

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. L155 50109 TWINS STOP N GO  
for FOOD GROCERY and ancillary licenses

Held by:

**EDDIE BAKRI**  
**641 BROADWAY ST NE**  
**MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413**

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09-0690619

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This matter came before the Division of Licenses and Consumer Services at a Licensing Settlement Conference on Thursday, March 26, 2009 in Room 241, Minneapolis City Hall. Appearing on behalf of the Licensee were Eddie Bakri; Owner and Licensee, and Danny Bakri; Manager, and Mitchell Hadler; attorney for Licensee. Appearing on behalf of the City were Ricardo Cervantes; Deputy Director of Licenses and Consumer Services, Grant Wilson; Manager, Linda Roberts; District Supervisor, Michele Olds; License Inspector, Lt. Travis Glampe; Police Licensing, and Joel Fussy; Assistant City Attorney. There were subsequent conferences held that continued the meetings on April 7, 2009 and April 13, 2009. Based on information presented at the conferences, the Division makes the following findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Eddie Bakri has held the following licenses as a sole proprietor: Food Grocery License, Gasoline Filling Station License, Off-Sale Beer License, and Tobacco Dealer License, since May, 2001.
2. A Conditional Use Permit was granted for 24 hours operation at the 641 NE Broadway Street site in 1987. It was granted with standards that needed to be followed.
3. On October 16, 2002, adverse license action was taken against Eddie Bakri for Broadway Food & Deli for some Health issues and letting someone else use one of his licenses at his business.
4. On May 13, 2003, Eddie Bakri applied for and obtained a Food Manufacturer License.

5. In the Summer of 2005 and Summer of 2008, neighbors of Twins Stop N Go complained about litter, payphone, loitering late at night, unkempt landscaping, public urination, fence, noise from foot traffic, traffic issues, graffiti in area, and the dumpster not enclosed, drug deals, criminal sexual conduct, and noise from security doing crowd control at Twins Stop N Go.
6. From April, 2007 to February, 2009, there was no Certified Food Manager at Twins Stop and Go. The licensee was issued a citation for \$200 on April 8, 2008, another citation for \$200 on April 24, 2008, and a reinspection fee of \$100 on May 8, 2008 for not meeting this requirement.
7. The licensee was issued three citations for failing to provide requested surveillance system data. The dates were November 12, 2008, December 10, 2008, and January 6, 2009.
8. One citation for litter was issued to the licensee on February 18, 2009 for \$100. This citation has been appealed.
9. There were back taxes owed on the property, including \$9,686 for taxes payable in 2007 and \$16,709 due for taxes payable in 2008.
10. On October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Inspector Ron Martin conducted a plain clothes inspection and purchased a "set-up." A "set-up" is slang terminology for a glass tube commonly used for ingesting crack cocaine.
11. On a grocery renewal license application dated April 10, 2008, and on an off-sale beer license renewal application dated February 25, 2008, Eddie Bakri stated that he is a sole proprietor and he has no employees. It appears that Eddie Bakri has at least three employees that may qualify as eligible for worker's compensation as of November 19, 2008.
12. Twins Stop N Go is currently under investigation by the Minnesota Department of Health Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program for questionable voucher redemptions.
13. Danny Bakri, brother of Eddie Bakri, and the on-site manager with a significant role at Twins Stop N Go, was federally convicted of food stamp trafficking January 30, 1995.

### CONCLUSIONS

1. A Conditional Use Permit was granted for 24 hours operation at the 641 NE Broadway Street site in 1987. It was granted with standards that needed to be followed. Video surveillance taken by License Inspectors on November 1, 2008, November 27, 2008, and December 19, 2008 and police reports show disorderly conduct at the store and suggests that these standards are not being followed.

2. The total \$500 was paid by the licensee for these violations. Per Health Inspector Kathy Louden, Danny Bakri and Shaif Abud attended a Certified Food Manager class on February 12, 2009, for the store and both passed the course.
3. The licensee was issued three citations for failing to provide requested surveillance system data. The dates were November 12, 2008, December 10, 2008, and January 6, 2009. The citations were settled via an administrative hearing officer on the City's behalf.
4. One citation for litter was issued to the licensee on February 18, 2009 for \$100. This citation has been appealed. No settlement has been made on this citation.
5. There were back taxes owed on the property, including \$9,686 for taxes payable in 2007 and \$16,709 due for taxes payable in 2008. A payment plan has been entered into with Hennepin County as of February 23, 2009 with the next installment due on February 23, 2010.
6. On a grocery renewal license application dated April 10, 2008, and on an off-sale beer license renewal application dated February 25, 2008, Eddie Bakri stated that he is a sole proprietor and he has no employees. It appears that Eddie Bakri has at least three employees that may qualify as eligible for worker's compensation as of November 19, 2008. Eddie Bakri obtained Worker's Compensation coverage for his employees in February, 2009.
7. Twins Stop N Go is currently under investigation by the Minnesota Department of Health Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program for questionable voucher redemptions. This investigation has not been completed.
8. The owner of Twins Stop N Go observed the impact the late night business had on the neighborhood. He came to a voluntary agreement with Licenses and Consumer Services to reduce hours at his store. He agreed to close the store from 2:00 AM to 4:00 AM on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings and to close the deli portion of the business from 11:00 PM to 6:00 AM every day. He also agreed to implement a litter clean-up plan. Since this voluntary agreement to reduce hours, inspectors have observed the deli being closed at 11:00 PM on April 10, 2009. On April 24, 2009, inspectors observed the store to be open after 2:00 AM, although the deli was closed. Litter removal around the store has occurred on a regular basis since this agreement was made.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Licenses issued to Twins Stop N Go shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. The business will be closed from 2:00 AM to 4:00 AM on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings. The deli portion of the business will be closed from 11:00 PM to 6:00 AM every day.

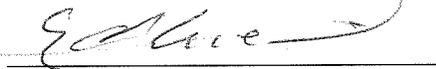
2. Twins Stop and Go agrees not to sell items in the business commonly referred to as drug paraphernalia and are cooperating with Licensing to develop a list of items that are commonly restricted in a conditions of license agreement.
3. Twins Stop and Go will adhere to due dates on violation notices or citations issued by the City of Minneapolis.
4. The business will implement an approved litter clean-up plan to prevent future litter violations. This plan should include cleaning litter two or three times every day.

Twins Stop N Go understands that the holding of a business or liquor license in the City of Minneapolis is both a privilege and a responsibility, and, as such, it is understood that there is a minimum standard that shall be met in order to hold such a license. Furthermore, it is understood that a license holder is responsible to ensure that its business operates in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances and regulations. As such, it is understood and agreed that any violation of the above Recommendations shall constitute just and proper cause for the immediate imposition of any agreed upon or 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.

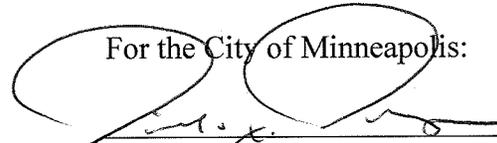
Based upon the foregoing, this agreement is FREELY & VOLUNTARILY ENTERED INTO IN GOOD FAITH:

For Twins Stop N Go:



Eddie Bakri  
Owner

For the City of Minneapolis:



Ricardo Cervantes  
Deputy Director of Licenses and Consumer Services

Date: 8-06-09, 2009

Dated: 8-6-, 2009