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Dear Alder and ALRC members:

I am writing regarding Item # 72049 and applicant's request for permanent tables and seating for 12 outside the rear of Caribou Tavern at 703 E Johnson Street.

I do not support this change to the license with out conditions. I have spoken with Mark the owner of the Caribou about our concerns and he has indicated he has made certain conditions part of his license application.

I am writing as the property owner on both sides of the tavern and on behalf of my tenants that live and sleep within 10-15 feet of this establishment. The tenants that live next door are dealing with two bars that have changed their operations in the last couples years and expanded outside service beyond what was originally granted. These changes directly impact their quality of life within their homes. We hope you fully appreciate this when considering any changes now and in the future to these neighborhood bars and any requested expansion of their occupancy.

For the record, the full metal privacy fence that surrounds the back and side parking area of the Caribou and Laundromat , as depicted in the applicant's submission, - we installed and paid for after tables were placed outside the bar and patron moved outside to drink, smoke and gather. With that sudden change, patrons could look right into the bedrooms and bathroom of 213 - 215 N Blount only 10-12 feet away. For the privacy of our tenants, we installed the fencing on our property foley at our cost. It kept the 'eyes' out of the tenant's living space - but has done nothing to cure the smoke and sound from the bar's patrons out back.

I have spoken with Mark the owner of the Caribou Bar and he has indicated that he is:

- 1) adding only 12 seats, (3 picnics tables that hold 4 person each), to be placed in the eastern end of the lot.
- 2) no amplified music or sound system of any kind will be used on the patio.
- 3) he will be adding barriers to limit access to the seating space, which also allows the bar to close down the area when required.
- 4) finally that the space behind the bar will close for any use no later than 9 pm every night, 7 days a week, and no access will be allowed after 9pm for use as in smoking or any other use.

He said he made all of these items part of his application and are conditions he agrees to.

We can support this change if the conditions mentioned above become part of license and can be revisited if said conditions are not met.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration in this matter.

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