

October 10, 2017

Dear Legislative Hearing Officer and Saint Paul City Council Members:

We are writing on behalf of the Little Bohemia Neighborhood Association (LBNA). The LBNA is a grassroots organization whose members are local residents, landlords, and business owners dedicated to developing a safe, clean, pedestrian-friendly, urban residential neighborhood. The LBNA represents an area bounded by West 7th Street to the South, Smith Avenue to the East, 35E to the North and Grace Street to the Southwest.

## The Little Bohemia Neighborhood Association would like to express its support for the granting of a Class A Entertainment License to Bad Weather Brewing Company.

On October 5, 2017 Bad Weather Brewing Company's co-founder, Joe Giambruno, joined us at our monthly LBNA meeting and presented plans for their new Entertainment License. After a lengthy discussion and follow up questioning all LBNA members in attendance unanimously agreed to support Bad Weather's license application.

Over the last three years Bad Weather Brewing Company have been great neighbors to the Little Bohemia neighborhood. Prior to opening, the owners regularly attended our monthly meetings to keep neighbors updated on their project and to address any neighbor concerns. Since opening they have continued to attend our meetings when any concerns arise and have always been proactive, respectful neighbors. Furthermore, since its opening, Bad Weather Brewing Company has added to the vibrancy of our neighborhood, creating a community gathering space that has been enjoyed by neighborhood families. Bad Weather Brewing Company consistently opens up their event space, free of charge, to host neighborhood events such as fundraisers and community meetings.

The LBNA views the granting of a Class A Entertainment License as yet another way that Bad Weather Brewing Company will continue to add to the vitality of our neighborhood. As the success of the Grand Oak Opry has demonstrated, there is a strong demand for live music experiences in our neighborhood. Having an additional venue where West 7th's thriving artist community can perform and showcase their talents will serve to add to the vibrancy of our neighborhood.

Part of the LBNA's mission is to support our local businesses. We are excited by Bad Weather Brewing Company's success and how they continue to draw people to experience all of the amazing things our neighborhood has to offer. Granting them a Class A Entertainment License will be yet another way that Bad Weather Brewing Company will continue to expose the larger community to what we think makes our neighborhood an amazing place to live, work and play.

Best,

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