

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL

COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

Riddhi Mistry, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the fifth day of November she served the attached **NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND REQUEST FOR REVOCATION OF LICENSE** and a correct copy thereof in an envelope addressed as follows:

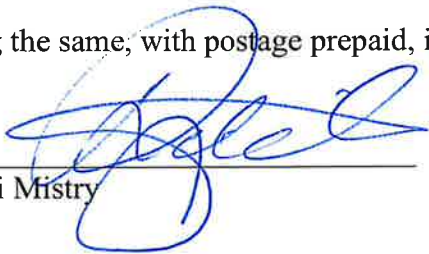
Damera Ethiopian Bar & Restaurant LLC
d/b/a Damera
823 University Ave. W.
Saint Paul, MN 55104
Attn: Senait Kifle and Dawit Jida

Senait Kifle
2236 Tower Court
Woodbury, MN 55125

Peter P. Nguyen & Thanh T M Nguyen
1300 Lafond Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55104-2034

Caty Royce and Tia Williams, Co-Executive Director
Frogtown Neighborhood Association
501 Dale Street N.
Saint Paul, MN 55104

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



Riddhi Mistry

Subscribed and sworn to before me
This 5th day of November 2025



Notary Public





November 5, 2025

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND
REQUEST FOR REVOCATION OF LICENSE**

Damera Ethiopian Bar & Restaurant LLC
d/b/a Damera
823 University Ave. W.
Saint Paul, MN 55104
Attn: Senait Kifle and Dawit Jida

RE: Liquor On-Sale 100 Seats or Less, Liquor On-Sale Sunday license held by Damera Ethiopian Bar & Restaurant LLC d/b/a Damera for the premises located at 823 University Ave. W.
License ID #: 20110004770

Dear Licensee:

The Department of Safety and Inspections ("Department") has recommended adverse action against the Liquor On-Sale 100 Seats or Less, Liquor On-Sale Sunday license held by Damera Ethiopian Bar & Restaurant LLC d/b/a Damera ("Licensee") for the premises located at 823 University Ave. W. ("Licensed Premises").

Legal Basis for Action:

Saint Paul Legislative Code section 310.01 defines "Adverse Action" as:

"the revocation or suspension of a license, the imposition of conditions upon a license, the denial of an application for the grant, issuance, or renewal of a license, the imposition of a fine, the assessment of the costs of a contested hearing, and any other disciplinary or unfavorable action taken with respect to a license, licensee, or applicant for a license. Adverse action includes any of the foregoing directed at one (1) or more licenses held by a licensee at any location in the city. Adverse action also includes disapproval of licenses issued by the state under statutory provisions which permit the governing body to disapprove the issuance of the license."

Minnesota Statutes section 270C.72, subdivision 1, states:

(a) The state or a political subdivision of the state may not issue, transfer, or renew, and must revoke, a license for the conduct of a profession, occupation, trade, or business, if the



commissioner notifies the licensing authority that the applicant owes the state delinquent taxes payable to the commissioner, penalties, or interest. The commissioner may not notify the licensing authority unless the applicant taxpayer owes \$500 or more in delinquent taxes, penalties, or interest, or has not filed returns. If the applicant taxpayer does not owe delinquent taxes, penalties, or interest, but has not filed returns, the commissioner may not notify the licensing authority unless the taxpayer has been given 90 days' written notice to file the returns or show that the returns are not required to be filed.

(b) Within ten days after receipt of the notification from the commissioner under paragraph (a), the licensing authority must notify the license holder by certified mail of the potential revocation of the license for the applicable reason under paragraph (a). The notice must include a copy of the commissioner's notice to the licensing agency and information, in the form specified by the commissioner, on the licensee's option for receiving a tax clearance from the commissioner. The licensing authority must revoke the license 30 days after receiving the notice from the commissioner, unless it receives a tax clearance from the commissioner as provided in paragraph (c).

