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# COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

Shawn McDonald, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, he served the attached **NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND REQUEST FOR IMPOSITION OF A 10-DAY SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE** and a correct copy thereof in an envelope addressed as follows:

Mohammed Ibrahim and Abdullane Ali d/b/a Annapolis Super USA #002 1333 Thomas Avenue Saint Paul, MN 55104

Abdullane Mohammed Ali 630 Cleveland Avenue SW New Brighton, MN 55112

Embassy Thomas LLC 5200 Wilson Rd # 150 Edina, MN 55424

Sarah O'Brien, Executive Director Hamline Midway Coalition 1558 W. Minnehaha Avenue 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.

Shawn McDonald

Subscribed and sworn to before me This 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022

Notary Public





Civil Division, 15 Kellogg Blvd. West, 400 City Hall Saint Paul, MN 55102 Tel: 651-266-8710 | Fax: 651-298-5619

May 25, 2022

# NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND REQUEST FOR IMPOSITION OF A 10-DAY SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE

Mohammed Ibrahim and Abdullane Ali d/b/a Annapolis Super USA #002 1333 Thomas Avenue Saint Paul, MN 55104

RE: Cigarette/Tobacco license held by Mohammad Ibrahim and Abdullane Ali, d/b/a Annapolis Super USA #002, for the premises located at 1333 Thomas Avenue in Saint Paul. License ID #: 20160003307

### Dear Licensee:

The Department of Safety and Inspections (the "Department") is recommending adverse action against the Cigarette/Tobacco license held by Mohammad Ibrahim and Abdullane Ali, d/b/a Annapolis Super USA #002, for the premises located at 1333 Thomas Avenue in Saint Paul (the "Licensed Premises") for a first-time flavor tobacco product violation.

Saint Paul Legislative Code section 324.07(j) prohibits a licensee from selling, offering for sale, or otherwise distributing any flavored tobacco products.

Saint Paul Legislative Code section 324.10(b)(2) sets the presumptive penalties for violations of provisions of the Legislative Code relating to the display, possession, or multiple incidents of sales of menthol or flavored tobacco products. Under section 324.10(b)(2), the presumptive penalty for a first-time violation is a 10-day license suspension.

The Department asserts that the following facts, along with photos of the violations attached herein, constitute proof of a violation of section 324.07(j) of the Saint Paul Legislative Code by a preponderance of the evidence.

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# **Synopsis of Alleged Facts:**

On May 12, 2022, Department Inspector Voyda went to the Licensed Premises for a complaint inspection. Inspector Voyda spoke with the store clerk, Saleem, and informed him that the Department received a complaint of the business selling flavored tobacco products. During the inspection, Inspector Voyda observed and photographed multiple flavored tobacco products that were located in glass cabinets and behind the counter/cash register. He also found flavored tobacco products that were hidden under the cash register in a bag and menthol products that were hidden under a shirt box. After the inspection, Voyda educated the clerk on the violations and advised him to remove all flavored products into a back storage and call a distributor to pick them up.

You have three (3) options to proceed:

- 1. If you do not contest the imposition of the proposed adverse action, you may do nothing. If I have not heard from you by **June 8, 2022,** I will presume that you have chosen not to contest the proposed adverse action and the matter will be placed on the City Council Consent Agenda for a 10-day suspension of your license.
- 2. If you wish to admit the facts but you contest the 10-day suspension 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 no later than **June 8, 2022.** The matter will then be scheduled before the City Council to determine whether to suspend the license. You will have an opportunity to appear before the Council and make a statement.
- 3. If you dispute the facts outlined above, you may request a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge (the "ALJ"). You will need to send me a letter disputing the facts and requesting an administrative hearing no later than **June 8, 2022.** At that hearing, both you and the City will appear and present witnesses and 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 the hearing, 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 reserves the right to request that City Council impose the costs of the administrative hearing, per Saint Paul Legislative Code section 310.05(k).

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If you have not contacted me by June 8, 2022, I will assume that you do not contest the imposition of the 10-day suspension of your license. In that case, the matter will be placed on the City Council Consent Agenda for approval of the recommended penalty.

Sincerely,

Stephen Earnest /s.m.

Assistant City Attorney License No.: 0402652

cc: Abdullane Mohammed Ali, 630 Cleveland Avenue SW, New Brighton, MN 55112

Embassy Thomas LLC, 5200 Wilson Rd # 150, Edina, MN 55424

Sarah O'Brien, Executive Director, Hamline Midway Coalition, 1558 W. Minnehaha Avenue,

Saint Paul, MN 55104

Attachments: Inspector's Report

List of Tobacco Products Found on Licensed Premises

Licensee Information on Eclips System

License Group Comments Text Adverse Action Comments Text Requirement Comments Text License Group Conditions Text

STAMP - Ownership/Zoning Information

Photos of Tobacco Products



375 Jackson Street, Suite 220 Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806 Tel: 651-266-8989 | Fax: 651-266-9124

