Saint Paul
PORT AUTHORITY

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Saint Paul City Council
15 West Kellogg Boulevard
Saint Paul, MN 55102

RE: Letter of Support for World Juniors Hockey Tournament "Permit Holiday"

Dear Council President Noecker and Councilmembers:

On behalf of the Saint Paul Port Authority, I am writing in strong support of the proposed "permit holiday" ordinances related to the 2025 World Juniors hockey tournament. This international event represents a unique opportunity to spotlight Saint Paul as the dynamic and welcoming city it is — one that embraces innovation, celebrates culture and community, and supports the businesses that form the backbone of our local economy.

As the City's economic development partner, the Port Authority works every day to strengthen Saint Paul's business climate and foster opportunities for investment, job growth, and vitality. Major events like the World Juniors not only generate significant economic activity but also build momentum for long-term business confidence and community pride. Temporarily easing select permitting and licensing requirements during this period will help local businesses and event organizers respond nimbly to increased demand, creating memorable experiences for visitors, and fully leverage this moment to benefit the entire community.

We commend the City's thoughtful and collaborative approach in crafting this proposal. The balance between flexibility and oversight reflects a clear understanding of both operational realities and the importance of maintaining safety and accountability. This pragmatic approach exemplifies the spirit of partnership that drives successful economic outcomes.

The Saint Paul Port Authority is proud to support this initiative and to stand alongside the City, local businesses, and community partners in making the 2025 World Juniors a success. Together, we can make this event a celebration not just of hockey, but of everything that makes Saint Paul a great place to live, work, and visit.

Sincerely,

Todd Hurley
President and CEO
Saint Paul Port Authority