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April 18, 2017

AMENDED NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVOKE LICENSES

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RE: All licenses held by Ly Brothers, LLC d/b/a Red Wok for the premises located at 1626 White Bear Avenue North in Saint Paul  
License ID #: 20150002529

Mr. Bethel:

The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) has recommended revocation of all licenses held by Ly Brothers, LLC d/b/a Red Wok for the premises located at 1626 White Bear Avenue North in Saint Paul. The basis for the recommendation is as follows:

On February 3, 2017, Saint Paul Police executed a search warrant at the licensed premises. During the search, cocaine, marijuana, a large amount of U.S. currency and firearms were recovered (CN #17-24-409) at your restaurant.

During the execution of the warrant, officers secured and arrested, Futchy Ly, a (co-owner). Officers read co-owner Futchy Ly his Miranda rights which he said he understood and began talking about the restaurant. The officer told Futchy Ly they found drugs on the premises and he admitted that he knew about the drugs.

The officer asked Futchy Ly how much cocaine he currently had on the premises and he said "one key" (referring to one kilo) in the safe. The officer asked Futchy Ly how much he paid for the kilo and he said \$34,000. Futchy Ly told the officer he deals with Mexicans and they bring it right to the licensed premises.

The officer then asked Futchy Ly about the marijuana. He admitted that he and his brother, Teng Ly (owner) have some on the premises. Futchy Ly said that you both sell both marijuana and cocaine. Teng Ly deals with the marijuana and Futchy Ly sells the cocaine. It is sold by the kilo and by the ounce.

The officer asked about the cash found. Futchy Ly said the cash was from the restaurant and the money was in a safe with the cocaine.

Another officer arrived with the narcotics detection K9 and was directed to the white Mercedes Benz C300 in the rear parking lot with MN Plates 080MXZ. While searching around the vehicle, the K9 gave the officers multiple indications of an odor of a controlled substance. The K9 started checking the front door seam of the driver's door and immediately went into a sit which indicates he was as close to the source of the odor. He gave the officer a positive alert for the presence of a narcotic odor.

Futchy Ly was taken into custody and transported to the Ramsey County Law Enforcement Center and booked on Possession of a Controlled Substance – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.

Saint Paul Legislative Code Section 310.05 (m) (6) provides that adverse action may be taken against your licenses based on the following grounds: *“Commission of a Felony on the premises by a licensee or employee.”*

On April 9, 2017, at approximately 12:10 a.m., Saint Paul Police were dispatched to the licensed premises concerning a Disorderly Conduct call where an intoxicated party inside was attempting to fight with other customers (CN #17-076-926).

When the officers arrived and went inside, they observed a group of males carrying what appeared to be an intoxicated male out the front door. The intoxicated male was shirtless and appeared unconscious but breathing. When the officers confronted the group, who also appeared intoxicated, they stated they were from a gang called G-loc. Before the officers left, they noticed the group of males re-entered the restaurant. The officers asked staff if they wanted them to trespass the party, but were told no they would allow the group to re-enter the restaurant.

During that time, the officers also observed at least four (4) customers in suits and dresses entering the restaurant around 12:45 a.m.

On April 15, 2017 at approximately 12:30 a.m., Saint Paul Police were patrolling the area around Red Wok and observed the “Open” sign still on (CN #17-082-248). The officers parked across the lot facing the entrance and observed multiple people coming in and out, loitering outside and smoking in front of the restaurant. The officers also observed an SUV in the parking lot around 12:45 a.m. and multiple people got out and went inside the restaurant.

The officers could see through the front glass window and observed customers sitting in the bar area. At 12:50 a.m., the officers noticed the “Open” sign had been turned off but people were still coming in and out of the restaurant. When the officers left around 12:57 a.m., they noted there were approximately twenty-three (23) vehicles parked in the lot near the restaurant. They also noted that Red Wok was the only business open at the time.

On April 16, 2017, at approximately 12:45 a.m., Saint Paul Police were again patrolling the area around the Red Wok (CN #17-082-974). The officers drove into the parking lot and noticed customers going in and out of the restaurant. The officers also observed more than twenty (20) vehicles still parked in the lot. The officers noted that even though the blinds were down they could see from the front glass door customers sitting in the bar area.

The officers returned at 1:30 a.m. and observed people still inside and multiple vehicles still parked outside the business. They noted the Red Wok was the only business open at this time.

License condition #1 states: "Per Section 409.03 of the City of Saint Paul Legislative Code, a new liquor on-sale license shall only be issued to a restaurant as defined under Chapter 409 of the City Code. The licensee agrees to operate the establishment in compliance with the definition of a restaurant as defined under Chapter 409 of the City's Code, acknowledges having been given a copy of this definition, and understands the definition."

Saint Paul Legislative Code § 409.02 (2) (g) states: "For establishments first licensed to serve liquor at on-sale on February 1, 2016, or thereafter, an establishment other than a hotel, whose food and liquor services are under the control of a single proprietor or manager, serving food and beverages, meeting the definition in Minn. Stats. § 157.15, subd. 12, and classified as a high- or medium-risk establishment under Minn. Stats. § 157.20, subd. 2a, that meets the following additional criteria: .....g. Ends all food and beverage service no later than 12:00 a.m., and closes no later than 12:30 a.m. "

Saint Paul Legislative Code Section 310.06 also provides that adverse action may be taken against your licenses based on any one or more of the following grounds:

Section 310.06 (b) (6) (a): "The license or applicant (or any person whose conduct may by law be imputed to the licensee or applicant) has violated, or performed any act which is a violation of, any of the provision of these chapters or of any statute, ordinance or regulation reasonably related to the licensed activity, regardless of whether criminal charges have or have not been brought in connection therewith;"

Section 310.06 (b) (6) (c): "The licensee or applicant (or any person whose conduct may by law be imputed to the licensee or applicant) has engaged in or permitted a pattern or practice of conduct of failure to comply with laws reasonably related to the licensed activity or from which an inference of lack of fitness or good character may be drawn."

Section 310.06 (b) (7): "The activities of the licensee in the licensed activity created or have created a serious danger to the public health, safety or welfare, or the licensee performs or has performed his or her work or activity in an unsafe manner."

Section 310.06 (b) (8): "the licensed business, or the way in which such business is operated, maintains or permits conditions that unreasonably annoy, injure or endanger the safety, health, morals, comfort or repose of any considerable number of members of the public."

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As a result, per Saint Paul Legislative Code § 310.05 (m) (6), the licensing office will recommend revocation of your licenses.

If you have questions about these options, please feel free to contact me at 266-8710.

Sincerely,



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Assistant City Attorney

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STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
 ) ss.

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Julie Kraus, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April she served the attached AMENDED NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVOKE LICENSES and a correct copy thereof in an envelope addressed as follows:

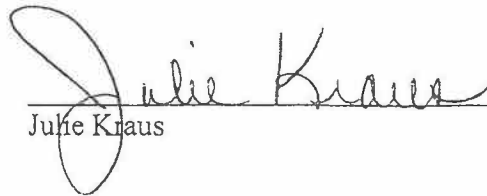
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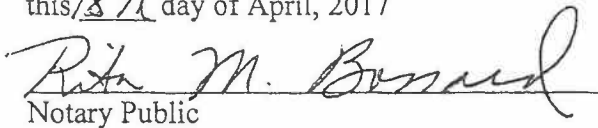
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(which is the last known address of said person) depositing the same, with postage prepaid, in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

  
Julie Kraus

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017

  
Notary Public

