

CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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October 2, 2015

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUSPEND LICENSE

Marcos Bekuto, Owner Langano Grocery & Meat LLC 421 University Avenue West St. Paul, MN 55103

RE: Cigarette/Tobacco license held by Langano Grocery & Meat LLC d/b/a Langano Grocery & Meat LLC for the

premises located at 421 University Avenue West in Saint Paul

License ID #20120005385

Dear Mr. Bekuto:

The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) has recommended suspension of the Cigarette/Tobacco license held by Langano Grocery & Meat LLC d/b/a Langano Grocery & Meat LLC for the premises located at 421 University Avenue West in Saint Paul. The basis for the recommendation is as follows:

On August 24, 2015, you were sent a letter and RENEWAL INVOICE from the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) stating your Cigarette/Tobacco license expired August 14, 2015 and you owed delinquent license and late fees. You were asked to answer the following questions on the renewal invoice: "Are cigarettes being sold over-the-counter? Y or N. If sold by vending machine, how many machines?

You were also asked to submit a completed Certificate of Compliance Minnesota Workers' Compensation Law form along with your license fee payment (enclosed).

You were given until September 14, 2015, to pay the delinquent license and late fees and submit the required information. As of today's date, neither has been received.

In addition to the suspension of your Cigarette/Tobacco license, per Saint Paul Legislative Code §310.05 (m) (2), the licensing office will also recommend a \$500.00 matrix penalty for failure to submit the required information in order to maintain your license.

At this time, you have four (4) options to proceed:

1. If you do not contest the imposition of the proposed adverse action, you may do nothing. If I have not heard from you by Monday, October 12, 2015, I will presume that you have chosen not to contest the proposed adverse action, and the matter will be placed on the City Council Agenda for approval of the proposed remedy.

- 2. You can pay the delinquent license and late fees and submit the required information. If this is your choice, you need to contact the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) to determine the total amount due. You may then send in the payment and information directly to DSI at 375 Jackson Street, Ste. 220, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806 no later than Monday, October 12, 2015. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Payment of the delinquent license and late fees and submission of the required information will be considered to be a waiver of the hearing to which you are entitled.
- 3. If you wish to <u>admit</u> the facts 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. I will need to receive your letter by **Monday, October 12, 2015**. The matter will then be scheduled before the City Council for a public hearing to determine whether to suspend your Cigarette/Tobacco license and impose the \$500.00 matrix penalty. You will have an opportunity to appear before the Council and make a statement on your own behalf.
- 4. If you no longer wish to do business in the City of Saint Paul, you will need to send a written statement to that effect to the Department of Safety and Inspections, at 375 Jackson Street, Ste. 220, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806 no later than **Monday**, **October 12**, **2015**. Information should be directed to the attention of Dan Niziolek.

If you have not contacted me or DSI by Monday, October 12, 2015, I will assume that you do not contest the suspension of your Cigarette/Tobacco license and imposition of the \$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,

Assistant City Attorney

Cc: Dan Niziolek, DSI Deputy Director

Marcos Bekuto, 3832 Dunbar Court, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

) ss.

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL

COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

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

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Marcos Bekuto 3832 Dunbar Court Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

(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 2nd day of October, 2015

Notary Public

