in these events or drinking on campus." Legislative Hearing Minutes, November 15, 2021. He also

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[1] Advocates for Responsible Development is a registered 501(c)(3) organization with over 300 members, most of whom live within blocks of the University of St. Thomas. ARD successfully challenged the Environmental Assessment Worksheet prepared for UST's Anderson Arena.

[2] In order to submit an appropriate objection, ARD has requested from the city a copy of UST's license application. The request was made both to city staff and through the data practices portal. So far, the city has refused to provide access to the application. This objection is being submitted late in the day on the last day that objections are permitted. ARD objects to the public notice that was provided without a copy of the application, and the city's subsequent refusal to provide a copy of the application.

represented that there would be no student concessions of alcohol at baseball and football games, and that UST does not sell any alcohol ever. *Id*. at 8.

In 2023, the city allowed UST to add another six serving sites to its liquor license. UST represented that "[t]he events where we are serving alcohol on campus are primarily donor events. They don't involve students. These events are really by invitation only and is [sic] not open to just anybody who could attend. Before football games there is an event solely for alumni as well. This is not in the stadium. It's a much smaller group." Legislative Hearing Minutes, April 17, 2023, at 3.

The city approved UST's expansions of its liquor license because UST repeatedly assured the city that it was striking a balance between its desire to entertain donors and the neighborhood's need to maintain a livable residential community. UST's present application rejects that balance. It would expand alcohol service to thousands beyond those who support the university – in fact, the visiting team's fans *oppose* UST. But it is profitable: UST would make a lot of money by selling alcohol.

Advocates for Responsible Development (ARD) opposes this expansion of UST's liquor license. UST is fully aware that it comprises part of a residential neighborhood and is zoned H2 for residential purposes, but it consistently prioritizes its desires over the needs of the community. Its successive decisions to build larger facilities to increase its commuter student population and now its athletic programs should not come at the expense of those who reside across the street and down the block. UST should be required to take an active role in internalizing its spillover effects instead of being permitted to increase those effects by serving alcohol to thousands. In the trade-off between UST's financial gain and the neighborhood's livability, UST's reach for profits should not limit the city's ability to determine that the current balance between UST's interests and the community's interests should not be disturbed.

As recently as 2023, the city limited UST's alcohol service at football games to the Fowler Veranda (238 seats) that is further from residences and hosts alumni donors. The stadium has not changed since that decision. Since then, UST has taken no action to internalize the effects of its football games; thousands of spectators still fill neighborhood streets and make noise, drop litter, trample vegetation, urinate, and otherwise disrupt the lives of the residents. This is *without* general service of alcohol. UST has not added on-campus parking; rather, it eliminated 392 spaces recently on its South Campus to build more buildings. Why would the city greatly expand the previously approved license when UST has already made it worse for the community? Serving alcohol at games will only exacerbate the situation.

Looking at the specifics of UST's proposal, it is evident that UST's priorities benefit UST only and make no attempt to address its residential setting. The proposal contains no meaningful attempt to limit the amount of alcohol consumption, the hours of consumption, noise levels, or the behavior of those who consume.

To disguise the problem its license expansion will create, UST understates its event attendance figures to far below the seated capacity. Claiming that the existing problems arise even though the stadium has not been full does not support UST's request to serve alcohol to a full stadium.

UST once packed O'Shaughnessy Stadium with 12,483 fans — a financial boon for UST and a day of siege for the neighborhood that serves as UST's parking lot. UST can add seats when needed and should be limited (with or without alcohol) to its "normal" seated capacity. Hockey and basketball are moving to bigger venues, hockey is switching to a league with more local opponents, and UST is announcing record numbers of new students without building new dorms. UST's liquor license application would magnify its growing adverse effects on the community.

The University of Minnesota has Division I athletics with alcohol service, but is different in at least two important ways:

	University of Minnesota	University of St. Thomas
Parking	UM provides its own on-campus parking; few if any spectators park in residential neighborhoods. 12,500 students live on campus; adjacent private dorms house thousands more	UST provides slightly more than 1,000 on-campus parking spaces. This leaves thousands of spectators parking in the neighborhood in front of someone's home.
Crowd Noise	UM's Huntington Bank Stadium is blocks from the nearest non-dorm residence.	O'Shaughnessy Stadium sits on UST's property line, directly across the street from single-family homes.

In other words, more liberal policies may be appropriate for UM because it keeps its crowd problems to itself. The University of Minnesota publishes the following policies on alcohol at sporting events:

1. Alcohol service does not commence earlier than 30 minutes before start of event.
2. No service after start of second half (basketball & football) or after start of third period (hockey) or after start of seventh inning (baseball/softball).
3. Maximum of two alcoholic drinks per transaction.
4. On-site security guards at serving stations and exits.
5. Only government-issued IDs with name, photo, and DOB are accepted as proof of age.
6. Attendees searched before entry; no outside alcohol permitted.
7. Service of alcohol without sales must be limited to private departmental events.

