

From: [Hammell, Joan M.](#)
To: [RCA](#); [Kasper, Irene M.](#)
Subject: Tailgating Hearing REsponse for today"s CDRS meeting
Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 11:58:32 AM

From: Roberts, Linda J.
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 11:54 AM
To: Hammell, Joan M.
Subject: Fwd: Please continue the Vikings tailgating tradition

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bob Lentz <b.lentzenator@gmail.com>
Date: May 17, 2016 at 11:14:09 AM CDT
To: linda.roberts@minneapolismn.gov
Subject: Please continue the Vikings tailgating tradition

Greetings Linda,

I've been a Vikings fan my entire life—nearly 40 years. And when I met my wife some 9 years ago, I became a Vikings tailgating fan as well. My father-in-law may be the biggest Vikings fan I know, and he brings it every Sunday on the tailgate lot. Fortunately, he's made me a part of this tradition as well, for which I am forever grateful. And, in time, I hope that my children will become a part of this legacy. All in all, our passion for game day celebration is echoed by thousands of Vikings fans, and our hope is that the city of Minneapolis will hear our voices today.

Tailgating is part of the game-day experience, yes. The food, the games, the camaraderie...they're all important. We gather to profess our love for our favorite team; to bleed Purple in unison. But, I think tailgating has an even more important job: to show the league, our country, and the planet what a world-class organization and fan base look like. To me, one the best parts of being on that tailgate lot on Sunday is meeting fans from other cities who are visiting Minneapolis to root for their respective team. Sure, we have our beefs with Cheeseheads, but when you get right down to it, we're all just good people who love football—Vikings, Packers, college, high school, pee-wee—it doesn't matter. I ran into so many Chiefs fans on the lot last year, and I'd go so far as to say that they're the kindest I've met. And people always give Eagles fans a bad rap for being among the toughest in the league, but I've found otherwise on our lot. I think these fans are reflecting the good, respectful, kindhearted nature of Vikings fans, and ultimately, Minnesotans. When they come here, they're getting a true football fan experience. We need to preserve this. We MUST preserve this.

I, along with my father-in-law, one of the true tailgating faithful, are writing you today in the hopes that you'll hear our opinions with regard to providing adequate and plentiful Vikings tailgating facilities near US Bank Stadium, and then voice our opinions in today's city council hearing. As the final touches are applied to the fantastic new stadium, the same level of thought and detail must be continued into the streets and lots surrounding it.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to continuing the tailgating tradition in 2016.

Bob Lentz
Bloomington, MN

DMNA & MN Vikings Game Day Tailgating Agreement Proposed Tailgating Zone & Conditions

Approved by the DMNA Board on 2.16.2016

Overview

Balancing the needs of a growing residential community and workforce within the current Vikings game day tailgating boundary (est. 1982) with the tradition of Vikings tailgating that preceded much of this new development, the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association has worked with the Vikings to propose changes to the zone. (Under current law, Class A parking lot owners within this zone may apply for a license to host tailgating during Vikings home games.) The final decision as to the boundaries of the game day tailgating zone rests with City Council, who may elect to change the tailgating boundaries or take no action.

The DMNA has agreed that a time period of 6 hours prior to game start and 3 hours after is an appropriate window for tailgating. No other changes to the existing tailgating ordinance are proposed. Current ordinances require tailgating lot operators to provide adequate bathrooms and trash receptacles to serve tailgaters as well as remove litter within 300ft of lot boundaries. The law also prohibits amplified sound. Lot operators that fail to comply with these laws risk losing their tailgating license. The challenge for the City will be ensuring the adequate monitoring and enforcement of these regulations.

Through public meetings, letters and an electronic survey distributed by the DMNA, community members expressed strong concerns over litter and other impacts (noise, public drunkenness, public urination) that were associated with Vikings game day tailgating and festivities during the "Metrodome era". To raise awareness and encourage improved monitoring, the DMNA will share these documented concerns with the City, Vikings, and U.S. Bank Stadium leadership as well as tailgating operators. When tailgating resumes, DMNA will gladly serve as a conduit for complaints or comments about tailgating lots from residents and/or visitors. The DMNA will track and promptly report any violations of the City's code to Business Licensing and lot operators directly.

