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**FINDINGS OF FACT  
CONCLUSIONS, AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**In the Matter of License No. L186 50010 CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL  
for LIQ ON-SALE E W/SS SERIES 1000**

Held by:

**CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL OF COLORADO LLC  
d/b/a CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL  
229 CEDAR AVE S  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55454**

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13-1020979

This matter came before the Division of Licenses and Consumer Services at a License Settlement Conference on Monday, December 16, 2013 at 1:00 PM in Room 1C, Minneapolis City Hall. Appearing on behalf of the Licensee was Kathleen (Kaela) Brennan, Chipotle legal counsel, and Rory Fredrickson, store manager. Appearing on behalf of the City of Minneapolis were Grant Wilson, Manager of Licenses and Consumer Services; Lieutenant Amelia Huffman, Minneapolis Police Department; Officer Chris Leum, Minneapolis Police Department; and Leanne Selander, Inspector, Licenses and Consumer Services. Based on information presented at the hearing, the Division makes the following findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Chipotle Mexican Grill has held an On-Sale Liquor, Class E License, L186-50010, at this location since December of 2001.
2. The Minneapolis Police Department License Investigation Division conducts youth alcohol compliance checks in an effort to assure retail-alcohol license holders are not serving alcohol to persons under the age of 21.
3. On July 2, 2013, the Minneapolis Police Department License Investigation Division conducted a youth alcohol compliance check at the Chipotle Mexican Grill located at 229 Cedar Ave. S. A 19 year old female and an 18 year old male shopper were sent

into the business in an attempt to purchase alcohol. The shopper ordered a bottle of Corona Light. The cashier asked for the shopper's ID. The shopper then handed her ID to the cashier and the cashier then looked at it and handed it back. The cashier then opened up the bottle of Corona Light and handed it to the shopper. The beer was paid for and the change was handed back to the shopper. At this point, the transaction was complete and the business was considered to have failed the compliance check. As a result of the failure, an Administrative citation was issued to Chipotle in the amount of \$500.00. Chipotle has paid the \$500.00 administrative fee.

4. On Oct. 24, 2013, the MPD conducted a youth alcohol compliance check at Chipotle Mexican Grill located at 229 Cedar Ave S. Two underage shoppers, both 20 years old, entered Chipotle in an attempt to purchase alcohol. Both shoppers ordered a bottle of Corona Beer. The cashier looked at both of the shopper's ID's and then gave them back. Another employee yelled over to the cashier and asked if she checked their ID's and she acknowledged that she did. The cashier then placed two bottles of Corona on the counter in front of the shoppers. The beers were paid for. At this point, the transaction was complete and the business was considered to have failed the compliance check. As a result of the failure, an Administrative citation was issued to Chipotle in the amount of \$1000.00 for failing two checks in 12 months.
5. From the first compliance check failure on July 2, 2013, a hearing was scheduled but the cashier did not show up. A warrant was issued and is currently active. For the second failure on October 24, 2013, the case was submitted to the City Attorney and signed.

### CONCLUSIONS

1. On two separate occasions, employees of Chipotle Mexican Grill sold alcohol to persons under the age of 21, in violation of Minneapolis City Ordinance 370.10, Minnesota Statute 340A.503 subd.2(1), and the establishment compliance check policy and procedures of the City of Minneapolis. These compliance failures both occurred in a period of less than 12 months.
2. The licensee paid the \$500.00 administrative fine for the first violation prior to the hearing.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the On-Sale Liquor Class E License issued to Chipotle Mexican Grill be subject to the following conditions and adverse license action:

1. Chipotle Mexican Grill shall pay the \$1000.00 fine for the outstanding second violation. Payment has been made.
2. Customers purchasing alcoholic beverages must present identification regardless of age and appearance.

3. A store manager shall check all customer ID's at the point of sale which have been presented for the purpose of purchasing alcohol.
4. Chipotle Mexican Grill shall complete one alcohol server training per year for the next two years following the approval of this agreement by the Minneapolis City Council.
5. The City shall impose a \$1500 sanction. \$1000 shall be stayed, no same or similar, for a period of one year from the signing of this agreement. The remaining \$500 of this sanction is due on or before the signing of this agreement. Payment for the remaining \$500 of this sanction has been made.

Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado LLC, d/b/a Chipotle Mexican Grill 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.

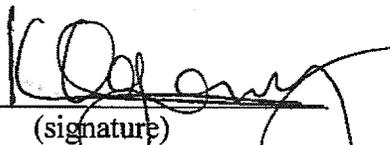
I have read and understand the above findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations. I agree with their contents and I agree with the above noted Recommendations. I understand that the failure of my business to adhere to this agreement may be cause for further suspension, revocation, or denial of 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:

For the City of Minneapolis:

Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado LLC

By:   
(signature)

  
Grant J. Wilson  
Manager

Its: LPOA  
(title)

Dated: March 13, 2014

Dated: 3-14, 2014