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March 20, 2013

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINE

Nizar M. Alsadi 7820 Dunmore Road Woodbury, MN 55125

RE: Sale of cigarettes to a minor

Dear Nizar M. Alsadi:

The Department of Safety and Inspections has determined that you are subject to an administrative penalty of \$50.00, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §461.12, Subd.3. The basis for this determination is as follows:

On March 14, 2013, an underage person entered Premium Stop located at 1529 White Bear Avenue North. You were later identified as the clerk behind the counter. The individual was able to purchase a package of Marlboro 100's cigarettes even though the identification he showed correctly stated his date of birth, which indicated that he was a minor. This sale was in violation of Minn. Stat. § 609.685 and Saint Paul Legislative Code § 324.07 (c). It was also in violation Minn. Stat. §461.12 subd. 3 states: "An individual who sells tobacco to a person under the age of 18 years must be charged an administrative penalty of \$50."

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

- 1. You can pay the \$50.00 administrative fine. If this is your choice, you should make payment directly to the Department of Safety and Inspections, at 375 Jackson Street, Ste. 220, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806 no later than Monday, April 1, 2013. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Payment of the \$50.00 administrative fine will be considered to be a waiver of the hearing to which you are entitled.
- 2. If you wish to admit the facts but you contest the \$50.00 administrative fine, 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. I will need to receive your letter no later than Monday, April 1, 2013. The matter will then be scheduled before the City Council for a public hearing to determine whether to impose the \$50.00 administrative fine. You will have an opportunity to appear before the Council and make a statement on your own behalf.

Please let me know by Monday, April 1, 2013 how you wish to proceed. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (651) 266-8710.

Sincerely,

Daphne Lundstrom
Assistant City Attorney

cc: Christine Rozek, Deputy Director of DSI

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COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

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

Nizar M. Alsadi 7820 Dunmore Road Woodbury, MN 55125

(which is the last known address of said person) depositing the same, with postage prepaid, in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Julie Kraus

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 20 1/2 day of March, 2013

Notary Public

