

CITY OF SAINT PAUL Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor

Civil Division 400 City Hall 15 West Kellogg Blvd. Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102 Telephone: 651 266-8710 Facsimile: 651 298-5619

July 20, 2011

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Bonnie Wright, Commander Attucks-Brooks American Legion Post #606 976 Concordia Avenue St. Paul, MN 55104

RE:

All licenses held by Attucks-Brooks American Legion Post #606 d/b/a Attucks-Brooks American Legion Post #606 for the premises located at 976 Concordia Avenue in Saint Paul License ID #0023519

Dear Ms. Wright:

The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) has recommended adverse action against all licenses held by Attucks-Brooks American Legion Post #606 d/b/a Attucks-Brooks American Legion Post #606 for the premises located at 976 Concordia Avenue in Saint Paul. The basis for this determination is as follows:

On June 16, 2011, the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) received a notice from Western Insurance Agency stating that your liquor liability insurance had been cancelled effective May 28, 2011. On June 28, 2011, a letter was hand-delivered to your establishment requesting proof of replacement coverage. The letter also stated that there should be no service of alcohol until DSI receives a current liquor liability certificate showing an effective date of May 28, 2011.

On July 8, 2011, Saint Paul Police came to your establishment to do a bar check (CN #11-140-483). When officers tried to get into the legion the door was locked and they had to ring the buzzer to get in. Once inside, they observed a D.J. playing music, people dancing and drinking apparent cocktails and cans of Miller Lite Beer. There were two (2) bartenders with a full bar of hard alcohol pouring mixed drinks.



Failure to provide DSI with a current liquor liability certificate and continuing to serve alcohol without liquor liability insurance is a violation of Saint Paul Legislative Code § 409.26 (b) (12). In addition, providing entertainment without obtaining the appropriate license is a violation of Saint Paul Legislative Code § 310.05 (m) (2). As a result, the licensing office will recommend a recommend a ten (10) day suspension of your licenses and a \$500.00 matrix penalty.

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At this time, you have two options on how to proceed:

- If you wish to <u>admit the facts</u> but 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 the facts and requesting a public hearing. We will need to receive your letter by **Monday**, **August 1**, **2011**. The matter will then be scheduled before the City Council for a public hearing to determine whether to impose the ten (10) day suspension of your licenses and \$500.00 matrix penalty. You will have an opportunity to appear before the Council and make a statement on your own behalf.
- 2. If you <u>dispute the facts</u> outlined above, you may request a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). 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. If this is your choice, please advise me no later than **Monday**, **August 1**, **2011**, and I will take the necessary steps to schedule the administrative hearing.

If I have not heard from you by Monday, August 1, 2011, I will assume that you do not contest the imposition of the ten (10) day suspension of your licenses and \$500.00 matrix penalty. In that case, the matter will be placed on the City Council Consent Agenda for approval of the recommended penalty.

If you have questions about these options, please feel free to contact me at 266-8710.

Sincerely,

Kyje Lundgren

Assistant City/Attorney

cc: Christine Rozek, Deputy Director of DSI

Bonnie Wright, Commander, Attucks-Brooks American Legion Post #606, c/o P.O. Box 4281, St. Paul, MN 55104

Irna Landrum, Executive Director, Summit-University Planning Council, 627 Selby Avenue St. Paul, MN 55104



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COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

Julie Kraus, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the day of July, she served the attached **NOTICE OF VIOLATION** correct copy thereof in an envelope addressed as follows:

Bonnie Wright, Commander Attucks-Brooks American Legion Post #606 976 Concordia Avenue St. Paul, MN 55104

Bonnie Wright, Commander Attucks-Brooks American Legion Post #606 c/o P.O. Box 4281 St. Paul, MN 55104

Irna Landrum, Executive Director Summit-University Planning Council 627 Selby Avenue St. 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.

Julia Kraus

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20% day of July, 2011

Notary Public

RITA M. BOSSARD SHOTARY PUBLIC MINNESOTA MY COMMISSION SEXPIRES JAN. 31, 2015

EXHIBIT