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May 11, 2010

Urmila R. Patel, Agent Milwaukee Metro Motors, Inc. 7038 S. Carmel Dr. Franklin, WI 53132 Atty. Vincent J. Bobot 1919 W Henry Ave Milwaukee, WI 53221-5017

Dear Ms. Patel and Atty. Bobot:

You are hereby notified that the Milwaukee Common Council will hold a hearing on May 25, 2010, commencing at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard, in the Common Council chambers on the third floor of City Hall, 200 East Wells Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin to consider the renewal of the Class "A" Liquor & Malt license for the premises at 5320 S. 27th St. ("Discount Cigarettes & Beer").

Attached you will find a copy of the Report of the Licenses Committee, which includes its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation, recommending renewal of the license with a 30-day suspension based on a police report, police testimony and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) reports submitted by the police department. The recommendation is the result of a public hearing before the Committee held on May 10, 2010.

You may file written objections to the report of the Licenses Committee. Your written objections must be filed with the City Clerk by 4:45 p.m. on May 20, 2010 in Room 205 of City Hall. If you file written objections, you or a legal representative may then also appear at the Common Council to make oral arguments supporting your written objections. You will be given approximately five minutes to present your oral argument.

Respectfully,

RONALD D. LEONHARDT

City Clerk



Date:

May 13, 2010

To:

All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From:

The Licenses Committee

Re:

Report of the renewal application of Urmila R. Patel, Agent for Milwaukee Metro Motors, Inc., for a Class "A" Liquor and Malt license for the premises located at 5320 South 27<sup>th</sup> Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

("Discount Cigarettes & Beer").

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Urmila R. Patel (hereinafter the "License") is the holder of Class "A" Liquor and Malt license for the premises located at 5320 South 27<sup>th</sup> Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Discount Cigarettes & Beer"). Said license expires at midnight, May 29, 2010.
- 2. An application to renew said license was timely filed with the office of the City Clerk on March 3, 2010.
- 3. Pursuant to Chapter 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the matter was referred to the Milwaukee Police Department for investigation. The Milwaukee Police Department responded with a report that could form the basis of non-renewal or suspension of these licenses on March 8, 2010. There were also alleged neighborhood objections to loitering, littering, loud music and noise; parking and traffic problems; drug and other criminal activity, including trespassing, public urination, vandalism, disorderly conduct, fights and thefts; operation of the premises in such a manner that it creates a public nuisance; and conduct which is detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood. No neighbors appeared to testify as to the neighborhood objections.
- 4. On April 29, 2010, the City Clerk's Office provided timely notice to the Licensee pursuant to Chapter 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes of a report

of the Milwaukee Police Department and included therewith a copy of the Milwaukee Police Department report. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on May 10, 2009, commencing at 8:15 a.m. in Room 301B of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the licensee appeared and was represented by Attorney Vincent Bobot, 1919 West Henry, Milwaukee, WI 53221.

- 5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:
  - A. On June 11, 2009 at 6:45 p.m., an underage subject, working in conjunction with the Milwaukee Police Department was able to purchase a six-pack of Miller beer from the cashier at 5320 South 27<sup>th</sup> Street (Discount Cigarettes & Beer). The cashier received a citation for sale to underage prohibited and was found guilty on this citation on August 5, 2009 and fined \$160.00.
  - B. On November 14, 2009 at 11:50 a.m., a Milwaukee Police Department aide, who had not yet reached the age of 21, was able to purchase a 12-pack of Miller Lite beer from the cashier at 5320 South 27<sup>th</sup> Street (Discount Cigarettes & Beer). This police aide was working in conjunction with the Milwaukee Police Department, who cited the cashier. No record of this citation can be located in Milwaukee Municipal Court records (Citation No. 6080057-4); therefore; no disposition is available.
  - C. On February 25, 2010 at 4:23 p.m., officers of the Milwaukee Police Department had a Milwaukee Police Department aide who was under the age of 21, along with an undercover police officer, enter the premise at 5320 South 27<sup>th</sup> Street in an attempt to purchase alcohol. The aide brought a 30-pack of Milwaukee's Best to the counter and the cashier asked for identification, which the aide provided. The cashier stated to the aide that he was underage and if asked if he was a cop, stating, "Cops are in here all the time to check up." The aide responded "no" and the cashier took his money. When the aide asked for his change, the cashier stated, "You are under 21 and don't get no change." The cashier was then questioned by police and when asked why he sold the alcohol, he stated, "I checked ID." The cashier was issued a citation for sale to underage 2<sup>nd</sup> offense and was found guilty on April 21, 2010 and fined \$368.00.

