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SUBJECT: COUNCIL HEARING ON THE 18TH OF JANUARY.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUSPEND TOBACCO LICENSE

DEAR COUNCIL MEMBERS

I HAVE NEVER WROTE A LETTER TO A GOVERMENT OFFICIAL BEFORE MUCH LESS A CITY COUNCIL. I WILL BE AS BREIF AS POSSIBLE.

* I WORKED IN C-STORES FOR ALMOST TWENTY YEARS . I NEVER HAD ANY TYPE VIOLATION

CITY,STATE OR FEDRAL BEFORE. THE ONLY TWO TOBACCO SALES TO MINOR I GOT WERE ONE IN DECEMBER,2010 AND ONE IN APRIL 2011. HONSTLY, BOTH OF THEM WERE HONEST MISTAKES. FIRST TIME THE UNDERAGE KID LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE A CUSTOMER OF OURS AND HE ASKED FOR THE SAME TYPE OF CIGERETTES OUR CUSTOMER BUYS THAT IS WHY I SOLD HIM CIGARETTES . THE SECOUND TIME I ASK THE UNDERAGE KID FOR HIS ID. HE WAS BORN IN 1995, BUT I MISREAD IT AS 1985.

PERSONALLY I AM STILL SHOCKED THAT IT HAPPEND TO ME TWICE IN LESS THAN SIX MONTH, WHEN I NEVER GOT ONE ALL THESE YEARS. THE THIRD TIME IT HAPPEND TO OUR TEMP, WHO WAS COVERING FOR ME WHEN I WAS ON VACATION.

*PLEASE DON'T TAKE THE ABOVE EXPLANATION AS AN EXCUSE. I FULLY AKNOWLEDGE OUR FAULT AND WE ARE SORRY IT HAPPEND.

* I THINK 30 DAYS SUSPENSION IS TOO MUCH FOR A SMALL C-STORE LIKE OURS. SPECIALLY THAT ABOUT 70% OF OUR SALES IS TOBACCO PRODUCTS. NOT TO MENTION THE ECONOMY SITUATION THESE DAYS.

* I KNOW THERE IS A PROPOSAL TO MAKE THE THIRD OFFENSE 7 DAYS SUSPENSION AND \$800 FINE. THIS SOUND WAY MORE REASNABLE THAN 30 DAYS.

TRULY YOURS

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