



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor

Civil Division

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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

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September 11, 2014

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUSPEND LICENSE

Mezeker Mengesha, Owner
Little Grocery
1724 University Avenue West
Saint Paul, MN 55104

RE: Cigarette/Tobacco license held by Little Grocery, LLC d/b/a Little Grocery for the premises located at 1724 University Avenue West in Saint Paul.
License ID #: 20120003282

Dear Mezeker Mengesha:

The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) has recommended suspension of the Cigarette/Tobacco license held by Little Grocery, LLC d/b/a Little Grocery for the premises located at 1724 University Avenue West in Saint Paul. The basis for the recommendation is as follows:

On August 14, 2014, you were sent a Notice of License Penalty Fine from the Department of Safety and Inspections requesting payment of the \$900.00 matrix penalty imposed by City Council on August 6, 2014 (RES PH #14-218). The penalty was imposed due to the seizure of contraband tobacco products by the Minnesota Department of Revenue on February 24, 2014 and the sale of tobacco products to an underage person on July 9, 2014.

You were given until September 5, 2014 to pay the matrix penalty. As of today's date the penalty has not been paid.

At this time, you have two options to proceed:

1. You can pay the \$900.00 matrix penalty imposed by City Council. If this is your choice, you should make payment directly to the Department of Safety and Inspections, at 375 Jackson Street, Ste. 220, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806 no later than **Thursday, September 18, 2014**. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.
2. If you wish to admit the facts but you contest the penalty, you may have a public hearing before the Saint Paul City Council. You will need to send me a letter with a statement admitting to the facts and requesting a public hearing. I will need to receive your letter by **Thursday, September 18, 2014**. The matter will then be scheduled before the City Council for a public hearing to determine whether to suspend your Cigarette/Tobacco license. You will have an opportunity to appear before the Council and make a statement on your own behalf.

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If you have not contacted me or DSI by Thursday, September 18, 2014, I will assume that you do not contest the suspension of your Cigarette/Tobacco license. In that case, the matter will be placed on the City Council Consent Agenda for approval of the recommended penalty.

If you have questions about these options, please feel free to contact me at 266-8710.

Sincerely,


Geoffrey Karls
Assistant City Attorney

cc Dan Niziolek, DSI Deputy Director
Mezeker Mengesha, 436 Fulton Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102
Muhammad Shehim, Little Grocery, 1724 University Avenue West, Saint Paul, MN 55104
Julie Reiter, Executive Director, Union Park District Council, 1570 Concordia Avenue, Ste. LL100
Saint Paul, MN 55104

Enc. Notice of License Penalty Fine
Signature Copy of RES PH #14-218

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL

COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

Julie Kraus, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 11th day of September she served the attached **NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUSPEND LICENSE** and correct copy thereof in an envelope addressed as follows:

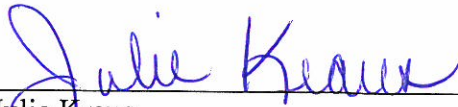
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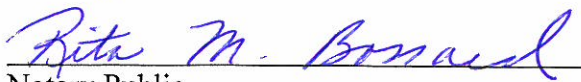
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(which is the last known address of said person) depositing the same, with postage prepaid, in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.



Julie Kraus

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 11th day of September, 2014



Notary Public

