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March 20, 2013

### NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Khaled Aloul  
Maryland Amoco/BP Market Place  
1200 White Bear Avenue North  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

RE: Cigarette/Tobacco license held by Maryland One Stop Food & Fuel Market, Inc. d/b/a Maryland Amoco/BP Market Place for the premises located at 1200 White Bear Avenue North in Saint Paul  
License ID #20050003472

Dear Khaled Aloul:

The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) has recommended adverse action against the Cigarette/Tobacco license held by Maryland One Stop Food & Fuel Market, Inc. d/b/a Maryland Amoco/BP Market Place for the premises located at 1200 White Bear Avenue North in Saint Paul. The basis for the recommendation is as follows:

**On March 14, 2013, a tobacco compliance check was conducted at Maryland Amoco/BP Market Place located at 1200 White Bear Avenue North. A fifteen year old male entered your establishment and asked to buy cigarettes. He was asked to show his identification, and did so. It correctly stated his date of birth, which indicated he was underage. Nevertheless, the clerk sold him a package of Marlboro 100's cigarettes. Sale of tobacco to an underage person is a violation of Minn. Stat. § 609.685 and Saint Paul Legislative Code § 324.07(c).**

This is the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) violation for the sale of cigarettes to an underage person within twenty-four (24) months; therefore, per Saint Paul Legislative Code §324.11 (b) (1) the licensing office will recommend a \$400.00 matrix penalty.

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

1. You can pay the recommended \$400.00 matrix penalty. 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 **Monday, April 1, 2013**. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Payment of the \$400.00 matrix penalty will be considered to be a waiver of the hearing to which you are entitled.

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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 no later than **Monday, April 1, 2013**. The matter will then be scheduled before the City Council for a public hearing to determine whether to impose the \$400.00 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 by **Monday, April 1, 2013**. 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.

Please note: If you choose an administrative hearing, the Department of Safety and Inspections reserves the Right to request that City Council impose the costs of the administrative hearing per Saint Paul Legislative Code § 310.05 (k).

**If you have not contacted me by Monday, April 1, 2013, I will assume that you are not contesting the imposition of the \$400.00 matrix penalty. In that case, the matter will be placed on the City Council Consent Agenda for approval of the recommended penalty.**

Please be advised that the clerk who was identified as having made the sale on this date is also being charged a \$50.00 administrative penalty pursuant to Minn. Stat. §461.12, subd. 3. This is a separate action from this license matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (651) 266-8710.

Sincerely,

Daphne Lundstrom  
Assistant City Attorney

cc: Christine Rozek, Deputy Director of DSI  
Khaled Aloul, 231-105<sup>th</sup> Circle East, Bloomington, MN 55420  
Lisa Theis, Community Organizer, District 2 Community Council Greater East Side  
1365 Prosperity Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55106

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

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1200 White Bear Avenue North  
Saint Paul, MN 55106


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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 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013

  
Notary Public