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Committee has jurisdiction to hold hearings and provide Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and a Recommendation to the full Common Council pursuant to Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Chapter 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
- 2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the licensee, Urmila R. Patel, has not met the criteria of Chapter 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances or Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes to allow renewal of her Class "A" Liquor and Malt license for the premise at 5320 South 27<sup>th</sup> Street ("Discount Cigarettes & Beer") without undergoing a thirty (30) day suspension of said license based upon the police report. The Committee finds the police report, as stated above, to be true.
- 3. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee, it is the recommendation of the Licenses Committee that the full Common Council of the City of Milwaukee should exercise its judgment to renew with a thirty (30) day suspension the Class "A" Liquor and Malt license for the premises located at 5320 South 27<sup>th</sup> Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Discount Cigarettes & Beer") based upon a police report, police Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) reports, and police department testimony.

### RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee, by a vote of three (3) ayes and two (0) noes, recommends that the Class "A" Liquor and Malt license be renewed with thirty (30) day suspension based on a police report, police Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) reports, and police department testimony.

Said suspension is to be in effect between 12:01 a.m., May 30, 2010, and midnight, June 28, 2010.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 13th day of May, 2010.

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JAMES A. BOHL, Chair Licenses Committee



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May 11, 2010

Muwafaq M. Abuawwad, Agent T & S Group, LLC 9950 S. Jennifer Lane Oak Creek, WI 53154

Atty. Othman M. Atta Atta Law Offices LLC 6004 W Howard Ave Milwaukee, WI 53220

Dear Mr. Abuawwad and Atty. Atta:

You are hereby notified that the Milwaukee Common Council will hold a hearing on May 25, 2010, commencing at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard, in the Common Council chambers on the third floor of City Hall, 200 East Wells Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin to consider the renewal of the Precious Metals & Gem Dealer license for the premises at 1577 W. Greenfield Ave. ("Sam's Discount").

Attached you will find a copy of the Report of the Licenses Committee, which includes its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation, recommending renewal of the license with a 90-day suspension based on a police report and police department testimony. The recommendation is the result of a public hearing before the Committee held on May 10, 2010.

You may file written objections to the report of the Licenses Committee. Your written objections must be filed with the City Clerk by 4:45 p.m. on May 20, 2010 in Room 205 of City Hall. If you file written objections, you or a legal representative may then also appear at the Common Council to make oral arguments supporting your written objections. You will be given approximately five minutes to present your oral argument.

Respectfully,

RONALD D. LEONHARDT

City Clerk



Date:

May 13, 2010

To:

All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From:

The Licenses Committee

Re:

Report of the renewal application of Muwafaq M. Abuawwad, Agent for T&S Group, LLC, for the Precious Metals and Gem Dealer license for the premises located at 1577 West Greenfield Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Sam's Discount").

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Muwafaq M. Abuawwad (hereinafter the "Licensee") is the holder of a Precious Metals and Gem Dealer license for Sam's Discount doing business at 1577 West Greenfield Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("John's Jewelry"). Said license expired at midnight, December 31, 2009.
- 2. An application to renew this license was filed on March 11, 2010.
- 3. Pursuant to Chapter 92-10 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, the matter was referred to the Milwaukee Police Department for investigation. On March 12, 2010, the Milwaukee Police Department responded with a police report that could form a basis for non-renewal or suspension of said license. There were also neighborhood objections to the granting of the license based on the type of business conducted at the premises, thefts, purchase of stolen goods, excessive littering, loud noise, traffic violations and other factors which relate to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood and generate undesirable secondary effects. However, no neighbors appeared to testify to any of the claimed neighborhood objections.
- 4. This matter was originally scheduled for April 20, 2010. However, the applicant asked that this matter be held. On April 29, 2010, the City Clerk's Office again provided timely notice to the Licensee pursuant to Chapter 92-10 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances of the report of the Milwaukee Police Department and included therewith a copy of the Milwaukee Police Department report. The

matter was scheduled for a hearing on the Police Department report on May 10, 2010, commencing at 2:45 p.m. in Room 301B of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the licensee did appear and was represented by Attorney Othman Atta, 6004 West Howard Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53220.

