

From my years in Madison living in near-to-Monroe neighborhoods, there have been and are a number of establishments that serve at least wine & beer on the 1800 block of Monroe. (I don't know about other alcoholic beverages.) I believe the reputation of the owners, their relationship with the neighborhood, and the type of clientele they hope to attract are the most important issues. If they want to attract college students and others who will drink to excess and create a noisy street disturbance, then no, the establishment doesn't belong on the 1800 block of Monroe. If the establishment hopes to attract more a mature group, especially neighbors, then I see no harm. I don't think that young people are automatically negatively impacted by a well-run establishment of the type described above.

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