

From: [Becky Foss](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: License application Notification for Groveland Tap
Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 3:48:11 PM

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I am writing today after receiving in the mail notification that The Groveland Tap is applying for a full liquor and gambling license.

As a residential neighbor a block away, I strongly oppose this license. There is no need to have hard alcohol in such close proximity to the neighborhood. We already put up with the endless parking overflow into our neighborhood and frequently the loud talking and yelling by their patrons leaving. The proposed conditions may look good on paper, but as a resident of the neighborhood for ten years, I never have witnessed employees picking up trash, monitoring the neighborhood or asking patrons to be respectful when leaving the neighborhood.

I feel that this would increase parking in the neighborhood and contribute to even more drunken noise and disrespect. You can put reminders up all you want about being in a residential neighborhood, but that's really not effective as NOT serving hard alcohol.

The later closing at midnight is also a concern with noise and the parking.

In my ten years of living around the corner, The Tap has not once offered neighbor's a discount, thanked us for putting up with their patio addition and come picked up litter or actually watch their patrons leave. This is just a bigger money grab for the Tap and they do not need this license. I voiced my opinion and concern as a neighbor and hope you take this into consideration.

A concerned neighbor,
Becky Foss (651) 210-1349

Sent from my iPad

From: [kellie charles](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: OPPOSITION to Groveland Tap license expansion DSIBLLIQ-000561-2026
Date: Thursday, February 19, 2026 6:49:11 PM

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Dear Legislative Hearing Officer,

Please accept this letter as strong opposition to the Groveland Tap's request to add a gambling location, upgrade to a full liquor on sale and liquor on sale Sunday license.

I received notification of this request via letter because I am a neighbor on the same block as the Groveland Tap.

I have serious concerns and look forward to explaining them in person at a legislative hearing.

Please let me know when that will be scheduled.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Kellie Connor
651-295-6955

From: [Michael Eddy](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: Groveland Tap License Application
Date: Friday, February 20, 2026 9:57:02 AM

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Hello,

I'm writing in regard to Groveland Tap's pending license application, license number DSIBLLIQ-000561-2026.

My wife Megan and I live behind the Groveland Tap at 1841 Berkeley Ave, Saint Paul. The following are our comments on/objections to to the license application:

- We do not object to the Groveland Tap upgrading to a full Liquor On Sale license.
- We assume that the Gambling Location license is being put in place in order to add pull-tabs to the restaurant. If this is the case we do not object to this license. If this is not the case please let us know what their intent is. If it is larger/greater than simple pull-tabs then we would object to this license.
- Our main grievance is expanding the hours of the establishment to 12:00 AM each night and having customers out by 12:30 AM. The application notification we received indicates that the Groveland Tap intends to continue operating as a restaurant. However, these expanded hours indicate that it instead plans to operate as a bar. I'm not aware of other restaurants that stay open until midnight in order to serve food. This is clearly an attempt to increase their liquor sales, not their food sales. Given that they not only want to increase their hours, but also add a full liquor license, it's clear that there would be much more heavy drinking occurring, particularly late at night, which would undoubtedly disrupt the neighborhood. There's no reason for a restaurant to stay open that late except to service individuals whose only intent is to drink heavily.

Please let me know if you have any questions on my above comments.

Thanks,

Michael Eddy

From: [Meg Haley](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Groveland Tap Liquor and Gambling License
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 9:37:18 AM

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To whom it may concern:

I'm writing as a resident of the neighborhood surrounding the Groveland Tap, a regular patron of the restaurant, and a mom. While I don't see any real issue with adding a cocktail list and a pull-tabs to the menu of the Tap, it's the expanded hours I'm concerned by. We are a quiet neighborhood with lots of older folks and families with young kids. **Having a bar that's open til midnight 7 days a week just doesn't fit with the culture of the neighborhood.** I'm really disappointed in the ongoing demonstration by the owners of the Tap that they seem more interested in grabbing a cheap dollar from college kids than in investing in what's going to keep their true regulars (neighborhood families) happy and coming back. If there's a way to approve expanded menu offerings while keeping the hours the same, that would be my recommendation. If not, I ask the city **not** to approve the new license.

Thanks for your time and collecting public comment.

Best,
Meg Haley
Juliet Avenue Homeowner

From: [Rebecca Trost](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: NO gambling and full liquor license for Groveland Tap
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 11:02:59 AM

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To whom it concerns,

I live one block away from Groveland Tap. I strongly object to their acquiring a full liquor and gambling license.

We are a family neighborhood with kids and we love Groveland tap just the way it is where we can take our kids for a hamburger.

There is an Elementary School just two blocks down on the same street as Groveland Tap!

We do not want our quiet neighborhood to become a college bar.

I strongly object to Groveland Tap obtaining a full liquor and gambling license.

Please keep our long time, family neighborhood, family, friendly!

Thank you, Rebecca Trost
1873 Sargent Ave.,
St. Paul, MN 55105

From: [Kate McGowan](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Cc: [Scott Brownlee](#)
Subject: NO gambling license and No full liquor license for Groveland Tap
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 11:15:36 AM

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Object to the Application being sought by the Groveland Tap. The rationale is as follows:

There is already an establishment (Estelle Restaurant) with a full liquor license less than a block away.

Adding gambling and a full liquor license will **fundamentally** change the nature of what has always been a family-friendly establishment.

While the Groveland Tap agrees to continue to operate as a "restaurant," a full On Sale liquor license will actually transform this establishment into a full-service bar.

The Groveland Tap is located in what is almost exclusively a residential neighborhood. Adding gambling and a full liquor license is out of step with the peace and quiet enjoyment we all expect when living in such a neighborhood. *A change of this nature will also negatively impact property values.*

Therefore, I request that the city deny the application to add a gambling license and upgrade to a full Liquor On Sale license to the Groveland Tap.

Sincerely,

Kate D. MCGowan

1877 Sargent Ave
Ph. 651-894-3239

From: [Sterling Erickson](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: NO to gambling license and full liquor license for Groveland Tap
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 2:40:29 PM

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Sincerely,

Sterling Erickson
1850 Sargent Ave

From: jnmcg@mac.com
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Cc: scottbrownlee727@gmail.com
Subject: NO to gambling license and full liquor license for Groveland Tap
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 5:53:13 PM

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Sincerely,

Jordan McGowan
1877 Sargent Avenue
651-695-1755

From: [Evan Kelley](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: NO to gambling license and full liquor license for Groveland Tap
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 8:03:00 PM

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Object to the Application being sought by the Groveland Tap.

The current incarnation of the Groveland Tap absolutely fits the neighborhood.

The Groveland Tap with a full liquor license and gambling absolutely would not.

This is a bad idea.

Evan Kelley
1872 Princeton Avenue
651-276-8097

From: [Scott Brownlee](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Subject: Groveland Tap Application
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 10:29:18 AM

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As a neighbor, and as a Realtor, I have grave concerns about the proposed changes to the Groveland Tap. Please see below:

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