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SAFETY & INSPECTIONS

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY & INSPECTIONS (DSI)
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Dear Resident and/or Neighborhood Organization:

The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) has received an application for a license for a business in your area. You are being notified because this request requires neighborhood notification.

Details regarding this matter are given on the reverse side of this letter. You will have 15 days from the date this notice was mailed to express any objections. The response deadline is given on the reverse side of this document. If you have any objections to the application as described on the reverse side, **please send your objection(s) (with your telephone number) in writing to:**

Legislative Hearing Officer
310 City Hall
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Or email to: LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us

If objections are received, a hearing will be scheduled before a legislative hearing officer. If you have sent in an objection, you will receive notice of the time, place and date of the scheduled hearing. At that hearing, the Legislative Hearing Officer will take testimony from all interested persons. At the end of this hearing, the Legislative Hearing Officer will make a recommendation to the City Council as to whether the license request should be approved or be referred to an administrative law judge for further review. The City Council will have the final authority to grant or deny the license.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Tom Ferrara, DSI Inspector III, at 651-266-8989, or me at 651-266-9106.

Sincerely,

Jeff Fischbach
DSI Inspector III

LICENSE APPLICATION NOTIFICATION

License Number: DSIBLLOFS-001693-2026 & DSIBLTOBAC-001319-2026

Application for: Malt Off Sale and Tobacco Shop

License at: 604 Western Ave N

Licensee: VB Mart LLC, doing business as Stop & Shop
Srinivas Venkata, co-owner, 612-308-7152

Recommended License Conditions:

1. License holder will create a video surveillance camera and lighting placement plan (video surveillance plan) for the interior and exterior of the licensed premises. License holder will submit the video surveillance plan to the Saint Paul Police Department (SPPD) liaison with the Department of Safety and Inspection (DSI) for review and approval. In accordance with the approved video surveillance plan, license holder will ensure that video surveillance camera system is in good working order, ensure it is recording 24 hours per day, ensure it can produce recorded surveillance video in a commonly used, up-to-date format, and ensure that accurate date and time of day are visible on all recorded video. License holder will retain surveillance video for a minimum of thirty (30) days. If an incident is deemed serious by SPPD, license holder shall make surveillance video immediately available for viewing by SPPD. If a copy of the surveillance video for a serious incident is requested by SPPD, license holder shall have the technology, materials and staff available to immediately make the copy. In all other cases, license holder shall provide a copy of the surveillance video to the requestor within 48 hours.

Deadline for Response Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

If you have any comments on the license application, you must respond in writing by Wednesday, August 19, 2026 to:

Legislative Hearing Officer
310 City Hall
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Or email to: LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us

If you have any questions, please contact DSI Inspectors Joseph Voyda or Jeff Fischbach at 651-266-8989.

Notice Mailed: Tuesday, August 4, 2026

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August 4, 2026

VB Mart LLC
Attn: Srinivas Venkata
604 Western Ave N
St Paul MN 55103

RE: License Application for VB Mart LLC, doing business as Stop & Shop, ID # DSIBLLOFS-001693-2026 & DSIBLTOBAC-001319-2026, Located at 604 Western Ave N / **Malt Off Sale and Tobacco Shop**

Dear Applicant:

Review of your application for a license is in process. Notification has been sent to the community organization and neighbors for the area in which you intend to operate giving them until **Wednesday, August 19, 2026** to give comment on your application. If no objections are received, and you have returned a signed affidavit, your license will be forwarded to the City Council for review.

If concerns are submitted a hearing will be scheduled before a legislative hearing officer. You will receive notice of the time, place and date of the scheduled hearing from the Legislative Hearing Officer. At that hearing, the hearing officer will take testimony from all interested persons and will make a recommendation to the City Council as to whether the license(s) should be approved or be referred to an administrative law judge for further review. The City Council will have the final authority to grant or deny this license application.

Your license could be issued once City Council approval has been given and you have satisfied all applicable requirements. **Requirements including the following must be met prior to license issuance:**

- Sign and return one copy of the enclosed license condition affidavit acknowledging the conditions that will be placed on your license(s). A return envelope has been included for your convenience.
- Contact Matt Arntzen, Saint Paul Police Department (SPPD), at 651-266-5783 to obtain approval of your security camera/lighting/recording system.
- Submit a signed letter from the property owner specifically stating the sale of 3.2 Malt Beer for consumption of the premises is permitted. This was not specifically authorized in the lease.

If you have any questions, please contact DSI Inspector Joseph Voyda at 651-266-9014 or me at 651-266-9106.

Sincerely,

Jeff Fischbach
DSI Licensing Division
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Disclaimer: This letter is not an indication that your application will be granted. This letter is intended simply as notice of the ongoing process of your pending application.