



CITY OF SAINT PAUL  
Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor

Civil Division  
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15 West Kellogg Blvd.  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

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November 18, 2011

### NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Zinash Amde  
RAS Restaurant & Lounge  
2516-7<sup>th</sup> Street West  
St. Paul, MN 55116

RE: All licenses held by RAS Ethiopian Bar and Restaurant, LLC d/b/a RAS Restaurant & Lounge for the premises located at 2516-7<sup>th</sup> Street West in Saint Paul.  
License ID #: 20100000062

Dear Mr. Amde:

The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) has recommended adverse action against all licenses held by RAS Ethiopian Bar and Restaurant, LLC d/b/a RAS Restaurant & Lounge for the premises located at 2516-7<sup>th</sup> Street West in Saint Paul. The basis for the recommendation is as follows:

**On October 23, 2011, at approximately 2:15 a.m., Saint Paul Police were sent to your establishment regarding a fight between ten (10) to fifteen (15) people (CN #11-222-980). When the officer arrived, the suspect was gone and no one in your establishment could describe the suspect. The officer then requested a copy of videotape during the time of the incident. You told the officer that the only person with access to the office to make a copy was your wife and she would not be able to come until after 3:00 p.m. that afternoon.**

**This is a violation of license condition #3 which states: "...Tapes/recordings must be maintained for a minimum of thirty (30) days, and there shall be an employee on-staff at all times with the ability to make them immediately available to the SPPD and/or the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) upon request."**

Therefore, per Saint Paul Legislative Code § 310.05(m) (2), licensing department will recommend a \$500.00 matrix penalty.

At this time, you have three options on how to proceed:


1. If you wish to admit to the violation you can pay the \$500.00 matrix penalty. You can send the payment to the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) located at 375 Jackson Street, Ste. 220, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806 no later than **Monday, November 28, 2011**. Information should be directed to the attention of Christine Rozek. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Payment of the \$500.00 matrix penalty will be considered a waiver of the hearing to which you are entitled.

2. If you wish to admit the facts but you contest the \$500.00 matrix 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 no later than **Monday, November 28, 2011**. The matter will then be scheduled before the City Council for a public hearing to determine whether to impose the \$500.00 matrix penalty. You will have an opportunity to appear before the Council and make a statement on your own behalf.
3. If you dispute the facts outlined above, you may request a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). You will need to send me a letter disputing the facts and requesting an administrative hearing no later than **Monday, November 28, 2011**. At that hearing both you and the City will appear and present witnesses, evidence and cross-examine each other's witnesses. After receipt of the ALJ's report (usually within 30 days), a public hearing will need to be scheduled. At that time, the City Council will decide whether to adopt, modify or reject the ALJ's report and recommendation.

**If you have not contacted me by Monday, November 28, 2011, I will assume that you are not contesting the imposition of the \$500.00 matrix penalty. 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,



Kyle Lundgren  
Assistant City Attorney

cc: Christine Rozek, Deputy Director of DSI  
Zinash Amde, 8350 Savanna Oaks Lane, Woodbury, MN 55125  
Kathy Carruth, Community Organizer, Highland District Council, 1978 Ford Parkway  
St. Paul, MN 55116-1922

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of November she served the attached the **NOTICE OF VIOLATION** and correct copy thereof in an envelope addressed as follows:

Zinash Amde  
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St. Paul, MN 55116

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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  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011

Rita M. Bossard  
Notary Public