Proposed Changes to the 1982 Tailgating Zone

- The Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association approved the revised tailgating zone within Downtown East and Downtown West as proposed by the Vikings. (Refer to Exhibit A. The proposed zone is identified by the light grey overlay.)
- Only Class A lots within the zone may apply for a tailgating license.
- This zone does not represent the DMNA's blanket approval for tailgating street closures in this zone. The DMNA requests the opportunity to comment on proposed tailgating street closures that are not represented on this map.
- The DMNA defers to adjacent neighborhood associations for matters related to the location of tailgating outside of DMNA boundaries.

Tailgating Regulations

- Aside from revised boundaries and ensuring that tailgating does not extend beyond 6 hours prior and 3 hours after game time, the DMNA proposes no other changes to the tailgating ordinances. (Refer Exhibit B.)
- The DMNA will gladly serve as a conduit for complaints or comments about tailgating lots from residents and/or visitors. The DMNA will track and promptly report any violations of the City's code to Businesses Licensing and lot operators directly.

Exhibit B: Current Tailgating Regulations

Tailgating Requirements

Parking Lot Requirements

1. Must possess a Class A parking lot license. MCO 319.50
2. Consumption of alcohol prohibited outside the area bounded by the Mississippi River on the north, 6th St S on the south, 11th Ave S on the east, and 4th Ave S on the west (surrounding the Metrodome). MCO 319.310(c)
3. Wood burning fires prohibited. MCO 319.310(d)
4. Placing signs or flagging motorists from the public sidewalk or street prohibited. MCO 385.65

Signage

1. Signs must show: MCO 319.230
 - name and phone number of licensee or attendant
 - license certificate number
 - street address of the parking lot
 - rates charged for parking
 - maximum rate
 - maximum rate for 12 hours
 - maximum rate for 24 hours
 - if no maximum rate, sign shall indicate rate for special events
2. Size must be either
 - 3 feet by 5 feet horizontal
 - 3 feet by 5 feet vertical
 - 5 feet by 10 feet horizontal
3. Must be permanently mounted with a minimum height to the bottom of sign of 8 feet and a maximum height to top of sign of 15 feet.
4. Must be plainly visible to the public.
5. Letters and numerals must be 3 inches tall.

Maintenance

1. Must keep all surface areas, driveways, sidewalks and boulevards free and clear of all accumulations of dirt, weeds, rubbish, garbage and litter. MCO 319.260 (b)
2. Must ensure that the area 300 feet in any direction from the perimeter is cleared of all rubbish, garbage, or other dangerous or unwholesome substances within 4 hours of the termination of a special event. MCO 319.260(c)
3. Must provide adequate and sufficient waste receptacles at all points of egress of the lot and additionally as needed during a special event. MCO 319.260(d)
4. Must provide an adequate number of portable sanitary toilets during a special event (1 for every 50 people). MCO 319.260(d)

Food Preparation

Licensees may permit patrons to prepare food on charcoal or propane grills provided that appropriate refuse containers are available and that parking lot litter control measures are enacted. MCO 319.310(d)

Amplified Sound

No outside sound amplifying equipment, including stereos, microphones, etc. is allowed without a permit. MCO 389.105

Peddlers, Solicitors, and Transient Merchants

1. A license is required for all temporary sales or solicitations. MCO 323.10
2. Identification badges are required to be worn by all peddlers or solicitors. MCO 323.60

Short-Term Food Permits

Food stands require a short term food permit. MCO 188.170

Alcohol

1. A license is required to sell alcohol.
2. Temporary on-sale licenses may be granted.
3. Current license holders may apply for temporary expansion of premises.

Business Requirements

1. Must remove litter daily within 100 feet of the establishment.
2. Solid waste and recycling must be stored in approved containers.
3. Refuse storage containers must be enclosed on all 4 sides.
4. Buildings, fixtures and grounds must be well maintained.
5. Graffiti must be promptly removed.

Source: Minneapolis Business Licenses Information Program

Hammell, Joan M.

From: Roberts, Linda J.
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2016 8:28 AM
To: Hammell, Joan M.
Subject: FW: Re:

Public Hearing response.

From: John Rimarcik [<mailto:jr2180@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, May 15, 2016 5:03 PM
To: Roberts, Linda J.
Subject: Re:

On Sun, May 15, 2016 at 4:51 PM, John Rimarcik <jr2180@gmail.com> wrote:

Linda

I think that the timing is **right now** to disperse the tailgating to any lot in downtown and to allow openly the consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Tailgating has become a part of Football throughout the country and to try to control the cramped limitation of allowable usage complicates the choices of Viking and other sports fans.

thank you

John Rimarcik

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Hammell, Joan M.

