

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 28, 2005  
**TIME:** 1:30 PM or Shortly Thereafter  
**PLACE:** Room 317 City Hall, 350 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
**REGARDING:** Amendment to the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances regarding operating hours of "Off Sale" 3.2% Beer licensees.

On Wednesday, September 28, 2005 at 1:30 PM or shortly thereafter, the Public Safety and Regulatory Services Committee of the Minneapolis City Council will consider the following amendment to the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances:

**An amendment to Title 14, Chapter 368.60 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to the times when "off-sale 3.2% beer licensees may make sales of beverage alcohol to the public. A recent amendment to Minnesota Statutes deleted the requirement that "off-sale" liquor licensees located within a city of the first class must close for business at 8:00 PM, Mondays through Thursdays, unless otherwise permitted by law. As a result of this statute change, the City of Minneapolis proposed a "housekeeping" ordinance change to bring the Minneapolis ordinance relating to hours of "off-sale" liquor into conformance with statute and a public hearing was held on September 14, 2005. At this public hearing representatives of the "off-sale" liquor industry voiced no support for the proposed amendment.**

**The City of Minneapolis does have the ability to restrict the hours of sale of "off-sale" liquor in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statute 340A.504, subd. 6 which states: "A municipality may further limit the hours of sale of alcoholic beverages, provided that further restricted hours must apply equally to sales of 3.2 percent beer and intoxicating liquor. A city may not permit the sale of alcoholic beverages during hours when the sale is prohibited by this section."**

**Thus, an ordinance has been introduced that will reduce the hours that your business can sell, at "off-sale", 3.2% beer on Mondays through Thursdays with sales to be discontinued on those days at 8:00 PM instead of the present 2:00 AM.**

You are invited to be present at the public hearing to express your opinion or inform this office of your approval or disapproval of the proposed ordinance amendments in writing.

If you have questions concerning this matter or would like further information, please contact License Inspector Kenneth Ziegler at (612) 673-3904

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