From: Jenny Semmens
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: Liquor license for St Thomas
Date: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 8:45:40 AM

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Dear Licensing board,

I am a resident on Goodrich Avenue between Finn and Cretin avenues and must strenuously oppose the granting of a liquor license to St Thomas for its sports arenas.

In addition to the horrible parking situation and the advent of large crowds that will inevitably ensue when the Lee and Penny Anderson arena is completed, our neighborhood will have to deal with the outpouring of loud and drunken sports fans.

This will just add insult to injury in my opinion. I know that the liquor license will enable St Thomas to make even more money and yet the University is not subject to the property taxes that have increased over the past years for residents.

It’s about time that the property taxes paying residents had events go our way for a change!

Regards,

Jenny Semmens

From: Sara Cassidy
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: License# 20110002908
Date: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 9:51:17 PM

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We are residents of 88 Exeter Place and oppose the liquor license application by the University of St. Thomas. Our concerns include increased noise, late-night disturbances, and traffic that would negatively affect the safety and character of our neighborhood.

We respectfully ask that you deny this application.

Sincerely,

Sara and Michael Cassidy

88 Exeter Place

Saint Paul, MN

Sent from my iPhone

From: Flannery Delaney
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: UST liquor license
Date: Thursday, August 7, 2025 4:41:43 PM

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Totally opposed to expanding USTs liquor license as it is inappropriate for a residential neighborhood. Please at least wait a year or two to see the impacts of the arena on the surrounding neighborhood before making matters worse.
Please give us a break city of St. Paul. If nothing else, it would be a goodwill gesture and demonstrate to the tax paying neighbors of UST that you care about neighborhood livability.
Thank you!
Flannery Delaney
612-2474321

From: jerome abrams
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: License No.20110002908 Add on liquor sale
Date: Friday, August 8, 2025 10:26:20 AM

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Re: Revised License Application
License Number: 20110002908
Application for: Adding Liquor On Sale

As your letter indicated, I am writing to you to object to the application for a “license for a business in [my] area”. My objection is based on the dangerous situation created by the University of St. Thomas(UST) with the construction of a 5500 seat arena for sports, entertainment, and other functions in a residential neighborhood without the infrastructure to support it. UST has explicitly stated that residential streets near the arena will be used as UST’s parking lot. The streets, saturated with parked vehicles, and unlike a shopping mall parking lot, will not have emergency vehicle access. I have provided a detailed analysis of this dangerous situation in written form to the Planning Commission, the City Council, and to Ann Blaser. At public hearings, I have provided testimony regarding this dangerous situation. Regrettably, all of these legislative bodies and individuals have ignored this dangerous situation. Simply, adjacent streets will be saturated with cars. With two sided parking and two way traffic the streets will be clogged, and emergency vehicles will have no access to the neighborhood. The clogged streets will persist for approximately 40 minutes, because the main exit, Cretin Avenue, does not have the capacity for the traffic and will be a level of service F. Please see my communication to Ann Blaser for details of the analysis. If you prefer, I would be happy to forward the analysis to you. I discussed this problem with the firefighters of Station 14, who agreed that blocked access of emergency vehicles was a significant problem. Increasing the availability of alcoholic beverages will make a dangerous situation more dangerous.

I reviewed the recommended license conditions in your communication and have objections.

Condition 1: who will enforce consumption of alcohol in the outlined areas?

Condition 2: what are the measures that will be used to ensure that sale/service/consumption of alcohol is in the designated areas, and who will enforce these measures?

Condition 3: your letter identifies an application for a license for a “business in [my]area. The licensee is indentified as “University of Saint Thomas, doing business a University of Saint Thomas”. Is, tax exempt UST, actually a commercial business in a residential zone area ?

Condition 5: who will enforce the indicated drinking age?

Condition 6: how will alcohol consumption starting at 10:00 AM, lasting until midnight, and allowed on Sundays contribute to neighborhood safety?

Condition 7: who will hold UST accountable for providing documentation in a timely manner? How will documentation of call to UST security protect the neighbors? Will controlling dangerous patron behavior in the neighborhood be the responsibility of UST security or of the St. Paul police? If the St. Paul police, will taxpayers have to additional taxes, the equivalent of a further subsidy UST, to protect themselves from

UST activities?
Condition 10: UST students already disregard parking restriction signage. When restrictions have been pointed out, students have responded with expletives. How will responsible disposal of trash be enforced?
Condition 11: how will individuals be prevented from leaving the designated locations with open alcohol containers be enforce?
The combination of increased availability of alcohol that will make a dangerous situation more dangerous and the inadequacy of the recommended license conditions to control the situation are grounds for denying the application for adding on sale liquor. Please note, the Department of Safety and Inspections has the word safety in the title. I am asking you to do your job and protect the safety of tax paying neighborhood residents. Do not approve this application.
Sincerely yours,
Jerome H. Abrams
A taxpaying resident of St. Paul
151 Woodlawn Avenue
651-249-9608

From: Gayle Breutzman
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: UST Liquor license addition
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Legislative Hearing Officer and DSI staff,

I received a notice that the University of Saint Thomas(UST) is requesting an addition to its current liquor license (license # 20110002908). As a neighborhood resident I strongly oppose this extension, although I'm convinced that the City of Saint Paul doesn't care what I, or any of the other people living in the vicinity of UST, think. I'm not even sure why the city goes through the pretense of mailing out these notifications. UST gets what it wants from the City of Saint Paul, no matter what the cost to residents in the area.

The arena has not even opened, and the City of Saint Paul has no idea of the traffic and pedestrian congestion it will cause every resident living at least within a mile of the facility. Now we will get to have drunken individuals walking and driving through our neighborhoods. Our neighbor has already been told to "fuck off" when a driver was told they could not park in a clearly labeled No Parking Zone. How violent will those encounters get when someone is under the influence of alcohol? Will there be additional police on campus to deal with such issues? The City of Saint Paul should deal with the problems that are going to arise from having an arena in the middle of a residential neighborhood before it adds alcoholic beverages to the nightmare.
Also, why would UST need to serve alcohol at 10:00 AM! And on Sundays? Does the City condone alcoholism?

The recommended conditions are ridiculous, as the City of Saint Paul does not monitor anything; certainly not at UST. No one will question whether or not the beverage buyer is 21 years of age. "UST will position trash receptacle at each exit of events attended by more that 150 individuals with signage encouraging trash to be discarded upon exit." How stupid do you think the residents of this neighborhood are?! Who is going to pick up the trash in our yards from the arena attendees who park on our neighborhood streets? Where are the exits for "outdoor events?"

Once again, I can write an opposition letter to the DSI and the City of St. Paul, but as I have seen at Planning Commission meetings and City Council meetings, the University of St. Thomas gets what it wants. Even if the Minnesota Court of Appeals rules against them, there is no consequence. UST keeps doing what it wants and the City turns a blind eye.

I will close in saying that I oppose an addition to UST's liquor license for the reasons above. Consider the neighborhood residents position on this issue for a few minutes and you might see that we have some very valid concerns.

Truthfully,
Gayle Breutzman
151 Woodlawn Ave.
St. Paul, MN