



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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Dear Cigarette/Tobacco License Holder,

The City of Saint Paul is required by the State of Minnesota to conduct unannounced compliance checks at least once each calendar year at each location where tobacco, tobacco-related devices, or nicotine or lobelia products are sold to test compliance with the minimum age requirement to sell such products. The checks involve a minor (person 17 years of age or younger) entering your establishment to attempt the purchase of cigarettes or other tobacco products. If a sales clerk asks for proof of age, the minor will present an authentic State of Minnesota identification card validating their actual age and the minor will not give any false information regarding their age.

Inspectors from the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) will conduct these compliance checks throughout the months of June, July and August.

Per Chapter 324 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, sale of a tobacco product or a tobacco-related device to a minor will subject the license holder to a penalty ranging from a \$200.00 fine to a license revocation. In addition, the offending sales clerk will be subject to a \$50.00 fine.

Please note that compliance checks may be conducted at any time throughout the year in response to complaints or reported violations. Also, if an Inspector discovers offenses to include a violation of flavor or pricing requirements, additional adverse licensing action may result. Questions regarding this letter can be directed to DSI Inspectors Thomas Ferrara at 651-266-9087 or Joseph Voyda at 651-266-9014.

Please ensure you have procedures in place to restrict access of tobacco to underage persons.

Respectfully,

Thomas Ferrara,
DSI Inspector - Licensing