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**FINDINGS OF FACT  
 CONCLUSIONS, AND  
 RECOMMENDATIONS**

In the Matter of License No. L172 50011 GREENWAY LIQUOR  
 for LIQ OFF-SALE SERIES 3000

Held by:  
**KHOSA BEVERAGE INC**

**105 WEST GRANT ST  
 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55403**

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This matter came before a License Settlement Conference on Wednesday, May 28, 2014. Appearing for the licensee were Balbir Singh, owner, and Tom Bolf, manager. Appearing for the Department were Manager Grant Wilson, License Inspector Phil Schliesman, Lt Amelia Huffman, and Sgt. Chris Leum. Based on the evidence presented at the hearing, the department makes the following findings of fact:

**FINDING OF FACTS**

1. The Minneapolis Police Department License Investigative Division conducts youth alcohol compliance checks in an effort to verify that retail-alcohol license holders are not serving alcohol to persons under the age of 21.
2. On February 19th, 2014 the MPD conducted a youth alcohol compliance check at Greenway Liquor located at 105 W. Grant. A 20 year old female shopper was sent into your business in an attempt to purchase alcohol. The shopper selected a 12-Pack of Miller Lite and brought it to the cashier for check out. The cashier did not ask for the shoppers ID. 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 Greenway Liquor in the amount of \$500.00. Greenway has paid the \$500.00 administrative fee.

3. On March 24th, 2014 the MPD conducted a youth alcohol compliance re-check at Greenway Liquor. Two underage shoppers were used, a 20 year old female and a 20 year old male. They were sent into Greenway in an attempt to purchase alcohol. The shoppers selected a 12-pack of Bud Light and brought it to the cashier. The cashier did ask for one of the shoppers ID's. He looked at it and then accepted payment for the beer. The other shopper's ID was not checked. 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 Greenway in the amount of \$1000.00 for failing two checks in 12 months.
4. On April 30th, 2014 the MPD conducted another alcohol compliance re-check at Greenway Liquor. One underage shopper was used and she was 20 years old. The cashier checked her ID and did not sell alcohol to the shopper.
5. From the first compliance check failure on February 19th, 2014, the cashier was convicted of a Gross Misdemeanor, furnishing alcohol to a person under 21. For the second failure on March 24, 2014 the case was submitted to the City Attorney and the cashier currently has a court date set.
6. There is a trash can placed near the front of Greenway Liquor store and it draws customers from the adjoining business. Trash accumulates in this area of the shopping mall.

### CONCLUSIONS

1. On two separate occasions, employees of Greenway Liquor 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 has paid the \$500.00 administrative fine for the first violation. The licensee has also paid the \$1000.00 fine for the second violation.
3. Litter in the parking lot and near the front of the store is an on-going, daily issue.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. In lieu of a three day suspension of the off sale liquor license or adding any additional conditions on the license, the City shall impose a \$1,500.00 sanction. \$1,000.00 will be stayed for a period of one year and \$500.00 will be due at the signing of this agreement.
2. Greenway Liquor agrees to start and maintain an alcohol compliance checking program using persons whom are underage to perform compliance checks. Staff cannot be alerted when a compliance checker comes into the store. A log of dates of compliance checks is

to be maintained at the store along with the checkers identifying information and available to inspection at the request of City of Minneapolis Licensing or Police officials.

3. Greenway Liquor will require all staff to be alcohol server trained within 30 days of the signing of this agreement. All newly hired staff will be required to complete the training program within 30 days of hire. Verification of completion for each employee is to be maintained on site and available to inspection at the request of City of Minneapolis Licensing or Police officials.
4. Within 30 days of the date of the signing of this agreement, Greenway Liquor agrees to acquire and install an ID scanner and train all staff in its use. Greenway Liquor will develop a written policy regarding the ID scanners use and require each staff member to sign the policy stating they understand the requirements surrounding the ID scanners use. Copies of the signed policies are to be stored on site and available to inspection at the request of City of Minneapolis Licensing or Police officials.
5. Greenway Liquor agrees to pick up litter within 100 feet of their establishment twice a day, when open for business. The licensee will keep a litter and premises log for staff to record when they do these activities.

Balbir Singh 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:

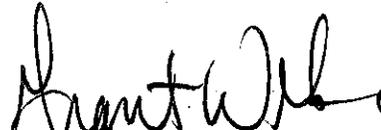
**Greenway Liquor**

By: Balbir Singh  
(signature)

Its: PROPRIETOR  
(title)

Dated: 6/9, 2014

For the City of Minneapolis:

  
Grant J. Wilson  
Manager

Dated: 6/12, 2014