(c) A licensing authority that has received a notice from the commissioner may issue, transfer, renew, or not revoke the applicant's license only if (1) the commissioner issues a tax clearance certificate and (2) the commissioner or the applicant forwards a copy of the clearance to the authority. The commissioner may issue a clearance certificate only if the applicant does not owe the state any uncontested delinquent taxes, penalties, or interest and has filed all required returns.

Adverse Action Recommendation:

The Department will recommend a revocation of license for violating Minnesota Statutes section 270C.72.

Factual Basis for Revocation of License:

On October 6, 2025, the Minnesota Department of Revenue sent a Notice of License Revocation to the City of Saint Paul ("City") to notify the Department that the City may be required to revoke all licenses issued to Licensee and directing the Department to notify Licensee.

On October 15, 2025, Eric Hudak, Licensing Manager for the Department, sent a letter to the Licensee, attention Senait Kifle and Dawit Jida, that informed them that the City may be required to recommend revocation of the license issued to Licensee unless the Department received a clearance certificate from the Minnesota Department of Revenue within 30 days.



To proceed:

1. Pursuant to the Notice of License Revocation from the Minnesota Department of Revenue, this matter will be placed on the **November 19, 2025**, City Council consent agenda for revocation of your Liquor On-Sale 100 Seats or Less, Liquor On-Sale Sunday license.
2. If you wish to keep your license, you must pay the outstanding balance. This may be paid with a certified check, cashier's check, money order, or cash, and payment must be brought to the Minnesota Department of Revenue, located at 600 North Robert Street, St. Paul, MN 55101. You may also pay with a bank transfer or credit card payment by calling the Collection Division at (651) 556-3003. If you pay the outstanding balance, the Minnesota Department of Revenue must notify the City by contacting the Department or my paralegal, Riddhi Mistry, and the Department will remove your revocation from the consent agenda.

If you have questions about these options, please contact my paralegal Riddhi Mistry at riddhi.mistry@ci.stpaul.mn.us, (651) 266-8835.

Sincerely,

Monica Shaffer

Monica Shaffer
Assistant City Attorney
License No.: 0504708

Cc: Senait Kifle, 2236 Tower Court, Woodbury, MN 55125
Peter P. Nguyen & Thanh T M Nguyen, 1300 Lafond Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104-2034
Cathy Royce and Tia Willaims, Co-Executive Directors, 501 Dale Street N, Saint Paul, MN 55104

Attachments:

Notice of License Revocation from the Minnesota Dept. of Revenue – 10/06/2025
Letter from Department re: Minnesota Revenue Notice of License Revocation – 10/15/2025
Minnesota Statute § 270C.72



SAINT PAUL
CITY ATTORNEY

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY
LYNDSEY M. OLSON, CITY ATTORNEY

Civil Division, 15 Kellogg Blvd. West, 400 City Hall
Saint Paul, MN 55102
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October 15, 2025

Damera Ethiopian Bar and Restaurant LLC
823 University Ave. W.
Saint Paul, MN 55104

RE: MINNESOTA REVENUE NOTICE OF LICENSE REVOCATION

Senait Kifle and Dawit Jida,

Enclosed you will find a Notice of License Revocation ("Notice") issued by the Minnesota Department of Revenue ("Department") requiring the City of Saint Paul ("City") to notify you that the City may be required to revoke all licenses issued to Damera Ethiopian Bar and Restaurant LLC unless the City receives a clearance certificate from the Department within 30 days.

The Notice provides instructions that you must follow for the Department to issue a clearance certificate. Failure to comply with the instructions within 30 days will result in a recommendation to the City Attorney's Office to revoke all licenses issued to Damera Ethiopian Bar and Restaurant LLC.

Questions regarding this letter can be directed to me at (651) 266-9132.

