

CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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July 29, 2014

NOTICE OF COUNCIL HEARING

Mezeker Mengesha, Owner Little Grocery 1724 University Avenue West Saint Paul, MN 55104

RE:

Cigarette/Tobacco license held by Little Grocery, LLC d/b/a Little Grocery for the premises located at

1724 University Avenue West in Saint Paul

License ID #: 20120003282

Dear Mezeker Mengesha:

Please take notice that this matter has been set on the Public Hearing Agenda for the City Council meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday**, **August 6**, **2014 at 5:30 p.m.**, in the City Council Chambers, Third Floor, Saint Paul City Hall and Ramsey County Courthouse.

Enclosed are copies of the resolution and supporting documents which will be presented to the City Council for their consideration. This is an uncontested matter concerning two separate incidents that occurred at the licensed premises:

1) An inspection on February 24, 2014, where tobacco products were seized as contraband by the Minnesota Department of Revenue. Due to the fact that this criminal activity is directly related to the licensed activity, per Saint Paul Legislative Code § 310.05 (m) (5), the licensing office will recommend a \$700.00 matrix penalty.

2) On July 9, 2014, an employee in your establishment sold tobacco products to an underage person in violation of Minn. Stat. § 609.685 and Saint Paul Legislative Code § 324.07(c). Per Saint Paul Legislative Code § 324.11 (b), the licensing office will recommend an additional \$200.00 matrix penalty.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey Karls

Assistant City Attorney

cc: Dan Niziolek, DSI Deputy Director

Mezeker Mengesha, 436 Fulton Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102

Julie Reiter, Executive Director, Union Park District Council, 1570 Concordia Avenue, Ste. LL100

Saint Paul, MN 55104

) ss.

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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 COUNCIL HEARING** and correct copy thereof in an envelope addressed as follows:

Mezeker Mengesha, Owner Little Grocery 1724 University Avenue West Saint Paul, MN 55104

Mezeker Mengesha 436 Fulton Street Saint Paul, MN 55102

Julie Reiter, Executive Director Union Park District Council 1570 Concordia Avenue, Ste. LL100 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.

Julie Kraus

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 29 M day of July, 2014

Notary Public

