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To All whom this Letter of Objection concern:

January 25, 2020

I live at 357 Fulton Street, the house directly opposite of the St. Paul Tap. Over the years of different ownerships of that establishment I have borne the brunt of all the problems that our neighborhood has had to put up with: brawls, shootings (my old truck taking 2 rounds), drunken behavior, rapes, people being run over, littering, loitering in front of my house, abusive and foul language, motorcycle noise (past establishments catered to the bikers), etc. etc. I have called the police many times. I have been to different meetings concerning that establishment.

First, let me say that the present management/ownership of that establishment has made an effort to make the bar more neighborhood friendly. We have not had many of the problems as we have had in the past. So I think that they have upped security and are tougher on serving those who have had enough to drink. I enjoy going in there with my family. Still it is a bar and things will happen.

The proposal is to change one item on the existing Conditions of License. They want to be able to have outdoor music. This challenges the appearance that they want to be a friendly neighborhood bar. We have put up with outdoor music—bands and amplified music—in the past. The level of the bass sound penetrates all the houses until the end of the block—even with windows closed. I strongly object to the proposed change.

I would like the city to consider the noise pollution that we have to put up with:

1. Noise and pollution from 35E.
2. Fans at AT & T switching station that many of us complained about. The City made AT & T put up a fence to contain the noise, but we would still hear the fans in our homes even with the storm windows on. (I must say that the fans may be shut off lately as I have not heard that noise.) Here the City of St. Paul let us down.
3. With the new Fire Station on West 7th we get a lot of the Emergency Vehicles going up and down Jefferson with sirens blaring. Jefferson serves as an efficient way to get to 35E and the Highland neighborhood. God bless all the life saving people!
4. The bar has a high volume of delivery trucks coming and going throughout the day. The backing up warning noise bothers many of my neighbors.
5. Tack on the recycling and trash trucks that daily visit the establishment.
6. We also have a high volume of city trucks going by during the fall busy with leaf removal as a city site is nearby.
7. In the summer we have had to listen to some rather bad karaoke from the outside part of the bar.
8. As Global Arts Plus School is at the end of our block, we have a lot of school buses coming and going too, as well as the traffic from parents who drop their kids off.

Okay. I live in a pretty noisy neighborhood. When I visit friends in other neighborhoods I often remark as to how peaceful they have it. So no to any more noise pollution.

The neighborhood lost the last battle with the present bar owner. Almost 100 percent of the neighborhood did not want to see a 2 AM closing time. The City of St. Paul went with the owner and decided in his favor—must be a revenue thing. Democracy failed and money ruled. We don't really have much confidence in our City's governing body. We love St. Paul. We love our neighborhood. We don't much like being victimized again.

Thank you for reading this. I hope the right and just thing gets done here. But we don't feel it will happen.

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