



July 6, 2023

NOTICE OF COUNCIL HEARING

Mr. Craig J. Beuning
North Star Law Group, PLLC
413 Wacouta Street, Suite 550
Saint Paul, MN 55101

RE: Tobacco Shop license held by MJ Market, Inc. d/b/a MJ Market for the premises located
at 922 Thomas Avenue in Saint Paul
License ID #20210001131

Mr. Beuning:

Please take notice that this matter has been set on the Council Hearing Agenda for a City Council meeting on **Wednesday, July 19, 2023 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.

Enclosed is a copy of the email we received from you on June 20, 2023 requesting that we cancel the administrative hearing that was scheduled for June 26th and June 27, 2023. Your email indicated that your client was not contesting the facts related to the incident but was instead requesting the opportunity to address the Council regarding the penalty, the resolution, and any supporting documents. Based on your request, we drafted the attached resolution. This information, along with the Notice of Violation and supporting exhibits, will be presented to City Council for their consideration.

As you are aware, this matter is related to a complaint-based inspection conducted by inspectors from the Department of Safety and Inspections on January 9, 2023. During that inspection a large volume of prohibited flavored products and unstamped cigarettes were discovered hidden in boxes and tubs, behind a drawer and under a foot board at the base of the sales counter in violation of Saint Paul Legislative Code §324.07 (j).



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In accordance with the presumptive matrix penalty, the Department is recommending revocation of your client's Tobacco Shop license.

The Department is aware that you will be asking City Council for a lesser penalty to allow your client to surrender his Tobacco Shop license. However, only City Council has the authority to impose a lesser penalty than the presumptive penalty of revocation.

Sincerely,

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cc: Caty Royce, Co-Executive Director, Frogtown Neighborhood Association
501 Dale Street, Saint Paul, MN 55117
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Enclosures: June 20, 2023 letter to Administrative Law Judge Moseng
Uncontested License Matter form

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 6th day of July she served the attached **NOTICE OF COUNCIL HEARING** and a correct copy thereof in an envelope addressed as follows:

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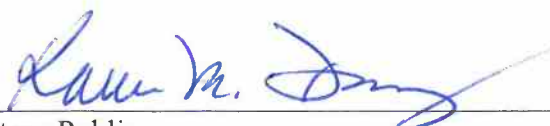
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(which is the last known address of said person) depositing the same, with postage prepaid, in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.


Julie Kraus

Subscribed and sworn to before me
This ____ day of July 2023


Notary Public

