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Inspector's Report

Inspectors Name: Allan Vang

Date & Time: 1/9/2023 - 1:09pm Staff Member's Name: -

Business/DBA Name: MJ Market Inc

Property Address: 922 Thomas Avenue

Reason for Visit: Complaint Inspection

Observations: Hidden flavored tobacco products

Photos Taken: 🗹 Yes 🗆 No – Area(s) of where the Photo(s) where taken: ____

Action Taken: Education / warning

Request for Adverse Action

Other:

Details of Conversations (Statements to and by Person Responsible for Property):

Upon arrival on January 9, 2023 at 1:09pm, I went into the store to attempt to purchase a pack of Newport Menthol cigarettes. The Clerk Amint stated they don't sell any Newport Mental cigarette. Inspect Voyda walked into the store and introduced ourselves as licensing Inspectors for the City of Saint Paul with Department of Safety Inspections (DSI). Inspector Voyda explained to the clerk that the reason for today's visit was due to a complaint received by DSI for allegedly selling flavor products. Inspector Voyda requested that Amint call the license holder Majid to make him aware that we were here for a tobacco complaint inspection. Majid was not available and spoke with his son Aquati, Inspector Voyda asked Aquati to conduct the inspection behind the counter. Aquati replied, "of course go through anything you'd like to". Hidden under the left side of the display case foot board, flavor products were discover within a hidden compartment fitted with magnets, a large spring and with hinges (see attached Photos), a large green tub filled with over a hundred (100) Various types of flavored vape pens including but not limited to Red Berry, Bubble Gum, Purple Blitz (grape), Banana, Mango, Berry lemon, Mint, Banana Taffy. Including six (6) cartons and nine (9) packs of Newport menthols, one (1) carton of Marlboro Red Box, six (6) packs of Marlboro Red 100's, two (2) cartons and one (1) pack of Marlboro lights, eight (8) packs of Marlboro Menthol, five (5) packs of Camel Lights, three (3) packs Camel Crush Silver menthol, and two (2) packs of Camel Crush blue packs of cigarettes (see photos). Inspector Voyda asked Amint if there were any other flavor tobacco products hidden, Amint responded, "I don't know, I know nothing". Inspector Voyda educated Amint that these were flavored tobacco products and are in violation of the ordinance. Inspector Voyda advised Amint to place the flavored cigarettes in a trash bag, along with the green tub to remove the flavored tobacco products and place them in a back storage room away from the front counter. Amint placed the tobacco products in the back restroom. Note: Although the packs of Marlboro Red Box, Marlboro Red 100's, Marlboro lights, Camel Lights are not flavor violations, all

above mentions cigarettes are in violation of State Statutes for either missing/removed tax Stamp or Tax Stamps from other States (Missouri - Kansas).

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EXHIBIT 2 - J



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