From: Roberts, Linda J.
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 1:31 PM
To: Hammell, Joan M.
Subject: FW: Tailgating support

Public Hearing response

From: BRUCE CHRISTIANSEN [<mailto:bruceteam@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 8:25 PM
To: Roberts, Linda J.
Subject: Tailgating support

Good day Linda,

We Viking fans are extremely excited about the upcoming football season. The new stadium we supported promises to be a great home for our team for the next 30 years. It is also great to see the success providing jobs for Minnesotans and the development of Downtown East. Jacob Frey was right when he said that it has become more of a neighborhood and not an ocean of parking lots. We have challenges in front of us to preserve the tradition of tailgating. I remember going to Met Stadium with my dad and uncle, grilling some hot dogs, fighting the elements, and talking about it to this day. I hope my grandsons have a chance to create their own memories at U S Bank Stadium.

As a season ticket holder I am concerned that there may not be adequate facilities to support the tailgate needs. We have some prime time games this year, lots of national publicity, and a Super Bowl in the near future. I believe we need to take steps now to preserve and to promote tailgating. There are 10 days a year that 66,000 fans will flood downtown in a sea of purple. Lester Bagley expects to see a "modestly expanded tailgate zone." We want to help you with the dilemma. We can take advantage of this opportunity by showcasing our tailgating in the new Downtown East neighborhood. It is possible that a local business would sponsor tailgating areas to get their name splashed on network television, outside of the state-of-the-art plaza.

Please let me know how we can help. We have a network of fellow tailgaters, now friends, that want to help in any way we can.

Thank you for reading my email and please voice our opinion.

Sincerely,

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Hammell, Joan M.

From: Roberts, Linda J.
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 1:34 PM
To: Hammell, Joan M.
Subject: FW: US Bank Stadium Tailgating Support

Public Hearing response

From: Brian Barcikowski [<mailto:brianbarcikowski@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 9:54 AM
To: Roberts, Linda J.
Subject: US Bank Stadium Tailgating Support

Good Morning Linda,

I am writing you to express my opinions and the opinions of the majority of Vikings Tailgaters. We are very excited for the upcoming season and US Bank Stadium! The new stadium we supported promises to be a great home for our team for the next 30 years. Downtown East has definitely gotten a facelift over the past few years and it is great for the City of Minneapolis. Jacob Frey is correct in his statement that the area has become more of a neighborhood and not an ocean of parking lots. We have big challenges in front of us to preserve the tradition of tailgating. I remember going to the Metrodome with my father to tailgate as a kid and taking in the full day experience of grilling, meeting fellow fans, playing bags and eating the elaborate array of food cooked up by the tailgating masters. I hope my children will have a chance to create their own tailgating memories at U S Bank Stadium.

As a season ticket holder I am concerned that there may not be adequate facilities to support the tailgate needs. We have a bunch of prime time games this year, lots of national publicity, and a Super Bowl in the near future. I believe we need to take steps now to preserve and to promote tailgating. There are 10 days a year that 66,000 fans will flood downtown in a sea of purple. Lester Bagley expects to see a "modestly expanded tailgate zone." We tailgaters want to help you with the dilemma. We can take advantage of this opportunity by showcasing our tailgating in the new Downtown East neighborhood. It is possible that a local business would sponsor tailgating areas to get their name splashed on network television, outside of the state-of-the-art plaza.

Please let me know how we can help. We have a vast network of fellow tailgaters that want to help in any way we can.

Thank you for reading this email and please voice our opinion.

Sincerely,

Brian Barcikowski
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Hammell, Joan M.

From: Roberts, Linda J.
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2016 8:27 AM
To: Hammell, Joan M.
Subject: FW: Tailgating Support

Public hearing response

From: Mike Beman [<mailto:bemanltd@aol.com>]
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2016 7:10 AM
To: Roberts, Linda J.
Cc: marybeman1@aol.com
Subject: Tailgating Support

Good morning Linda,

Being avid Viking's fans, I can tell you that my wife and I are extremely excited about seeing the new stadium and excited about the winning potential the Vikings have this season. This remarkable stadium that we have supported, promises to be a great venue for everything from the Vikings games to concerts, soccer, NCAA Final Four and of course the 2018 Super Bowl. It is also great to see the many jobs that were provided for Minnesotans.

