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**Subject:** Change to St Paul liquor ordinance.

Hi Pattie, We, Haskell's St. Paul, are against any change to the existing radius ordinance.  
The neighborhood is currently very well served with liquor stores and wine shops. We have two stores within 3 blocks currently.

Ask the police how they feel about additional stores...It's also a public safety issue.

We do take this very seriously. We sell a controlled substance. Our industry is highly regulated. So, more liquor stores is not the same as adding new, other retail shops.

Thanks for taking time to read this email.

Contact me if you have any questions.

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**Subject:** Off sale liquor license requirements

Hello, I'm writing to urge you to refrain from changing the current distance requirements between liquor stores in the City of St. Paul. There is absolutely no reason that the distance should be shortened to less than .5 mile. I have 2 family-owned liquor stores within a very short walk of my house, both of which I am happy to support. Making this short distance even shorter is just an open invitation for big box liquor stores to crush our local businesses. The main reason I have chosen to stay in St. Paul is the charm of the neighborhoods and the unique local businesses. Our local businesses are already struggling in a major way, to open the door to this possibility is a major slap in their faces. Thank you for your time and consideration,

Taylor Hunding

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**Subject:** Proposed Change to Liquor Store Proximity - 4 minute Read

Greetings Council People: Firstly, thank you for serving our community. We appreciate your time and work. Attached is a small quick read letter explaining a little more about the wine industry

and our thoughts on the proposed proximity change between retail locations. We are pro retail and want to see as many small businesses flourish as possible in our beloved city, however the consequences for this change will be negative for us little guys in the long run and open the doors up for large national grocery stores to start selling wine/beer (anything under 24%) AND corporate box stores to move into St. Paul. 2020 has been a challenge. We are fighting through being a retail location during covid, civil unrest multiple times and now we ask for your support to please consider the market change this will bring about to our small family businesses in St. Paul. Thank you for your time,

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**Subject:** 300 foot ordinance for wine sales

Hello my name is Nick Nadeau and I own 1st Grand Avenue Liquors on Grand Avenue in St Paul. I am writing to you asking you to please vote against this ordinance allowing a 300 foot distance between wine shops. I see that this is the request of a small beer pub on the East side that is too close to another liquor store to sell wine. When you change this ordinance it's not just for that small beer pub, it opens up wine sales to every grocery store in town. I know it's hard to believe but just having more outlets for wine doesn't make people drink more. The city will not get more money from sales tax as the amount of product being purchased doesn't really change. It puts people out of business by breaking up the pieces of the pie and taking money out of upstanding businesses that are already having a hard time. I know this from personal experience. In 1996 I opened up a wine shop in Woodbury and did very well for about 5 years until they allowed stores on every corner. It took about a year and we went out of business when there were 19 operating stores in the 3 mile area. Then all the grocery stores took over and now there is no family owned wine shops in Woodbury. Please consider the fact that we have enough outlets for wine and help keep our upstanding family owned stores up and running.

Thank you  
Nick Nadeau  
1st Grand Avenue Liquors

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Subject: Distance requirement

Think Before You Click: This email originated outside our organization.

Dear Councilmembers:

My name is Jerry Blakey I know most of you and I appreciate your service to our fine City!

I'm concerned about the proposed change in the well established off sale distance requirement. I own Lowertown Wine & Spirits in downtown Saint Paul. The ordinance change doesn't impact my store because we are in the Entertainment District. The reason I'm writing to you is that I'm concerned about the other small non-chain liquor stores. In my opinion changing an ordinance for one person or one business usually is not good policy. It has a high probability for unintended consequences. This change will most likely do more harm than good. This will not increase the tax base for the City it only spreads it out or divides it in smaller pieces. The larger concern is this change could put smaller liquor stores on shaky ground and strengthen the chain stores. We could see the smaller liquor stores go out of business because the margins are already tight and this ordinance sanctioned by the City could be the reason. If this ordinance change does have a negative effect on these already existing smaller stores what actions will the City Council do to help them?

I would recommend instead of the distance requirement change the City Council/HRA provide a grant and a very low interest loan program to help ailing businesses in Saint Paul. That way the City can target those specific businesses it wants to help in a positive way and not have city government hurt more small businesses trying to survive especially during the pandemic! Thank you.

Jerry Blakey  
President/Owner  
Lowertown Wine & Spirits