

**CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS  
CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SAFETY & REGULATORY SERVICE COMMITTEE**

In the Matter of the Business Licenses  
Held by Nidal Mustafa  
DBA: Slice of Chicago  
1600 West Broadway  
Licenses held:  
Food Manufacture License # L149-50567

**Findings of Fact,  
Conclusions and  
Recommendation**  
Ward: 5

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This matter came before a License Settlement Conference hearing on Tuesday, October 14, 2008. Appearing for the licensee was Nidal Mustafa, Owner, Slice of Chicago. Appearing for the Licenses and Consumer services were Manager Grant Wilson, License Inspector Dan Jacobs, and Lieutenant Jeff Rugel representing the Minneapolis Police Department. Based on the evidence presented at the hearing, the department makes the following findings of fact:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Slice of Chicago has been licensed to conduct business in the city of Minneapolis since February 28, 2007.
2. The Minneapolis Police Department has responded to calls for service at 1600 West Broadway, the business address of Slice of Chicago, 109 times since February 16, 2008. The police calls for service document activity at this business such as loitering, use of weapons, narcotics activity, and other negative behaviors.
3. On August 2, 2008 a citation and fine of \$ 200.00 was issued for the business being open beyond the legal hours of operation. This fine has not been paid.
4. The business has unpaid false alarm fees in the amount of \$ 1460.00
5. On August 14, 2008 the premises inspected by Inspector Dan Jacobs and Manager Grant Wilson. The business was found to have tall grass and weeds in violation of MCO 227.90; a large amount of litter and debris on the parking lot and surrounding areas of the property in violation of MCO 259.125 (a); and graffiti was present on the building in violation of MCO 226.20; the refuse dumpsters were not enclosed with a screened material in violation of MCO 259.125 (c). On October 7, 2008, Inspector Dan Jacobs inspected the premises, at the time of this inspection, the issues from the August 14, 2008 inspection had been corrected.

6. On September 20, 2008 at 10:00 PM, District Supervisor Linda Roberts observed loitering at the business.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Slice of Chicago has experienced a high amount of police calls for service due to excessive loitering and illegal activities occurring in the vicinity of the business. Although improved at this time, the premises has had a history of not being well maintained thus creating an environment that discourages healthy, normal retail shopping opportunities for the neighborhood. Recent use of security staff has proven to be effective in reducing negative activity on this business premise. To further address these problems, a series of business operating conditions were developed in cooperation with the owner, Mr. Mustafa.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Division of Licenses and Consumer Services recommends that the business licenses held by Slice of Chicago be henceforth maintained subject to the set of operating conditions mutually agreed upon. It is further agreed upon that by signing the operating conditions attached, the licensee understands that any operations in violation of said conditions will result in additional adverse license actions which may include revocation, suspension, or denial of renewal of all business licenses held at this location.

### **BUSINESS LICENSE OPERATING AGREEMENT**

SLICE OF CHICAGO  
DBA: SLICE OF CHICAGO  
NIDAL MUSTAFA  
1600 WEST BROADWAY  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55418

14-OCTOBER-08

Re: L149-50567 SLICE OF CHICAGO

- 1) "No Trespassing" signs will remain clearly posted on the exterior of the business. Store staff will immediately ask people that are observed loitering in the immediate vicinity of the store to leave. If the loitering activity persists, staff will call 9-1-1 and request police assistance to alleviate the loitering activity. The business agrees to cooperate fully in the prosecution of criminal activity. Mpls Ord. 259.250(1) (l), and Minnesota Statute 609.605.

- 2) The business agrees to keep all exterior and interior lights illuminated and functioning properly. Mpls Ord. 259.250 (8)
- 3) All windows will be free of signs and other items that block the view in and out, as is specified in Minneapolis Ord. 543.350.
- 4) Owner shall comply with the Surveillance Camera Ordinance. Mpls Ord. 259.230. Additionally, the business will install (2) two exterior cameras.
- 5) The business agrees to clean the property, and all areas within 100 feet of the property line of litter and trash twice daily. The business shall maintain a litter receptacle in front of the business that is convenient for customer use.
- 6) Refuse shall be stored in a regularly serviced, closed container (dumpster) that shall be maintained screened from view as is required by Minneapolis Codes. At no time shall this refuse container be overfilled so that the cover cannot be completely closed at all times.
- 7) The business shall remain in compliance with all ordinances and notices from the Environmental Health Division.
- 8) The fence on the western property line shall be repaired and maintained to a professional state with no gaps or areas of egress
- 9) The business agrees to hire security staff at least (4) hours per day and (4) days a week, (3) of them being Thursday, Friday and Saturday, covering the latest hours of operation.
- 10) The false alarm fee of \$ 1460.00 and fine of \$ 200.00 totals \$ 1660.00. The business agrees to a payment plan in which \$ 415.00 is paid at the signing of these conditions. The business agrees to continue with payments of \$ 415.00 on December 1, 2008, January 1, 2009, and February 1, 2009.

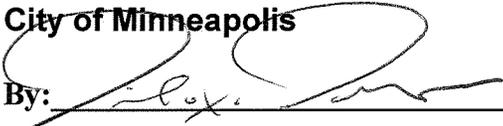
**I have read the agreement listed above. I agree with the agreements and understand that failure on our part, or on the part of my company or employees to adhere to these agreements, may be cause for future adverse license action, including the suspension, revocation, or denial of the renewal of the L149 - 50567 Slice of Chigago Food Manufacture License. These agreements will be effective for the duration the license operates at these premises, unless otherwise amended by the City Council of Minneapolis.**

Based upon the foregoing, this agreement is freely & voluntarily entered into in good faith:

Licensee   
Signature

NIDAL MUSTAFA owner  
Print Name Title

Date: 10-22-08

City of Minneapolis  
By: 

Ricardo X Cervantes, Deputy Director Business Licenses  
Print Name

Dated: 10/29/08