- 5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:
  - A. In November 2009, officers of the Milwaukee Police Department went to Sam's Discount at 1577 West Greenfield Avenue after learning the business was a gold buyer and they provided the manager with transaction cards and information on how to complete the cards for the police department. The business also made aware of city ordinances and regulations. Between September and November, the police department, on two or three occasions, went into Sam's Discount to pick up transaction cards and found them to be either incomplete, illegibly written, or not available or ready for pick up. The store's buyer and licensee were advised to correct this problem. On December 2, 2009, officers again went to Sam's Discount to pick up transaction cards and again the cards were not ready for pick up as required by ordinance. A detective returned on December 9, 2009 and was told once again that the cards were not ready for pick up. The defective waited as the employees completed the cards. Again, a copy of city ordinances and regulations was provided to employees.
  - B. On December 21, 2009, officers of the Milwaukee Police Department went to Sam's Discount at 1577 West Greenfield Avenue to inspect the business' gold buying process. Officers spoke with the manager, Alaaedin Abuawad, who stated he was the main gold purchaser. The officers' investigation found that the PP16A's were not complete. The reports did not include a description of the gold or jewelry purchased and some reports did not have a declaration of ownership. The manager also admitted that he had not kept a book/ledger for the entire three months they had had a license. The manager received 20 citations for violations of City Ordinances occurring between December 9, 2009 and December 20, 2009.

Charge:

Precious Metal/Gems Dealer Regulations

Finding:

Pre-trial 04/30/10 8:30 a.m.

C. On January 13, 2010, officers of the Milwaukee Police Department conducted follow-up at 1577 West Greenfield

Avenue (Sam's Discount/T&S Group LLC) regarding previous violations of this license. An undercover officer, who did not have identification with her, attempted to sell gold to the manager of the store, Alaaeddin Abuawad. The manager refused to buy the gold, but did tell the officer that if she could find someone with identification to sell the gold for her, he would buy it. Family members also told Police Officer Thiele that the applicant no longer lived in the City of Milwaukee and had returned to live in his homeland overseas.

D. On March 25, 2010, a Milwaukee Police detective found Sam's Discount to have an expired Precious Metal and Gem Dealer license. The detective spoke to Muwafaq Abuawwad and the store manager, Alaaedin Abuawad, who stated they renewed the license but never received it from the city. The detective advised Abuawwad that he should cease his precious metal and gem buying until he received the license. Abuawwad was cited for operating without a license and given a future of court date.

Finding:

Court date 05/11/10

Case:

Citation # 6103342

- E. At hearing, the licensee testified that he returned to his native land to attend an ailing mother and that he did permanently leave Milwaukee. The licensee was out of the country between the end of September 2009 to February 17, 2010.
- F. Police Officer Brian Thiele testified that the licensee, by not timely filling out the PP16As, was not able to accurately indicate the correct identity of the seller, the items purchased and their description. In fact, the manager came with a bag of gold items not attached to cards, and it was impossible for him to match the items to identification cards. The manager did not have a ledger in English to allow Officer Thiele to compare items of jewelry with the dates of transactions and the person selling the jewelry.
- G. No items of stolen jewelry have been identified by the Milwaukee Police Department.
- H. The manager, while Officer Thiele was in the store, demonstrated that he did know the proper procedure of filling out a PA16A.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Committee has jurisdiction to hold hearings and provided Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and a Recommendation to the full Common Council pursuant to Section 92-10 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
- 2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the licensee, Muwafaq M. Abuawwad, as agent for T&S Group, LLC, has not met the criteria of Chapter 92-10 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances to allow the continued operation of the premises located at 1577 West Greenfield Avenue ("Sam's Discount") without undergoing a ninety (90) day suspension of said license.
- 3. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee, it is the recommendation of the Licenses Committee that the full Common Council of the City of Milwaukee should exercise its discretion and judgment to suspend the Precious Metal and Gem Dealer license held by the licensee for the premise located at 1577 West Greenfield Avenue ("Sam's Discount") for ninety (90) days based upon the police report.

## RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee, by a vote of three (3) ayes and two (2) noes, recommends that the Precious Metal and Gem Dealer license held by Muwafaq M. Abuawwad be suspended for ninety (90) days based upon the police report.

Said suspension is to be in effect between the time of Common Council action on May 25, 2010, through midnight, August 22, 2010.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

James A. Bohl, Jr., Chair Licenses Committee



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May 11, 2010

Desiree R. Rafel 1710 E. Bradford Ave. 2W Milwaukee, WI 53211

Dear Ms. Rafel:

You are hereby notified that the Milwaukee Common Council will hold a hearing on May 25, 2010, commencing at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard, in the Common Council chambers on the third floor of City Hall, 200 East Wells Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin to consider the renewal of your Class "D" Bartender's license.

Attached you will find a copy of the Report of the Licenses Committee, which includes its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation, recommending nonrenewal of your license based upon non-appearance. The recommendation is the result of a public hearing before the Committee held on May 10, 2010.

You may file written objections to the report of the Licenses Committee. Your written objections must be filed with the City Clerk by 4:45 p.m. on May 20, 2010 in Room 205 of City Hall. If you file written objections, you or a legal representative may then also appear at the Common Council to make oral arguments supporting your written objections. You will be given approximately five minutes to present your oral argument.