The reason for my E-mail is to voice our opinion that we must not lose sight of one of the greatest parts of the game day experience. And that is tailgating before each game, which will be even more exciting because of our new outstanding stadium. Having been a season ticket holder since the Metrodome opened, we have been able to share many wonderful tailgating experiences with fellow Vikings fans, many of whom we now can call friends. Two of the lots that were very popular were between the streets of Chicago and 3rd. We have children and grandchildren that have been at those lots with us and would love to carry on our tradition of tailgating and the love of the Minnesota Vikings. We believe that we need to take steps now to preserve and promote tailgating. Steps need to be taken now to keep the tailgating experience alive for years to come.

We have some prime time games this season, so let's show the national audience what purple pride is all about. Please let me know if there is any way that we can help in keeping the tailgating tradition alive and not making it a memory. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Hammell, Joan M.

From: Roberts, Linda J.
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 8:27 AM
To: Hammell, Joan M.
Subject: FW: City Ordinance Tailgating Meeting

Public Hearing Response

-----Original Message-----

From: Larry Aiken Jr. [<mailto:atraingr8@aol.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 5:06 AM
To: Roberts, Linda J.
Subject: City Ordinance Tailgating Meeting

To whom it may concern ;

My intentions to be at the Minneapolis City Council Meeting at 1pm tomorrow have been interrupted. I will NOT be able to attend as I said that I would be. My apologies. Life happens, we have 2 vehicles in our household. Our 20 year old son had his vehicle towed to the repair shop today. It will not be finished in time to allow my 2 & a half hour travel to Minneapolis. My wife has a physical therapy appointment at 10:30am in Duluth Mn for follow up on her recent back surgery that our 20yr old son was going to take her to & also watch after his 3 year old brother while our daughters are in school & to allow me to attend this meeting.

I can only hope that someone else can relay the questions & concerns that we have with the limited number of tailgating locations available.

Can tailgating lots be allowed the same benefits & city ordinance laws that were previously set in agreement over 2 years ago with the Metrodome? ie.. Portable Tents, with propane heaters & gas powered generators, Charcoal BBQ grills, Sound Systems and equipment for musical entertainment, the size of vehicles allowed in specific lots, pre sales & or season ticket packages on specific tailgating parking permits or passes?

Some of those questions will be directed specifically at the Minnesota Vikings, but some are direct questions that City Ordinance Officials can & should answer. This meeting mostly involves discussion of expanding the Tailgate Zones around the stadium and we have certain Viking Officials helping that cause. The original article posted by the Star Tribune was a bit misleading because it uses the term "Restrictive" in its heading. To be clear the Vikings & the City of Minneapolis WILL allow tailgating, but the spots will be limited & smaller then expected. Unfortunately NEW developments have made this more difficult & inconvenient to many.

My hope is that EVERYONE can find a way to work together in a honorable & respectful manner. I will also plan to attend one of the next City Council Meetings in the near future.

Thank You

Larry Aiken
A Vikings Season Ticket Holder

From: [Hammell, Joan M.](#)
To: [RCA](#); [Kasper, Irene M.](#)
Subject: 2 more tailgating responses for todays CDRS meeting
Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 1:00:43 PM

Linda Roberts will have ten copies at the meeting for distribution.

From: Roberts, Linda J.
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 12:15 PM
To: Hammell, Joan M.
Subject: FW: Tailgating Support

From: Isaac Christiansen [<mailto:ichristiansen@vmpps.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 12:06 PM
To: Roberts, Linda J.
Subject: Tailgating Support

Linda,

Please think about the fans and what it means to the people who tailgate and support the local businesses near by. We appreciate your time and consideration of a new and expanded tailgate area in downtown Minneapolis. I drive 2 1/2 hours every Sunday to support local downtown businesses as I tailgate and I am excited to support the new stadium, as well.

Thank you,

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Isaac H Christiansen
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-----Original Message-----

From: Carol Jensen [<mailto:clmostro@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 12:28 PM

To: Roberts, Linda J.

Subject: Tailgating

If tailgating in it's true you will be hurting the Vikings and their fan base. We have tailgated for 30+ years. We have purchased 4 SBL's with the understanding tailgating will be allowed in its true form. If you restrict this or make it cost prohibited we will sellout tickets at a premium to the highest bidder. We will not visit your over priced restaurants and bars nor will we spend money inside stadium. Why would you take away the great tradition of tailgating? It is a major part of game day. Other teams have went out of their way to ensure tailgating. If you do this the Vikings will become a team of only the rich attending. The rest of us will gather at houses or wherever to tailgate together. We will then watch the game on TV together. Sad but if not allowed to tailgate reasonably we will not come to games at new stadium. What a sad situation that will be.

Sent from my iPhone