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Visit SAINT PAUL
Official Convention & Visitors Bureau

**Re: Support for Temporary Legislative Amendments Related to the 2026 World Junior Hockey Championship**

Dear Councilmembers,

On behalf of Visit Saint Paul, I'm writing in support of the proposed legislative code amendments as that would temporarily adjust certain permitting and licensing requirements during the 2026 IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship taking place from December 26, 2025 to January 5, 2026.

The World Juniors tournament will draw fans, teams, and media from around the globe to Saint Paul, providing a chance to showcase our city's energy, pride, hospitality, and love of hockey. These temporary changes will make it easier for local businesses, venues, and event partners to welcome visitors and create a fun, safe, and memorable atmosphere downtown.

The flexibility provided through these amendments, including extended park hours, later service hours, and streamlined permits, will help our community take full advantage of this international spotlight while maintaining safety and licensing requirements.

We value the City's partnership in preparing for this event and staff's willingness to find practical solutions through a "Permit Holiday" to support local businesses and the visitor experience. This approach reflects the kind of collaboration that helps Saint Paul succeed as a destination.

Visit Saint Paul fully supports these temporary amendments and looks forward to working with the City and our partners to make the 2026 IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship a proud moment for our community.

Sincerely,

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