ARD advocates for the addition of the following conditions to the list of conditions attached to the public notice regarding UST's application for a liquor license:

1. Alcohol service must not commence earlier than 30 minutes before start of event.
2. No alcohol service after start of second half of football games (Fowler Veranda).
3. Maximum of one alcoholic drink per transaction.
4. Only government-issued IDs with name, photo, and DOB are accepted as proof of age.
5. Attendees must be searched before entry; no outside alcohol permitted.
6. Service of alcohol without sales must be limited to private UST departmental events.
7. No provision of alcohol other than nonintoxicating malt liquor (such as 3.2% beer) where attendance exceeds 250 people.
8. On-site security guards at alcohol serving stations and exits where attendance exceeds 250 people.
9. No provision of alcohol later than 10:00 p.m. where attendance exceeds 250 people.

10. No provision of alcohol earlier than 12:00 p.m. or 30 minutes before the event, whichever is earlier, where attendance exceeds 250 people.
11. No provision of alcohol at or near the exits to the venue.
12. All alcohol containers must be collected by UST at the point of event exit.
13. Employees should receive full training before their start date (not later as proposed) and annually thereafter.
14. No alcohol servers may be under the age of 21 years old.
15. Any patron sharing alcohol with an underage person shall be ejected from the event and turned over to police officers for arrest.
16. No advertising alcohol sales for a discounted price.
17. No alcohol service should be permitted at North Athletic Field; baseball games have moved to Highland Bridge fields.

As noted above, ARD opposes any expansion of alcohol sales to O'Shaughnessy Stadium and Anderson Arena. But if the city approves such sales, the following additional conditions should apply:

18. No alcohol service later than 30 minutes before the end of any event and not after the start of the second half (football & basketball) or after the start of the third period (hockey).
19. The event attendance may not exceed the venue's seated capacity: O'Shaughnessy Stadium/Fowler Veranda/Palmer Athletic Field (5,025, per UST's website); Anderson Arena hockey (4,005, per Environmental Assessment Worksheet); Anderson Arena basketball (5,324, per EAW).
20. Alcohol service in O'Shaughnessy Stadium and Anderson Arena is limited to athletic events in which a UST team participates.
21. Within 24 hours of the end of each event with attendance exceeding 1000 people, UST will pick up trash in streets, sidewalks, and boulevards from residential properties within four blocks of UST's campus.

These final four conditions would not make alcohol sales at O'Shaughnessy Stadium or Anderson Arena acceptable; they would only diminish the adverse effects of alcohol service on the community in limited and easily achievable ways.

The decision before the city is whether it prioritizes the desire of UST to profit from alcohol sales over the desire of the community to keep UST's problems on campus. UST's business model externalizes the effects of its overpopulation throughout the neighborhood, and mass alcohol sales will weaponize that dynamic. The city should maintain the current balance existing at UST and other St. Paul universities and permit alcohol service only at private functions.

UST's application will likely go before a legislative hearing officer, an administrative law judge, and the city council. All of them should deny UST's application for this broad expansion of alcohol service in a residential community.

Sincerely,

Daniel L. M. Kennedy
President, Advocates for Responsible Development

From:	Craig Roen
To:	*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject:	Fwd: Objection to UST Application to Expand the Terms of its Liquor License
Date:	Friday, August 15, 2025 3:11:12 PM
Attachments:	Roen Supplemented Objections to UST"s Request to Modify Liquor License.docx Objection to UST Application to Expand the Terms of its Liquor License.pdf Roen Objections to UST"s Request to Modify Liquor License.docx Best-Practices-for-Responsible-Serving-of-Alcohol-2.pdf UST Liquor License Expansion PP Deck Presented at July HLU Comm Meeting.pdf

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Hello Jeff:

Please find attached my supplemental objection to UST's liquor license application and related pdf. Please confirm receipt.

Regards,

Craig Roen
651-329-1241

Begin forwarded message:

From: Craig Roen <craig.roen@icloud.com>
Subject: Objection to UST Application to Expand the Terms of its Liquor License
Date: August 12, 2025 at 7:56:14 AM CDT
To: LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us
Cc: Daniel Kennedy <info@advocates4rd.org>, Virginia Housum <ginny.housum@gmail.com>, Tom Alf <tompops42@gmail.com>

Good morning Jeff:

I have attached my objection to UST's application to expand the terms of its liquor license. I have also attached two documents referenced in my objection.

