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**In the Matter of the  
On Sale Liquor Class A with  
Sunday Sales License for  
First Avenue  
29 7<sup>th</sup> Street North**

**Findings of Fact,  
Conclusions and  
Recommendation**

**7<sup>th</sup> Ward**

This matter came before a License Settlement Conference on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Appearing for the licensee were the owner John "Jack" Meyers. Appearing for the Department were Deputy Director Ricardo Cervantes, and License Inspector Linda Roberts. Based on the evidence presented at the hearing, the department makes the following findings of fact:

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The licensee has held an On Sale Class A Liquor License in Minneapolis since 2004.
2. The Minneapolis Police Department received a complaint about an after hours event at First Avenue on or about July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
3. On Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007, First Avenue held an event for Prince that lasted until after normal closing time – 4:30 am.
4. On Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the Minneapolis Police were required to hold 22 police officers for 1 hour 30 minutes on overtime to help control and disperse the crowd at and around First Avenue. Their shift normally ends at 3:00 am.
5. The cost for holding over 14 officers for 2 hours at \$55 an hour is \$1540.00 (14 officers x 2 hours x \$55 per hour = 1540.00)

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

1. On one occasion, First Avenue operated outside of their legal hours of operation.
2. The business will pay the cost of enforcement of \$1540.00.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on evidence presented at the hearing, the Department makes the following recommendations:

1. That First Avenue pays a fine of \$500.00 payable upon the date of the signing of this agreement to help pay, in part, for administrative costs associated with this agreement.
2. That First Avenue pay \$1540.00 payable upon the date of the signing of this agreement to pay for the Police costs associated with the events mentioned above.
3. That First Avenue refrains from operating past their legal hours of operation or 2:30 am, whichever is earlier.

I have read the above report and recommendations. I agree with the report, and I agree with the above recommendations. I understand that failure on my part of the part of my business to adhere to this agreement with the Department may lead to further action against my license.

I understand that this report must be accepted by the Minneapolis City Council and signed by the Mayor. I understand that future violations may put my license in jeopardy.

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

For G & A Partners, LLC

d/b/a First Avenue:

By:   
Jack Meyers  
Owner/Licensee

Dated: 10/12, 2007

For the City of Minneapolis:

By:   
Ricardo Cervantes,  
Deputy Director  
Licenses & Consumer  
Services

Dated: 10/17/07, 2007