

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS  
LICENSES AND CONSUMER SERVICES  
350 SOUTH 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET, ROOM 1-C, CITY HALL  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55415

**FINDINGS OF FACT  
CONCLUSIONS, AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

In the Matter of License No. L171 50003 CHICAGO LAKE LIQUOR STORE  
for LIQ OFF-SALE SERIES 2000

Held by:

**JOHN WOLF ENTERPRISES INC  
ATTN: JOHN ANDREW WOLF  
825 LAKE ST E  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55407**

---

11-0823523

---

**Findings of Fact**

1. The Minneapolis Police Department License Investigative 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.
2. On January 18, 2010 the Minneapolis Police Department License Investigative Division conducted a youth alcohol compliance check at Chicago Lake Liquor Store, located at 825 Lake St E, in the City of Minneapolis. An 18 year old male and an 18 year old female were sent into the business in an attempt to purchase alcohol. The shoppers went to the beer cooler and picked out a six pack of Heineken beer. The shoppers brought the six pack of beer to the register. The cashier asked both shoppers for ID. After looking at the IDs, the cashier identified the female shopper as being under 21, and the cashier sent the female shopper out of the store. The cashier then rang up the sale and sold the six pack of beer to the male shopper. The male shopper paid for the six pack, and the cashier gave the male shopper his change. 2 plain clothes Minneapolis Police Officers were standing at the check out counter behind the shoppers and observed the above transaction. The male shopper picked up the six pack of beer and handed it off to the officers. The transaction was completed, and the business was considered to have failed the compliance check. As a result of the compliance check failure, an administrative citation was issued to Chicago Lake Liquor Store in the amount of \$500.00 as detailed in a City Council Resolution. Chicago Lake Liquor Store has paid the \$500.00 administrative fine.
3. On February 17, 2010 the Minneapolis Police Department License Investigative Division conducted a youth alcohol compliance re-check at Chicago Lake Liquor Store pursuant to the above compliance check failure. 2 underage shoppers were sent into Chicago Lake

Liquor Store in an attempt to purchase alcohol. The underage shoppers were carded and refused service. The business passed the compliance re-check.

4. On March 8, 2011 the Minneapolis Police Department License Investigative Division conducted a youth alcohol compliance check at Chicago Lake Liquor Store for the calendar year of 2011. A 19 year old female and a 19 year old male were sent into the business in an attempt to purchase alcohol. The shoppers went to the beer cooler and picked out a six pack of Sierra Nevada beer. The shoppers brought the six pack of beer to the register. The cashier asked for and checked the IDs of both shoppers. After checking the IDs, the cashier rang up the sale. 2 plain clothes Minneapolis Police Officers were situated approximately 15 feet away from the shoppers and observed the transaction. The shoppers paid for the six pack of beer, picked it up, and handed it off to the officers. The transaction was completed, and the business was considered to have failed the compliance check. This constituted the second youth alcohol compliance check failure for Chicago Lake Liquor Store within a 24 month period. As a result of the second compliance check failure, an administrative citation was issued to Chicago Lake Liquor Store in the amount of \$1000.00 as detailed in a City Council Resolution. Chicago Lake Liquor Store has paid the \$1000.00 administrative fine.
5. From the first sale on January 18, 2010, the cashier was charged with Furnishing Alcohol to a Person Under 21, and the server has been convicted of said charge. Criminal charges against the server are pending as a result of the March 8, 2011 failure.

### **Conclusions**

1. On two separate occasions, employees of Chicago Lake Liquor Store 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 established compliance check policy and procedures of the City of Minneapolis. These compliance failures all occurred in a period of less than 24 months.
2. The licensee has paid the \$500.00 administrative fine related to the first above stated compliance check failure. The licensee has also paid the \$1000.00 administrative fine related to the second above stated compliance check failure.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. The City of Minneapolis will impose a sanction, in the amount of \$1500, for failing two minor sales of alcohol compliance checks; \$1000 of the sanction will be stayed for a two-year period pending no same or similar violations. The remaining sanction must be paid upon signature of this agreement.
2. John Wolf Enterprises shall maintain the following policies already established by his business:
  - a. Employees will be trained by both store managers and TIPS at the start of their employment with a refresher yearly thereafter.

- b. A calendar, at the point of sale locations, that lists date the customer reaches the age of 21.
- c. Request identification of all persons appearing under the age of 40. A person without identification will result in no sale.
- d. Conduct a self check program for age compliance using secret shoppers.
- e. Minneapolis Police Department off duty officers will train employees guidelines and techniques how to identify an overly intoxicated person and customers using false identification cards.
- f. Chicago Lake Liquors will attempt to scan identification cards for any person appearing under the age of 40 by use of a point of sale identification scanner to be installed by May 31, 2011.
- g. Employee awards program for following alcohol policies.
- h. Presale warning signs prohibiting the sale of alcohol to minors and requesting an identification card be presented at point of sale.

John Wolf Enterprises Inc 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

Chicago Lake Liquors  
 By: [Signature]  
 (signature)  
 Its: President  
 (title)

Dated: May 10, 2011

For the City of Minneapolis:

[Signature]  
 Grant J. Wilson  
 Deputy Director of Licenses

Dated: 6/13, 2011