# **Inspector's Report**

| Inspectors Name: Joseph Voyda                                                                         |                                              |                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Date & Time: 5/12/202                                                                                 | 2 - 2:35pm                                   | Staff Member's Name: Saleem (clerk) |
| Business/DBA Name: Annapolis Super USA #002                                                           |                                              |                                     |
| Property Address: 1333 Thomas Avenue                                                                  |                                              |                                     |
| Reason for Visit: Complaint Inspection                                                                |                                              |                                     |
| Observations: Selling Flavored Tobacco Products                                                       |                                              |                                     |
| Photos Taken: ⊠ Yes □ No – Area(s) of where the Photo(s) where taken: Behind the counter and shelving |                                              |                                     |
| Action Taken:                                                                                         | ☐ Education / warning  ☑ Request for Adverse | e Action                            |
| Other: -                                                                                              | ·                                            |                                     |
|                                                                                                       |                                              |                                     |

#### Details of Conversations (Statements to and by Person Responsible for Property):

Upon arrival on May 12, 2022 at 1:45pm I spoke with the clerk Saleem I introduced myself as a licensing Inspector for the City of Saint Paul with Department of Safety and Inspections. I explained I was there for an inspection from a complaint that was received by DSI for flavor tobacco product being sold.

In plain sight located behind the counter/cash register and in glass cabinets were multiple flavor tobacco product violations (see attached photos – 3 pages total), hidden under the cash register in a bag and hidden under a shirt box were menthol products intended for sale (see listed products below). I asked Saleem if there were any other flavor products that were present or hidden, Saleem response was "no, I don't know anything I just work here". Continuing the inspection, I advised Saleem to move all tobacco products that were flavor violations to be placed into the back storge room. I spoke and advised the license holder Mohammed Ibrahim to call the distributor for a pickup. I educated Saleem on the flavor violations that were discovered.

Types of flavored tobacco products:

Menthol - seven (7) 'Golden Harvest' menthol cigar pipe bags

'American Spirits' - Black

'Camel Snus' - Robust

'Copenhagen' - Wintergreen one (1) log

'Grizzly' - Wintergreen one (1) tin

'Kodiak' - Wintergreen two (2) tins

'Al Fakher' - Two Apples

'Afandina' - Hookah Tobacco Charcaol

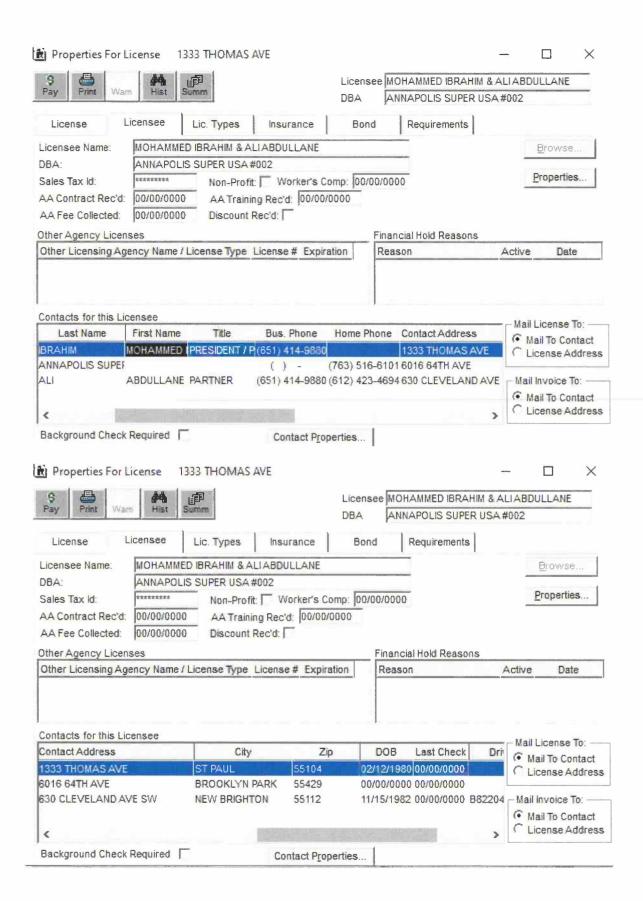
'Al Capone' - Cognac

'Juicy' - bucket of rolling papers - Assorted aray of flavors to include but not limited to - Coconut, Black Magic, Mint Orange, Lemon, Bubble Gum, Absinth, Watermelon, Jamaican Rum, Blackberry Brandy, Peaches and Cream, Blueberry Hill, Mello Mango, Strawberry Skunk etc.

