

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
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COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

Shawn McDonald, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 7th day of June, he served the attached **NOTICE OF COUNCIL HEARING** and a correct copy thereof in an envelope addressed as follows:

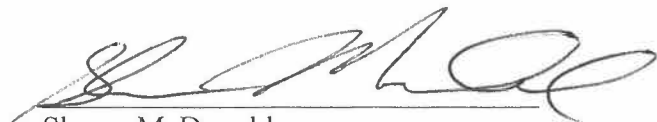
RAS Restaurant & Lounge
2516 7th Street West
St. Paul, MN 55116
Attn: Zinash Amde

Zinash Amde
4139 Benjamin Drive
Woodbury, MN 55129

Ras Ethiopian Bar and Restaurant LLC
8350 Savanna Oaks Ln
Saint Paul, MN 55125-9575

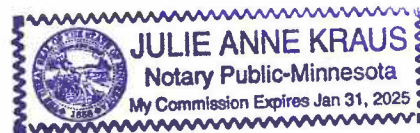
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1978 Ford Parkway
Saint Paul, MN 55116-1922

(which is the last known address of said person) depositing the same, with postage prepaid, in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.


Shawn McDonald

Subscribed and sworn to before me
This 7th day of June 2022


Notary Public





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June 7, 2022

NOTICE OF COUNCIL HEARING

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Attn: Zinash Amde

RE: Liquor on Sale -101-180 seats, Liquor On Sale- 2am, Liquor On Sale-Sunday, Entertainment (B), Liquor Outdoor Service Area- Patio, and Gambling Location licenses held by RAS Ethiopian Bar & Restaurant LLC d/b/a RAS Restaurant & Lounge for the premises located at 2516 7th Street West in Saint Paul.
License ID #: 20100000062

Dear Licensee:

Please take notice that this matter has been set on the Consent Agenda for a City Council meeting on **Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers, Third Floor, Saint Paul City Hall and Ramsey County Courthouse, 15 West Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55102. You may view City Council meetings on local cable 18 or view online at <https://stpaul.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

This is an uncontested matter related to the failure to comply with conditions set forth in your license and violations of the Saint Paul Legislative Code. On January 24, 2022 The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) was made aware of an assault on a minor that occurred at the licensed premises on January 21, 2022. DSI requested interior and exterior surveillance video from the license premises that asked for video from Thursday, January 20, 2022, from 11:30 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. Friday, January 21, 2022. On January 26, 2022 DSI received a copy of the requested surveillance video. On March 23, 2022 after Saint Paul Police closed the assault case as pended, DSI begin investigating the matter for licensing violations. On April 27, 2022, DSI reviewed a surveillance video from an assault that occurred on the license premises on January 21, 2022 and documented 9 separate violations that caused for adverse action against your license. The following violations was observed and documented:

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- Licensee allowed service to minors (one of which was the victim of the assault) who were 19 and 15 years old on January 21, 2022, in violation of state law and Saint Paul Legislative Code Section 409.08(2)(a).
- Licensee violated License Condition #1 on January 21, 2022, when there was not an employee on staff with the ability to make video available for viewing to SPPD officers who were investigating a felony level assault on a minor.
- Licensee violated License Condition #1 a second time when on January 21, 2022, video technician, James Legierski requested immediate production of the video from the assault on the minor that took place on the Licensed Premises and staff told him that that he would need to call back in an hour or two.
- Licensee violated License Condition #1 a third time when on January 21, 2022, video technician, James Legierski requested immediate production of the video from the assault from the owner/manager, DJ who told him he would need to wait until January 24, 2022.
- Licensee violated License Condition #1 a fourth time when on January 24, 2022, video technician, James Legierski went to pick up video from the assault after the owner, DJ told him it was ready and no one was able to product the video.
- Licensee violated License Condition #1 when on January 25, 2022, the Licensee failed to provide a complete copy of the video requested by SPPD (Video technician Legierski) and DSI (Licensing Manager Hudak).
- Licensee failed to allow SPPD officers who were investigating a felony level assault on a minor access to the Licensed Premises on January 21, 2022, in violation of 409.8 (7).
- On January 21, 2022, Licensee failed to take reasonable and adequate steps to prevent one person from leaving the licensed premises with an alcoholic beverage in violation of Saint Paul Legislative Code Section 409.08(15).
- Licensee violated License condition #4 when on January 21, 2022, Licensee failed to notify police of any individuals engaging in unlawful behavior or suspected unlawful behavior.



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Pursuant to Saint Paul Legislative Code § 409.26 (7), the licensing office will recommend revocation of your license.

Sincerely,

Therese Skarda
Assistant City Attorney

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