



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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EAST SIDE GROCERY  
1340 PAYNE AVE UNIT B  
ST PAUL, MN 55130

Dear Cigarette/Tobacco License Holder, (License Number:20190003644)

The Saint Paul Legislative Code establishes minimum cigar prices, prohibits the sale of flavored tobacco products at most retail locations, prohibits the sale of all tobacco products to **anyone under the age of twenty-one (21)**, limits the size of temporary window signs in stores, and regulates customer access to the tobacco and tobacco-related products on display. Compliance checks for these items are typically conducted a minimum of once per calendar year where tobacco, tobacco-related devices, electronic delivery devices, or nicotine or lobelia delivery products are sold. The checks include but are not limited to DSI Licensing Inspectors visiting tobacco licensed establishments unannounced to observe product placement and labeling, provide regulation education to clerks, take photos, attempt a tobacco purchase with an underage person and more to monitor for tobacco regulation compliance.

**Please consider this letter formal notice that the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) will soon begin to conduct the 2021 routine compliance checks for cigar pricing, flavored tobacco and underage sales compliance, temporary window sign, and tobacco display requirements. Compliance checks may be conducted at any time during the year and may be in response to complaints or reported alleged violations of these or other applicable requirements. Ordinance violations will be forwarded to the City Attorney's Office for adverse action against your license(s) that may result in fines and potential license suspension or revocation.**

A link to the Cigarette/Tobacco License webpage is further below for your reference and if you have any questions about license requirements or inspection procedures, contact me at 651-266-9014 or [joseph.voyda@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:joseph.voyda@ci.stpaul.mn.us). Other DSI Licensing Inspectors are available during my absence at 651-266-8989 to answer questions as well.

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<https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/safety-inspections/licenses/business/cigarette-tobacco-license>

Sincerely,



Joseph Voyda,  
Inspector, DSI Licensing