

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

In the Matter of the Business Licenses
Held by Mahmoud Hasan Salem
DBA: Quick Stop
3601 Penn Avenue North
Licenses held:

**Findings of Fact,
Conclusions and
Recommendation**
Ward: 4

Grocery License # L155-50389, Tobacco License # L022 50557

This matter came before a License Settlement Conference hearing on thursday, October 22, 2009. Appearing for the licensee was Mahmoud Hasan Salem, Owner, Quick Stop. Appearing for the Licenses and Consumer services were Deputy Director Ricardo Cervantes, License Inspector Dan Jacobs, and Officer Dave Elliot 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. Quick Stop has been licensed to conduct business in the city of Minneapolis since February 23, 2005.
2. The Minneapolis Police Department has responded to calls for service at 3601 Penn Avenue North, the business address of Quick Stop, 36 times since January 2008. The police calls for service document activities associated with loitering at this business such as use of weapons, narcotics activity, and other negative behaviors.
3. There have been numerous complaints from residents related to loitering and other negative behaviors.

CONCLUSION

The Quick Stop has experienced a high amount of complaints from residents and police calls for service due to excessive loitering and illegal activities occurring in the vicinity of the business. These issues create an environment that discourages healthy, normal retail shopping opportunities for the neighborhood. To further address these problems, a series of business operating conditions were developed in cooperation with the owner, Mr. Mahmoud Hasan Salem.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Division of Licenses and Consumer Services recommends that the business licenses held by Quick Stop 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

KBHN INC.

DBA: QUICK STOP

MAHMOUD HASAN SALEM

3601 PENN AVENUE NORTH

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55412

22-OCTOBER-09

Re: L155-50389 QUICK STOP for FOOD GROCERY, L022 50557 for TOBACCO

- 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) (I), and Minnesota Statute 609.605.
- 2) The business agrees not to sell items which are commonly used by drug users and drug dealers. These items include bongs, glass pipes (sometimes with roses inside), Brillo Pads or Chore Boy products, tobacco pipes, small zip lock bags also known as jewelry bags, and single use tobacco products to include rolling papers. The business will also agree not to supply matches to non-tobacco customers.
- 3) The business agrees to keep all exterior and interior lights illuminated and functioning properly. Mpls Ord. 259.250 (8)
- 4) 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.
- 5) Owner shall comply with the Surveillance Camera Ordinance. Mpls Ord. 259.230. Additionally, the business will install (2) two exterior cameras in the rear of the facility. Signage will be displayed in the rear of the facility

informing people that they are under surveillance. All cameras will be monitored by staff during all hours of operation.

- 6) 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.
- 7) 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.
- 8) The business agrees to hire security staff which may include off duty MPD, typically covering Friday and Saturday, coverage will include the latest hours of operation.

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 L155 - 50389 Slice of Quick Stop Grocery License and L022 - 50557 Tobacco 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 Mahmoud Salem

Signature _____

MATMOUD SALEM Owner

Print Name Title

Date: 10/30/09

City of Minneapolis
By: [Signature]

Ricardo X Cervantes Deputy Director, Licenses

Print Name
Dated: Nov 2, 2009