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Subject: License application for French Meadow

I would like to add another condition to the license for French Meadow to extend the hours of their outdoor patio. While this restaurant is one of many restaurants on one commercial block, they all share an alley with residential properties. I would ask that you require French Meadow to turn off the decorative lighting in the patio area no later than 10:30 (30 minutes after the patio/restaurant is closed, allowing basic clean-up). The lighting remains on much longer than the restaurant is open and is quite visible through bedroom windows facing the alley.

I expect this will be acceptable, as the manager did shield their security light when asked. That VERY bright light practically spotlighted residential windows all night. I would like time limits on decorative patio lighting added to the licensing conditions just to assure that neighborhood concerns are formally addressed.

Just FYI, not relevant to this particular license application....You have no idea how the conversion of this block of Grand Avenue to so many restaurants has impacted property owners across the alley. The alley is constantly filled with delivery trucks blocking both ends of the alley, blocking residents' garages and parking areas, and the beeping of back-up alarms, blowing trash, bright night-time lighting, etc. One grease recycler has repeatedly scheduled pick-up at 3:30-4 a.m., and the banging, beeping and flashing lights make it impossible to sleep. Even though I have called and written to this company (politely, but with increasing frustration), called the City of St. Paul, and the City has clearly contacted the company, the schedule changes to the <legally required> 6 a.m. or later don't last long--soon they are back to their preferred timetable.And because every restaurant has a parking variance, the line of cars parking on Lincoln Avenue in the evenings.... well, I should stop now. As you can see, the increased noise, lighting, traffic and trash have seriously affected my ability to enjoy my own property. I'm not sure why commercial rights should be allowed to over-ride homeowners' needs to this extent. (Thanks for listening!)

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