

Legislative Hearing Officer
310 City Hall
15 West Kellogg Blvd
Saint Paul, MN 55102

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Dear Legislative Hearing Officer,

I am writing to object the License Application Notification in my neighborhood.

The details of the business application is for license number 20140003751 for Liquor On Sale- 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale- Sunday, Liquor On Sale-2am at 1179 7th St E., with the licensee, East Side Industries Inc., doing business as 7th Street Saloon by Matthew Burns the owner.

I am a fairly new neighborhood home owner of property 1181 Ross Avenue and I have experienced negative outcomes from the previous Liquor business resided at address 1179 7th St E. known as the bar 'Moonshine'.

Then, I could not do anything about the existing bar, but now that I can say something about this type of business and I am objecting that this License Application for 'Liquor On Sale' is approved.

When I purchased this property it was for my elderly parents and myself. It was a quiet neighborhood at the time when I purchased the home. I did not think the small corner bar Moonshine would be a concern as it was block away, and across the busy 7th street.

Shortly after I purchased the property, Moonshine Bar, had started to become a growing concern to my elderly parents as they can hear the sounds from across the street. Their bedrooms are located to the back of the house, and they can hear the noises from Moonshine parking lot.

Some of the noises that disturbs our peace the most is the loitering of Moonshine customers outside our house as they use the Duluth Street as additional parking. When these persons return to their cars in the 1 or 2 am hours they are loud and arguing or just very disruptive. There is domestic violence at times and we have even seen illegal activities that happens outside my house because of the crowds this type of business invites and attracts.

In the morning there is cigarette and other types of litter in my yard or in the street where they parked their cars. I have called the city of Saint Paul many times to pick up trash that is left on my property sidewalk or street that I cannot discard myself.

I do not feel safe going outside to tell these people to be quiet in those 1 and 2 am hours. I do not feel safe calling the police to drive around because that is where I live and my house is the only property located on that corner they park at. I did not want to jeopardize my property being vandalized.

Shortly after these first negative experiences during the first year purchasing this property, there was a murder involving stabbing in the parking lot of Moonshine. My second year as a homeowner here, there was a shooting at Moonshine Bar involving another death and others injured. I had witness this shooting from my window on my 2nd floor of my house.

Although the news may have cited it was gang activity, it is the place that invited these types of persons. Whether it is Asian, black, white, whatever race and ethnicity, this has happened not only at Moonshine (twice) but at any liquor bar including Erik's Bar, down the street that is now demolished.

I have endured this type of activity in my neighborhood in the short time that I purchased my house to the time Moonshine closed.

There was finally peace of my mind that the bar closed because this type of business has offered violence into the neighborhood that I do not agree with nor do I support. When it closed, there was no more of these activities.

Last year, when Moonshine was still in business, I put up a privacy fence for the sake of safety and to avoid littering on my property from the people that park and go to Moonshine. But this fence will not make these types of activities go away or make the type of people that are prone to violence and drugs go away from my neighborhood.

It is the type of business that invites violence and crime into this area. Yes there is crime everywhere, but if I can prevent a stationary common hang-out place that attracts these types of activities then I would because it means that I will have a safer neighborhood, a safer community, and better health for me and my future family.

The community of Dayton's Bluff has been trying to make the 7th street area a better place, enhancing the neighborhood with projects such as Beacon Bluff businesses. It is a renewed part of the east side that I have become proud of and now a part of. I anticipate what the city of Saint Paul plans next to enhance the health and wellbeing of this neighborhood.

I myself have taken a large city fix-up loan to fix my house so that I can be a long staying part of this neighborhood. I am invested in my neighborhood, my community at Dayton's Bluff Saint Paul.

If this Liquor License Application is approved, I would not want to stay here and raise a family here. I would no longer want to invest here because of the violence and type of activities this business would invite to my neighborhood. Losing a homeowner that is invested in their community like myself is like losing all the hard earned efforts and millions of dollars that

neighborhood and government organizations has invested into programs to fix the Saint Paul community so that people like myself would be interested enough to stay in Saint Paul, and not move to a suburb. I am trying my best to make this neighborhood better. Dayton's Bluff is already a tough neighborhood, please don't approve this License application because it would ruin the chances that this neighborhood can rebuild and re-strengthen itself to a healthy safer neighborhood.

Signed,

Concerned Resident and property owner of 1181 Ross Avenue

Jenny Chang

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jenny Chang". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name "Jenny Chang".