'High Hemp' - rolling papers - plain

Delta 8 Vape Pens:

'OZE' - Orange, Peppermint, Lemon & Tropical



# STAMP - Ownership / Zoning Information

New Search Help using this report

Run Date: 05/17/22 11:00 AM

House#: Last updated from Ramsey County data

on:

**Street Name:** 

Click on "Other Application" links below to access GISmo, MapIT, and Ramsey County Info

1333 Thomas Ave - Superusa - 55104-2545 - Other Applications

PIN: 342923120204 Census Track: 32300 Census Block: 4010 Council Ward: 4 District Council: 11

Year Built: Foundation Sq Feet: Loan Company: Land Building Value: 93700 Value: 231300

Unverified Usage: 10- GENERAL RETAIL & SVC- B- Commercial ISP: Units:

Zoning: T2

Legal Desc: SYNDICATE NO. 5 ADDITION SYNDICATE NO. 5 ADDITION LOTS 16 AND LOT 17 BLK 15

#### Owner:

Embassy Thomas Llc 5200 Willson Rd # 150 Edina MN 55424-1300

#### Tax Owner:

Embassy Thomas Llc 5200 Willson Rd # 150 Edina MN

## **Certificate of Occupancy Responsible Party:**

Mohamed Ibrahim 1333 Thomas Ave St Paul MN 55104-2545 763-516-6101

Licensee: MOHAMMED IBRAHIM & ALI ABDULLANE

DBA:

**ANNAPOLIS SUPER USA #002** 

License #: 20160003307

2/7/2022 Sent email with deadline to pay/renew by 2/11/2022 - or will send to the CAO for Suspension JNV

2/2/2022 Spoke with the LH he'll pay license fee to renew via phone today JNV

8/10/2021 Youth Tobacco compliance pass KY

12/04/2020 Delinquent letter sent. Response deadline date is December 25, 2020. SLH

2/4/2020 Fine Paid -- entered by JNV

12/31/19 TO CAO for suspension.KS

12/31/19 spoke to licensee and he said his license didn't expire. I informed it had and he hung up on me.KS

12/25/2019 No response to dingt. Itr. to KS for follow-up. JWF

12/02/2019 Sent delinquent letter. Response deadline date is December 23, 2019. Max

6/12/19 Youth tobacco compliance check, pass. ARM

4/24/19 Tobacco compliance check, failed flavors. ARM

12/04/2018 Sent delinquent letter. Response deadline date is December 26, 2018. Max

10/29/2018 Re-tobacco education per our agreement for settlement JNV

108/25/2018 Cig sales \$750.00 fine paid. AMW

10/8/2018 - licensee owes \$750 fine per settlement EVH

7/25/18 Tobacco youth compliance check pass / Re-inspection of flavors failed - flavored cigars JNV

7/19/2018 Sent to CAO for adverse JNV.

4/23/2018 Tobacco education / inspection Fail Flavor cigars and wraps. JV

Paid delinquent on 1/4/18 KS

1/2/18 To CAO for adverse action. KS

01/02/2018 No response to dlnqt. letter, to KS for CA adverse action. JWF

12/01/2017 Sent delinquent letter. Response deadline date is 22, 2017. Max

08/31/2017 pased tobacco compliance recheck BLB

08/25/2017 Received \$50.00 matrix penalty from Jemal Usman for failed compliance check. MN

08/25/2017 Received \$200.00 matrix penalty for failed compliance check. MN

08/23/2017 CF #\$17-1242 imposes \$200 matrix penalty for underage tob. sale on 06/27/2017. JWF

06/27/2017 FAILED tobacco compliance checks BLB

11/02/2016 Letter sent submitted signed lease and bus, purch, agmnt., response date 11/21/2016. JWF

09/27/2016 Written orders issued submited signed lease and bus. purch. agmnt, recheck 10/29/2016. JWF

**Adverse Action Comments Text** 05/17/2022

Licensee: MOHAMMED IBRAHIM & ALI ABDULLANE

DBA: **ANNAPOLIS SUPER USA #002** 

License #: 20160003307

2/4/2020 Fine Paid --- entered by JNV

1/28/2020- Notice of intent to suspend sent with an 2/11/2020 deadline to suspend. SM

10/19/2018 - Sent letter re: fine payment due date

of Oct. 29 EVH

10/8/2018 - Settlement: admit to 2nd matrix violation; pay \$750 by 10/29/18; if same or similar before Feb. 26, 2019 3rd pending violation will be issued. EV 8/7/2018 - Sent Notice of Violation with an 8/17/2018 deadline to respond, JAK

8/25/2017- \$200.00 matrix penalty paid. JAK

8/23/2017 - Council adopted adverse action. DSI to send letter. JAk

8/8/2017 - Entered resolution and attachments into Legistar (RES #17-1242) for 8/23/2017 Consent Agenda. JAK
7/19/2017 - Sent Notice of Violation (licensee) and Notice of Administrative Fine (clerk) for tobacco compliance failure on 6/27/2017 with a 7/31/2017 deadline to respond. JAK

Licensee: MOHAMMED IBRAHIM & ALI ABDULLANE

DBA: ANNAPOLIS SUPER USA #002

License #: 20160003307

2/10/2022 Licensee will email W/C in. zl 01/10/2019 Sent e-mail requesting wc form. LAB

Licensee: MOHAMMED IBRAHIM & ALI ABDULLANE

DBA:

**ANNAPOLIS SUPER USA #002** 

License #: 20160003307

<sup>1.</sup> Temporary window signs placed between the height of four (4) to seven (7) feet above grade shall not cover more than thirty (30) percent of this window space area, and cannot block views into the clerk or cashier station.













