

# SASY

## Schenk-Atwood-Starkweather-Yahara Neighborhood Association

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

**TO:** City of Madison Alcohol License Review Committee (c/o City Clerk), Meghan Blake Horst (Street Vending Coordinator)

Dear ALRC members and Ms. Blake Horst,

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, two of the owners of the Ohio Tavern, Josh Swentzel and Kristi Genna, attended the SASY Neighborhood Association meeting to share their plans and seek the support of SASY in their application to start outdoor seating along the sidewalk at their establishment at 224 Ohio St. I send this letter on behalf of SASY in support of their application for seating up to 22 people on the sidewalk along the limits of the Ohio Tavern, with the additional provision that all outdoor seating close no later than 10:00 pm each night.

The owners of the Ohio Tavern have been very transparent and honest in all their dealings with the neighborhood. For an establishment that has been in business less than a year, they have quickly developed a local following and niche in the neighborhood. Perhaps just as significantly, we have heard no complaints or regrets about the business. Initial concerns about excess noise have not materialized. The SASY Board feels that the owners run the bar responsibly and we have confidence that they can effectively manage the additional load of outdoor seating.

The SASY Board voted unanimously on June 8<sup>th</sup> to support the proposed addition of 22 outdoor seats for the Ohio Tavern. Please consider our support and that of the broader neighborhood as you make your decisions regarding their application.

Thank you for your service, and for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Hinkfuss", with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

Brad Hinkfuss  
President - SASY, Inc.

Cc: Alder Marsha Rummel, Josh Swentzel, Christie Jenna, Jack Williams, SASY Board