In the objection itself, I asked to see UST's current license an its application to expand it. It is difficult to fully understand UST's position, and the City's response, without seeing those documents. So, I am requesting you provide those copies to me and to those cc-ed on this email.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Regards,

Craig Roen
651-329-1241

To: Jeff Fischbach, City of Saint Paul DSI Inspector, LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Re: Supplemented Objection to University of Saint Thomas License Application Notice, License No. 20110002908

From: Craig M. Roen
183 Mount Curve Blvd., Saint Paul, MN. 55105
(651) 329-1241

Date: Submitted August 15, 2025

Dear Mr. Fischbach:

Please consider this document a supplement to my objection sent to you on August 12, 2025, regarding the University of St. Thomas's (UST's) application to expand the scope of its current liquor license.

It is becoming ever more apparent that the granting of an expanded liquor license to UST, under its current terms, would be an arbitrary and capricious act by the City. Here is why: A records search shows that in 2023, UST was granted a liquor license to serve alcohol at smaller events and/or to smaller groups of patrons. That license was issued subject to what appears to be an insufficient, boilerplate set of restrictions. Two short years later, UST seeks a massive expansion of that license, which would allow sales to literally thousands of event patrons, seven days a week, and dozens of times a year. Yet it would be subject to the *exact same insufficient boilerplate restrictions*. There appears to be no rationale for this.

Clearly, no thought has gone into addressing the exponentially larger safety issues that come with the exponentially larger sales of liquor. Indeed, there are no specific provisions to protect the surrounding neighborhoods. There is only a cut-and-paste, one-size-fits-all set of requirements, apparently the same that would be required of a small bar in a non-residential neighborhood. It should also be noted that UST's August 6 Power Point presentation states that alcoholic beverages sold in the Anderson Arena will be limited to premium club spaces "*in the first year*." Clearly, UST intends to expand the scope of its liquor license to eventually include the entire arena. But for the reasons stated below, we really don't know what UST has requested, so perhaps the expansion to include the entire arena is already included in its application.

I, and other residents of St. Paul, requested from the Safety and Inspections Department UST's 2025 liquor license application, the one that is the subject of this objection. These are clearly public documents. We were told by employees of that department, the same department that reviewed the application, and apparently approved

it, that they would not provide the application because they do not have it. We were directed to the City's online portal to make the request, which I have done. As of the time of this submission, I have received nothing. Because of the short time available to object, I, and other residents of St. Paul, need to review the application before the objections cut-off date. Yet we were told by a Safety and Inspections Department employee that state law only requires that it be produced in a "reasonable amount of time." In my view, a "reasonable amount of time" comes well before the cut-off date to submit objections. St. Paul residents are entitled to *all* relevant public documents so that we have *all* the available information necessary to fully understand what UST intends, and therefore to be able to make informed objections. To the extent I and other residents have been prejudiced by this foot dragging and deflection, this may be a matter to be litigated another day. In any event, the City's has failed to provide all relevant information regarding the application and therefore the process itself is flawed.

The City's failure to produced the requested documents is an apparent violation of the Minnesota Data Practices Act. However, at this late date, even if the City does produce the requested information, it has prejudiced every person's right with an interest in this matter to gain a full understanding of what UST has represented to the City and exactly what it is seeking. It seems clear that the City is not only *not* performing its oversight duties, it *is* displaying an adversarial attitude toward its own residents. I have provided an email chain with this supplemental objection that evidences the relevant communications between myself and others on the one side, and employees of Safety and Inspections on the other.

Something has gone very wrong. St. Paul's Safety and Inspections Department has not only abdicated its oversight duties, but it has also displayed a disregard for its own residents. It is deeply regrettable that this must be pointed out.

Regards,

Craig M. Roen

From: **Craig Roen** craig.roen@icloud.com
Subject: Re: Objection to UST Application to Expand the Terms of its Liquor License
Date: August 14, 2025 at 12:22 PM
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us
Cc: Daniel Kennedy info@advocates4rd.org, Virginia Housum ginny.housum@gmail.com, Tom Alf tompops42@gmail.com

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Hello Greg:

I just want to make sure I understand. Are you saying that the St. Paul Department of Safety and Inspections, which considers liquor license applications and makes its decisions, at least in part, based upon the applications, is not in possession of those applications? Are they not on any computer system you can access that houses liquor license applications?

And are you saying that St. Paul residents who wish to review such applications before a comment period ends may or may not be granted access to them in a timely manner, i.e., before the comment period cut-off date? I hope you can understand why some city residents would take issue with your position.

So, I will once again request that you provide the application we have requested *before* the objections cut-off date, which is tomorrow. Production of the requested application *after* the cut-off is patently unreasonable. If your department simply refuses to help produce that application before tomorrow, please be advised that we will make this clear to our city council member and to the mayor's office, and take whatever further steps are necessary to address this matter.

