

September 1, 2020

Dear City Council –

The Payne Arcade Business Association supports the proposed ordinance change to decrease distance requirements for wine-only off sale licenses. We believe that allowing wine specialty stores to open in closer proximity will expand retail vitality and help create a vibrant retail scene on the East Side and in neighborhoods like ours across the city.

This is just the kind of action that can help to revitalize business districts like ours. As we work to rebuild what was once a thriving shopping destination for our community, we see this as the type of change that can help neighborhoods flourish. Offering new retail opportunities will encourage shopping locally and help to keep dollars in our community.

We have supported of the City's "Open for Business" initiative that has aimed to stimulate business growth and cut red tape. This proposed change is in alignment with those goals and for this reason we voice our support for it.

Please support this change to increase the vitality of our shopping district and community.

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