

From: [S Mason](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing](#)
Cc: [Laura Boyd](#)
Subject: Razava; 2024-0001073 685 Grand Ave
Date: Thursday, August 8, 2024 4:26:10 PM
Attachments: [Re Objections raised to outdoor patio proposed for Razava Bread Co.pdf](#)

To Whom It May Concern:

I wrote previously, on July 31, 2024, requesting additional conditions be placed on the patio license and outdoor service at 685 Grand, Razava Bakery & Restaurant. Yesterday, I received an email from Laura Boyd, Licensing Consultant, related to those objections. Our correspondence is attached. In summary, she asked if we would withdraw our objections if they agreed to remove seating along St Albans.

We the neighbors appreciate that Razava is willing to remove the tables from St Albans. We see that as a positive change and accept it in the spirit of good will and compromise. From her email, I understand that the proposed tables will be removed completely from along St Albans. Based on the owner's and Ms. Boyd's good faith effort to respect and support the quiet, residential nature along St Albans, we can support later outdoor hours than previously requested, but not until 12:30 AM. Grand is a highly residential mixed use corridor and it is important that outdoor drinking and dining not violate the nighttime sound ordinance. 12:30 AM is much too late for outdoor food and alcohol service in a location that is pushed up against the sidewalk with no space to serve as, or in which to construct, a sound buffer. As stated in my previous correspondence, to my knowledge, there is not a single patio bar service for any Grand Avenue business without space to provide screening and a sound buffer. It should also be noted that these conditions will not prevent the occasional special event. Razava will be able to host late night "special events," we simply ask that they move the party indoors. Below please find our revised request for conditions for outdoor patio service:

Neighbors welcome the restaurant bakery and do not oppose the liquor license application, but **only provided that reasonable conditions are attached to the Liquor-Outdoor Service Area (Patio) license, namely:**

- 1. Outdoor seating/tables will be located along Grand Avenue only. There will be no seating of any kind placed along St Albans.**
- 2. Physical Barrier to keep the tables, patrons, and alcohol on the "patio"/premises**
- 2. Last call at 9:30 PM for outdoor food and drink, with "patio" areas vacated by 10:00 PM Sunday through Thursday**
- 3. Last call at 10:00 PM for outdoor food and drink, with "patio" areas vacated by 10:30 PM Friday and Saturday**

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. In closing, I wish to reiterate that myself and other neighbors welcome the restaurant and bakery. We simply ask for proactive measures from Licensing in the form of a few common sense rules to prevent nighttime noise violations, encroachment onto the sidewalk, and off-premises alcohol consumption. We are truly appreciative of Rasaza removing the tables from the residential side street, and can accept later outdoor hours with this concession, but we continue to ask for an outdoor closing time that is appropriate for a highly residential corner.

Pleas also note that if the application is not amended and seating is not deleted from St Albans, we would continue to request the closing times included in July 31 correspondence, namely: Last call at 7:30 PM for outdoor food and drink, with "patio" areas vacated by 8:00 PM Sunday through Thursday; and Last call at 9:30 PM for outdoor food and drink, with "patio" areas vacated by 10:00 PM Friday and Saturday.

I will not be able take off work in order to attend the hearing in person. Please make sure that these comments are shared. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
Sonja Mason
St Albans St S
President, St Albans Row Condominium Assoc.

From: Laura Boyd info@alcoholcomplianceservices.com
Subject: Re: Objections raised to outdoor patio proposed for Razava Bread Co.
Date: August 8, 2024 at 10:03 AM
To: S Mason sonjalmason@gmail.com

LB

Thank you for your email, Sonja.

Can I ask what your personal position is on the proposal to delete the outdoor seating from St Albans ?

Best,

Laura Boyd

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From: S Mason <sonjalmason@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 5:00 PM
To: Laura Boyd <info@alcoholcomplianceservices.com>
Subject: Re: Objections raised to outdoor patio proposed for Razava Bread Co.

Laura,

Thank you for your email. I wanted to write to acknowledge receipt. I have shared your correspondence with the neighborhood email list as well as my HOA, and will respond in more detail after I hear back.

Best,
Sonja

On Aug 7, 2024, at 11:22 AM, Laura Boyd <info@alcoholcomplianceservices.com> wrote:

Hello Sonja,

I am the license consultant working with Steve Baldinger on the license applications for Razava Bread Co.. I participated in the Summit Hill meeting a few months back where you were also present. We have reviewed your objection to the proposed outdoor cafe submitted to the City. Please note that the liquor license application submitted to St Paul DSI stated that the business will generally close by/at 10 pm, but there may be an occasion, special event, etc. where it stays open later. It isn't their intent to be a late-night location, which we affirmed during our meeting with Summit Hill Association a few months ago. In fact, you will see that initial operating hours for Razava will be less than this, as mentioned by the GM Loren, during the meeting. The License Conditions drafted by DSI (and sent to nearby

residents) state the maximum hours allowed (by ordinance) for a restaurant in this area of the City.

After a discussion with Steve, he has offered to withdraw the outdoor patio on St Albans, so there would be no outdoor seating offered on this side of the building. This should alleviate the concerns noted in your objection with regard to limited space and potential noise affecting residents on St Albans. The floor plan in support of the on-sale liquor license would be amended to delete the St Albans portion of the outdoor patio. Our question to you is, would you then be willing to withdraw your objection ?

Please don't hesitate to call me directly if you'd like to further discuss.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Sonja. Steve really wants the neighbors to be regular guests of Razava and pleased that the restaurant is part of your neighborhood.

Regards,

Laura Boyd

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