

CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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February 3, 2017

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUSPEND LICENSE

Richard A. Stai 5th Street Convenience 55 – 5th Street East St. Paul, MN 55101

RE:

Cigarette/Tobacco license held by Richard A. Stai d/b/a 5th Street Convenience for the premises located at 55 – 5th Street East in Saint Paul License ID #: 20050004334

Dear Licensee:

The Department of Safety and Inspections will recommend suspension of the Cigarette/Tobacco license held by Richard A. Stai d/b/a 5^{th} Street Convenience for the premises located at $55 - 5^{th}$ Street East in Saint Paul. The recommendation is based on the following information:

On December 9, 2016, you were sent a LETTER and RENEWAL INVOICE from the Department of Safety and Inspections stating your Cigarette/Tobacco license expired as of November 30, 2016, and you owed delinquent license and late fees.

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

You were given until December 30, 2016, 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 required information 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 **Tuesday**, **February 14**, **2017**, 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.

- You can pay the delinquent license and late fees and submit the required information. <u>If this is your choice</u>, you need to contact the <u>Department of Safety and Inspections (651) 266-8989 to determine the total amount due.</u> 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 <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>February 14</u>, 2017. 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 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 **Tuesday**, **February 14**, **2017**. The matter will then be scheduled before the City Council 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 **Tuesday**, **February 14**, **2017**. Information should be directed to the attention of Eric Hudak.

If you have not contacted me by Tuesday, February 14, 2017, I will assume that you do not contest the suspension of your Cigarette/Tobacco license and imposition of a \$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,

Therese Skarda/JK

Assistant City Attorney

Cc: Richard A. Stai, 4900 Bartlett Boulevard, Mound, MN 55364

) ss.

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL

COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

Julie Kraus, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 3RD day of February she served the attached **NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUSPEND LICENSE** and a correct copy thereof in an envelope addressed as follows:

Richard A. Stai 5th Street Convenience 55 – 5th Street East St. Paul, MN 55101

Richard A. Stai 4900 Bartlett Boulevard Mound, MN 55364

(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 3RD day of February, 2017

Notary Public

RITA M. BOSSARD

NOTARY PUBLIC - MINNESOTA

My Commission Expires

January 31, 2020