

To	Council Member Samuels, Chairman Referral to:
Subject	Appeal of Directors denial of Grocery, Food Manufacturing, and Tobacco dealer licenses, submitted and pending by Zafer Mashni, 1800 26 <sup>th</sup> Avenue North
From	Grant Wilson, Manager, Licenses and Consumer Services

## Staff Report

### Big Stop, 1800 26<sup>th</sup> Ave. No.

On August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Mr. Zafer Mashni submitted an application for City of Minneapolis Grocery, Tobacco, and Food Manufacturing licenses for a business to be known as Big Stop, located at 1800 26<sup>th</sup> Ave. No. This location was the subject of a license revocation action in March of 2006 due to non-compliance with site plan review standards.

On September 15, 2006 a written notice was mailed to Mr. Mashni that indicated that his application was incomplete for the following reasons:

- 1. The Zoning Department reports that the site plan review standards relating to ground cover, plantings, screening and parking surface conditions have not been met.*
- 2. Your application materials indicate that you do not have employees and therefore do not need workers compensation insurance. The operation of a convenience store of this size will certainly require you to hire employees. Proof of workers compensation insurance is required.*
- 3. Proof that a Minnesota Drivers License has been obtained.*
- 4. A Minnesota tax ID number is required for this business.*
- 5. Copies of your personal federal and state income tax returns for the past three years.*
- 6. The source of the funds needed to bring this business venture to fruition seems unclear. Funds will be needed to pay the first few months of rent, utility bills, insurance premiums, repairs and inventory. Additional proof that these funds are available would assist us in processing your application for City Council review.*

Minneapolis Ordinance Chapter 259.130 states that no license shall be granted or renewed unless the application contains all of the required information, and that an application remaining incomplete for 120 days may be administratively denied by the Director of Licenses.

On January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Burt Osborne, Director of Licenses and Consumer Services denied the application submitted by Mr. Mashni, and sent the appropriate notice.

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007 an appeal of the Directors denial of license was submitted on behalf of Mr. Mashni by his legal council, Stan Nathanson.

The application is missing essential information that prevents the Department of Licenses and Consumer Services from conducting a review of the applicant's fitness to receive a business license.