Eric Hudak
Licensing Manager, Department of Safety and Inspections

cc: Monica Shaffer, Saint Paul City Attorney's Office
Joseph Voyda, Department of Safety and Inspections
Senait Kifle and Jida Dawit, 2236 Tower Court, Woodbury, MN 55125
E-mailed to Senait Kifle and Jida Dawit @ senaitneway@gmail.com



October 6, 2025

ID: XX-XXX4452
Letter ID: L1966151008

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ST. PAUL, CITY OF
ST PAUL DSI
375 JACKSON ST #220
ST PAUL MN 55101-1806

Notice of License Revocation

Please revoke the following license for the Minnesota Department of Revenue.

Debtor name: DAMERA ETHIOPIAN BAR & RESTAURANT, LLC
Debtor ID: XX-XXX4452
License holder: Damera Ethiopian Bar and Restaurant LLC
License number: 37526
License expiration: April 10, 2026
License type: On Sale including Sunday - City

What do I need to do?

Within 10 days, notify the license holder by certified mail that their license may be revoked. Include a copy of this notice. On page 2, we state what the license holder must do to receive clearance.

Within 30 days, you must revoke the license unless you receive a clearance certificate from us.

Contact information

Collection Division
Phone: 651-556-3003 or 1-800-657-3909 (toll-free)
Email: mdor.collection@state.mn.us
Fax: 651-556-5116

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Commissioner of Revenue

by:

This is sent according to Minnesota Statute 270C.72, subdivision 1(b).

The following information is for the license holder

What must I do to get my license back?

Pay the amount due with secure funds. Contact the Minnesota Department of Revenue to get an updated amount.

How do I make a payment?

The following are considered secured funds: certified checks, cashier's checks, bank wires, money orders, cash, and credit card payments initiated through a collection officer.

Note: If you pay by certified check, cashier's check, money order, or cash, you must bring the payment to the Minnesota Department of Revenue, located at 600 North Robert Street, St. Paul, MN 55101. For bank wire transfers or credit card payments, call the Collection Division for assistance.

Contact information

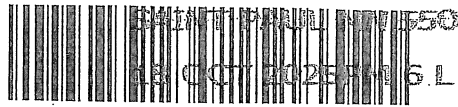
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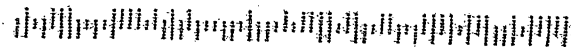
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First-Class Mail
Postage & Fees Paid
USPS
Permit No. G-10

United States
Postal Service

• Sender: Please print your name, address, and ZIP+4® in this box*

Eric Hudak
City of St Paul - DSI
375 Jackson St. Suite 220
St Paul, MN 55101-1806



SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

Damera Ethiopian Bar and
Restaurant LLC
823 University Ave. West
St. Paul, MN 55104



9590 9402 6183 0220 3166 79

2. Article Number (Transfer from service label)

7007 3020 0000 0177 3559

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature

X

☐ Agent

☐ Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name)

C. Date of Delivery

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes
If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

3. Service Type

- ☐ Adult Signature
- ☐ Adult Signature Restricted Delivery
- ☒ Certified Mail®
- ☐ Certified Mail Restricted Delivery
- ☐ Collect on Delivery
- ☐ Collect on Delivery Restricted Delivery

- ☐ Priority Mail Express®
- ☐ Registered Mail™
- ☐ Registered Mail Restricted Delivery
- ☐ Signature Confirmation™
- ☐ Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery

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☒ Return Receipt

PS Form 3811, July 2020 PSN 7530-02-000-9053

Domestic Return Receipt

Saint Paul Legislative Code - Ordinance Violation

Sec. 310.04. Revocation; suspension; adverse actions; imposition of conditions.

- (b) *Basis for action.* Such adverse action may be based on one (1) or more of the following reasons, which are in addition to any other reason specifically provided by law or in these chapters:
- (6) a. The licensee or applicant (or any person whose conduct may by law be imputed to the licensee or applicant) has violated, or performed any act which is a violation of, any of the provisions of these chapters or of any statute, ordinance or regulation reasonably related to the licensed activity, regardless of whether criminal charges have or have not been brought in connection therewith;

Minnesota State Statutes Violations

270C.72 TAX CLEARANCE; ISSUANCE OF LICENSES.

Subdivision 1. Tax clearance required.

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