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**FINDINGS OF FACT
 CONCLUSIONS, AND
 RECOMMENDATIONS**

In the Matter of License No. L022 50580 TRAVEL TRADERS #537
 for TOBACCO DEALER

Held by:
TRAVEL TRADERS HOTEL STORES INC

**6205 BLUE LAGOON DRIVE #550
 MIAMI, MN 33126**

13-0962034

This matter came before the Department at a License Settlement Conference (LSC) on Tuesday February 12, 2013 at 9:30AM in Room 1-C, Minneapolis City Hall. Appearing on behalf of the licensee, Travel Traders Hotel Stores Inc., were Jessica Fox, Minneapolis Area Manager and Olutosin Alabi , Minneapolis Area Supervisor. Appearing for the City of Minneapolis was Grant Wilson, Manager of Licenses & Consumer Services and Inspectors Jose Velez and Leanne Selander. Based on information presented at the hearing, the Department makes the following findings of fact, conclusions and recommendations:

FINDING OF FACTS

1. The License Settlement Conference (LSC) was convened to consider whether the license failed to comply with Minneapolis Code of Ordinances (MCO) 281.50 - Tobacco Sales to Minors.

2. Three citations were issued in June 29, 2011; June 27, 2012 and November 15, 2012 for failing an underage tobacco compliance check. Fines for these citations were paid prior to the commencement of the LSC.
3. The licensee paid \$1555 in fines.
4. The licensee acknowledged at the LSC they failed to comply with the ordinance and wished to embark on a business plan to abate any future issues.

CONCLUSIONS

1. The licensee failed to comply with MCO 281.50 governing sale of tobacco to minors. "No person within the city shall sell, give to or in any way furnish any tobacco, tobacco products or tobacco related devices to any person under eighteen (18) years of age."

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department acknowledges the licensee's interest in resolving the issue at its licensed establishment. Due to the willingness of all parties to bring the property into compliance with all applicable ordinances, statutes and regulations the Department and the license agree to the following recommendations in lieu of a suspension for a third violation:

1. Have employees take and pass the online "WE CARD" training program prior to being able to sell tobacco, tobacco products or tobacco related devices and that certificates be kept on file.
2. Install a new Point of Sale (POS) system that requires entering an ID birth date for the sale of any tobacco, tobacco products or tobacco related devices.
3. The licensee will establish an internal "self-check" program and provide underage buyers to verify that employees are following the ordinance and conditions
4. Implement a "zero tolerance" policy for employees who sell tobacco, tobacco products or tobacco related devices to underage persons. A copy of the written policy will be filed with the License & Consumer Services Department.

JESSICA FOX understands that the holding of a business or liquor license in the City of Minneapolis is both a privilege and a responsibility. A minimum standard shall be met in order to hold such a license. One minimum standard is that a license holder is responsible to ensure that its business operates in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations. It is understood and agreed that any violation of the above Recommendations shall constitute just and proper cause for the immediate imposition of any stayed penalties. It is further understood that compliance with the above Recommendations is a requirement for continuing to hold a license and that failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in additional adverse license action.

I have read and understand the above findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations. I agree with their contents and I agree with the above noted Recommendations. I understand that the failure of my business to adhere to this agreement may be cause for further suspension, revocation, or denial of my license. I understand that this report must be accepted and approved by the Minneapolis City Council and Mayor.

Based upon the foregoing, this agreement is FREELY & VOLUNTARILY ENTERED INTO IN GOOD FAITH:

Business

TRAVEL TRADERS LLC

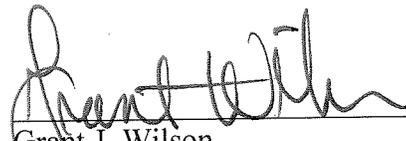
By: 

(signature)

Its: AREA MANAGE
(title)

Dated: FEB. 13, 2013

For the City of Minneapolis:


Grant J. Wilson
Manager

Dated: 2-13, 2013