It is regrettable that your department has chosen to deflect a reasonable request made by St. Paul residents who have a compelling need for the information. I hope you will reconsider and produce the application without further delay or deflection.

Regards,

Craig Roen

> On Aug 13, 2025, at 11:19 AM, *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing <LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:
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> I do not have them in the City Council offices. Please submit this request through our data practices portal, stpaul.gov/datarequest. You can select Department of Safety and Inspections for the relevant department. The portal is not closed to the public. I can submit this request into the portal for you, if you like, but it does need to be entered there.
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> I will also not that state law requires a response within a reasonable amount of time, so you may not receive the records today.
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> Thanks,
>
> Greg Weiner
> Executive Assistant – Licensing Hearings
> Saint Paul City Council
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> **From:** Daniel Kennedy <info@advocates4rd.org>
> **Sent:** Wednesday, August 13, 2025 11:02 AM
> **To:** *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing <LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
> **Cc:** Virginia Housum <ginny.housum@gmail.com>; Tom Alf <tompops42@gmail.com>; Craig Roen <craig.roen@icloud.com>
> **Subject:** Re: Objection to UST Application to Expand the Terms of its Liquor License
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> Hi Greg,
> To state it differently, Craig Roen has made a request to view the application from the University of St. Thomas for an expansion of its liquor license. This qualifies as a request for access to government data under the Minnesota Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13. Your department is obligated by law to make that data available to Mr. Roen in a timely manner. It is not sufficient to state that it may be published later (notably, after objections to that application are due). It also would not be sufficient to refer Mr. Roen to the city's data practices portal,

which is currently closed to the public.
You have the application materials that Mr. Roen has requested, and you are obligated by law to allow access to them. Please provide access to the entire application from St. Thomas to Mr. Roen, Virginia Housum, Tom Alf, and me (all are copied on this email) by the end of the day today. Withholding that information would constitute interference with the public's ability to object to the submitted application.
Regards,
Dan Kennedy

On Tue, Aug 12, 2025 at 11:41 AM Craig Roen <craig.roen@icloud.com> wrote:

> Hi Greg:
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> The fact that we don't have access to the application until after comments are closed makes it difficult to comment on the specific terms of the application. So, if the City has it, which I assume it does, is there a reason the City will not provide it to the public?
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> I'm not trying to be difficult, but I hope you can understand my point.
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> Thx.
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> > On Aug 12, 2025, at 11:09 AM, *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing <LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:
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> > The 2025 application will be available online once the license hearing agenda is published on the city's website, which likely won't be before the public comment close date of 8/16/25.
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> > Their current license can be found at the link I sent (https://stpaul.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6175368&GUID=F2D567DE-FF8F-4F83-8368-B80DB6BB274C), since that resolution approving their license is their most recent approval. The Conditions Affidavit file has the license types and conditions, and there are maps there as well.
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> > Thanks,
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> > Greg Weiner
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> > -----Original Message-----
> > From: Craig Roen <craig.roen@icloud.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2025 9:56 AM
> To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing <LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
> Cc: Daniel Kennedy <info@advocates4rd.org>; Virginia Housum <ginny.housum@gmail.com>; Tom Alf <tompops42@gmail.com>
> Subject: Re: Objection to UST Application to Expand the Terms of its Liquor License
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> [You don't often get email from craig.roen@icloud.com. Learn why this is important at https://aka.ms/LearnAboutSenderIdentification]
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> Hell Greg:
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> Thank you for your response. Perhaps I am missing it, but the link you sent appears to apply to the UST 2023 application and approval. What I am looking for is the 2025 application and current UST liquor license. Can you direct me to them in the link you sent or otherwise just send them to me?
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> BTW, I tried calling you but received a recording that the call cannot be completed.
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> Thank you.
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>> On Aug 12, 2025, at 9:23 AM, *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing <LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:
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>> Hello,
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>> 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.
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>> The resolution approving their current license, and accompanying
>> attachments, can be found online here:
>> https://stpaul.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6175368&GUID=F2D
>> 567DE-FF8F-4F83-8368-B80DB6BB274C&Options=IDlTextl&Search=university+o
>> f+saint+thomas
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>> Best,
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>> Liquor License
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>> Good morning Jeff:
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>> I have attached my objection to UST's application to expand the terms of its liquor license. I have also attached two documents referenced in my objection.
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>> In the objection itself, I asked to see UST's current license an its application to expand it. It is difficult to fully understand UST's position, and the City's response, without seeing those documents. So, I am requesting you provide those copies to me and to those cc-ed on this email.
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>> Please confirm receipt of this email.
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>> Regards,
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>> Craig Roen
>> 651-329-1241
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