



Feb. 26, 2026

Regarding ordinance 260250, Retail Alcohol Impact Area Plan Ordinance

Dear Council Members:

The 38th Street Task Force supports ordinance 260250, the city's effort to ban single-serve alcohol in Midtown.

The task force is made up of concerned neighbors from the Valentine and Old Hyde Park neighborhoods. The task force was formed in 2023 to address public safety issues such as loitering, litter, run-down property, and potential drug abuse along the 38th Street Corridor.

We noticed that during cleanups, much of the trash we collect consists of airplane-sized liquor bottles. We suspect these bottles are responsible for the groups of people who tend to linger near certain businesses. We were very pleased when the city identified the problem related to the sales of these bottles.

We believe that limiting the sales of these bottles would help to improve the quality of life in Midtown. We hope you will continue to seek ways to alleviate the problems of trash, loitering, and associated problems.

Cheryl Baird, chair

38th Street Task Force