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**AN ORDINANCE
of the
CITY OF
MINNEAPOLIS**

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**Amending Title 14, Chapter 362 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances
relating to Liquor and Beer: Liquor Licenses.**

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 362.40 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

362.40. "Off-sale" license. "Off-sale" liquor licenses may be issued, subject to the approval of the liquor control commissioner, only to proprietors of exclusive liquor stores, but only one such license shall be issued for every five thousand (5,000) inhabitants in the city. For purposes of this section, population shall be determined by the last preceding United States decennial census. The issuance of this license shall permit the "off sale" of liquor and beer, and the required additional fee shall permit, as defined and when carried on in conformity with the ordinances of the city, the sale of food as limited by Minnesota Statutes, Section 340A.101, Subd. 10, and the sale of ice.

This ordinance shall not be applied retroactively to any drugstore or general food store now having an off-sale license, nor shall this ordinance prohibit the annual renewal of the off-sale license of any such drugstore or general food store so long as such drugstore or general food store remains substantially the same, or smaller, in terms of the physical size of the licensed premises, size of the geographic area it serves, and its projected annual sales volume. Provided, that no drugstore or general foodstore holding an off-sale license may be relocated to a new location unless it complies with the above provisions and, further, unless the license will remain in the possession of the person, the immediate family members of the person, or the corporation which is entirely owned by the person or immediate family members, which held the license on September 1, 1988. Provided, however, that the licenses of such drugstores and general food stores shall continue to be subject to all other requirements of charter, statutes, and ordinances as may be applicable. Provided further, that if the council approves of such relocation, the relocated license shall be deemed to be a continuation of the previous license.

After April 15, 1994, no "off sale" license shall be issued for a location, the main entrance of which is within a radius of two thousand (2,000) feet from the main entrance of an existing "off sale" location. Any licenses in existence on April 15, 1994, may be

renewed or reissued for such locations without regard to such distance limitations. The two thousand-foot limitation shall not apply to the issuance of any "off sale" liquor license for the following locations:

- (a) In the B4 zoning district;
- (b) In a location where the main entrance is less than one thousand (1,000) feet from the main entrance of a location where the applicant, on the date of application, holds an "off sale" liquor license, and where the applicant's location on the date of application is also less than two thousand (2,000) feet from the main entrance of an existing "off sale" location, which existing "off sale" location is also located in a shopping center consisting of a group of commercial establishments built on a site that is planned, developed, owner and managed as an operating unit related in location, size and types of shops to the trade area that the unit serves, and providing on-site parking in definite relationship to the type and total size of the stores, and provided further that the applicant has not previously applied this exception;
- (c) On premises owned by the commission created in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 473.551 to 473.595 and which are used primarily for sports and recreational purposes;
- (d) A relocation of an existing "off sale" liquor establishment, currently within two thousand (2,000) feet of a second existing "off sale" location, to a new location within the same two thousand-foot radius and no closer to the second "off sale" location; provided, that on the date of application for the new location, the applicant is the holder of the "off sale" license at the location to be discontinued.
- (e) A relocation of an existing "off-sale" liquor establishment which also operates as a general food store, to a location which is no closer than one thousand (1,000) feet of a second existing "off-sale" location; provided that the second existing "off-sale" establishment is already located nearer than two thousand (2,000) feet to a third existing "off-sale" establishment; and further provided that the general food store license be surrendered and that the applicant operates as an exclusive "off-sale" establishment.
- (f) An "off-sale" liquor establishment which sells no beverage alcohol except for wine as that term is defined in Minnesota Statute 340A.101, if such establishment is located in the C3A zoning district and there exists no other establishment operating under this exemption on the block face.

Section 2. That Chapter 362 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances be amended by adding thereto a new Section 362.41 to read as follows:

362.41. Prohibited acts. The following acts are prohibited at an off-sale liquor establishment:

- (a) No operator or employee of the licensed establishment shall allow any customer to pay for a purchase with more than \$2.50 in change or coins.
- (b) The licensed establishment shall not offer for sale or sell beer in single units containing sixteen (16) fluid ounces or less.
- (c) The licensed establishment shall not offer for sale or sell wine or distilled spirits in quantities of one hundred (100) milliliters or less.

Section 3. That Chapter 362 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances be amended by adding thereto a new Section 362.42 to read as follows:

362.42. Reduced renewal fee for qualifying off-sale liquor establishments.
An off-sale liquor establishment shall qualify for an annual renewal license fee reduction of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) if, at time of renewal, evidence is submitted demonstrating that the following conditions are met:

- (a) the licensee agrees to have a private party vendor train all employees within sixty (60) days of hire and annually thereafter in laws pertaining to the sale of alcohol, the rules for identification checks, and the responsibilities of establishments selling intoxicating liquors, and
- (b) the licensee agrees to post a policy requiring identification checks for all persons appearing to be thirty (30) years of age or less, and
- (c) the licensee agrees to establish a cash award and incentive program to award employees who properly prevent persons under the age of twenty-one (21) from illegally purchasing or obtaining alcoholic beverages from the establishment, and a penalty program is established with sanctions imposed against employees who fail any youth alcohol compliance check conducted by the City of Minneapolis, the licensee or any other public or private entity.

Failure to abide by these conditions by any off-sale liquor establishment claiming a fee reduction under this section shall constitute cause for adverse license action, including but not limited to imposition of the full fee amount and any associated costs of enforcement.