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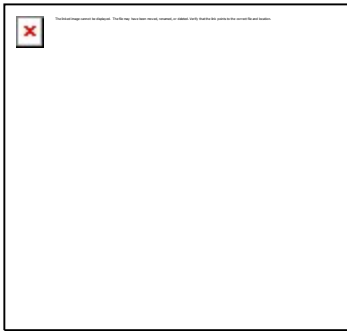
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All,

Below is information received from MDH. Zen Room Kava Lounge is licensed with MDH, and issued in November 22, 2024. Attached are also photos of the current space.

Please let me know if you require anything else.

Thanks much!



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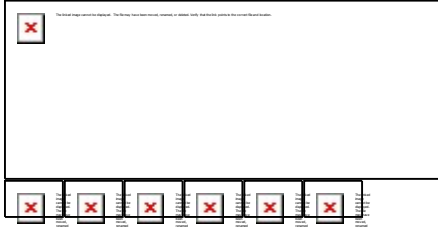
MDH does have a license with this business. Their menu includes prepared juices, teas, espresso; and packaged beverages sold as supplements. Their menu requires an MDH license. They have discussed future possibilities of changing their business to a retail model (selling packaged beverages) in which case the Minnesota Department of Agriculture would potentially license the business instead of MDH.

Let me know if there are questions.

Jerry Malloy
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Thanks for reaching out about licensing with this establishment (Zen Room Kava Lounge) Der.

I've cc'd Andrew who inspects this area and worked with them to determine licensing requirements. They have a license with us for Low Risk food service and this was issued 11/22/24. I believe this license was required because they preparing beverages, but I've never been there. Please let us know if you any other questions.

Best regards,
-GTN

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Hi Greg!

I am trying to confirm if a license, through MDH, is required for a new business located at 340 – 342 Kellogg Blvd W, specifically 342 Kellogg Blvd W.

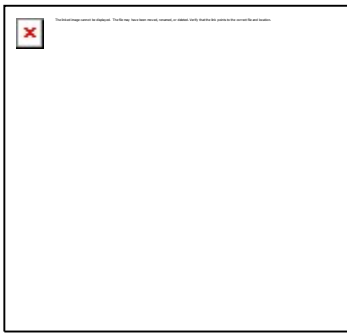
To provide some history, the business is called Zen Room Kava Lounge, and serves bottled beverages, coffee/tea and pre-packed light snacks (no food processing on site per the tenant). This is their website [Home](#). Prior to this new business, it was a chocolate shop.

The current approved use for the commercial space is listed under Mercantile, and the space is approximately 825 square feet. The tenant states MDH inspected the business and no license was required. I am trying to confirm this information.

Any help is appreciated. Feel free to redirect me to the appropriate person if this doesn't fall in your jurisdiction.

Thanks so much!

Sincerely,



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