Respectfully,

RONALD D. LEONHARDT

City Clerk



Date:

May 13, 2010

To:

All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From:

Licenses Committee

Re:

Report on the Renewal Application of the Class "D"

Bartender License of Desiree R. Rafel

# FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Desiree R. Rafel (hereinafter the "Licensee") is the holder of a Class "D" Bartender License in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Said license expired at midnight, December 31, 2008.

2. An application to renew said license was untimely filed with the Office of the City Clerk on February 4, 2010.

3. Pursuant to Chapter 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the matter was referred to the Milwaukee Police Department for investigation. On February 5, 2010, the Milwaukee Police Department responded with a police report that could form a basis for non-renewal or suspension of said license.

- On April 29, 2010, the City Clerk's Office provided timely notice to the Licensee pursuant to Chapter 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes of the report of the Milwaukee Police Department and included therewith a copy of the Milwaukee Police Department report. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the Police Department report on May 10, 2010, commencing at 1:30 p.m. in Room 301B of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the licensee did not appear and she was not represented by counsel. That was the applicant's third nonappearance.
- 5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:

A. A notice of the hearing as well as a copy of the police report was sent to Desiree R. Rafel at 1710 East Bradford Avenue, 2W, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211 on April 29, 2010 by U.S. prepaid first-class mail in an envelope bearing the return address of the License Division. The address of 1710 East Bradford Avenue, 2W, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211 is the address given by the Licensee on her application. The envelope was not returned to the License Division by the United States Postal Service. The Licensee failed to appear at the hearing on May 10, 2010.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Committee has jurisdiction to hold hearings and provide Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and a Recommendation to the full Common Council pursuant to Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Chapter 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
- 2. Based on the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Desiree R. Rafel, has not met the criteria of Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes or Chapter 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances to allow renewal of the Class "D" Bartender license based upon nonappearance.
- 3. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee, it is the recommendation of the Licenses Committee that the full Common Council should exercise its discretion to not renew the Class "D" Bartender license held by Desiree R. Rafel based upon nonappearance.

## RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee, by a vote of four (4) ayes, zero (0) noes and one (1) excused, recommends that the Class "D" Bartender License be denied based upon nonappearance.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 13th day of May, 2010.

JAMES A. BOHL, Jr. Chair, Licenses Committee

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Ronald D. Leonhardt City Clerk

Jim Owczarski Deputy City Clerk

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May 11, 2010

Michael Moore 754 S. 26th St. #2 Milwaukee, WI 53204

Dear Mr. Moore:

You are hereby notified that the Milwaukee Common Council will hold a hearing on May 25, 2010, commencing at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard, in the Common Council chambers on the third floor of City Hall, 200 East Wells Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin to consider the renewal of your Class "D" Bartender's license.

Attached you will find a copy of the Report of the Licenses Committee, which includes its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation, recommending nonrenewal of your license based upon non-appearance. The recommendation is the result of a public hearing before the Committee held on May 10, 2010.

You may file written objections to the report of the Licenses Committee. Your written objections must be filed with the City Clerk by 4:45 p.m. on May 20, 2010 in Room 205 of City Hall. If you file written objections, you or a legal representative may then also appear at the Common Council to make oral arguments supporting your written objections. You will be given approximately five minutes to present your oral argument.

Respectfully,

RONALD D. LEONHARDT

City Clerk



Date:

May 11, 2010

To:

All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From:

Licenses Committee

Re:

Report on the Renewal Application of the Class "D"

Bartender License of Michael L. Moore

# FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Michael L. Moore (hereinafter the "Licensee") is the holder of a Class "D" Bartender License in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Said license expired at midnight, December 31, 2008.

2. An application to renew said license was untimely filed with the Office of the City Clerk on February 26, 2010.

3. Pursuant to Chapter 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the matter was referred to the Milwaukee Police Department for investigation. On February 28, 2010, the Milwaukee Police Department responded with a police report that could form a basis for non-renewal or suspension of said license.

- On April 29, 2010, the City Clerk's Office provided timely notice to the Licensee pursuant to Chapter 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes of the report of the Milwaukee Police Department and included therewith a copy of the Milwaukee Police Department report. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the Police Department report on May 10, 2010, commencing at 1:30 p.m. in Room 301B of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the licensee did not appear and he was not represented by counsel. That was the applicant's second nonappearance.
- 5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:

A. A notice of the hearing as well as a copy of the police report was sent to Michael L. Moore at 754 South 26<sup>th</sup> Street, No. 2, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204 on April 29, 2010 by U.S. prepaid first-class mail in an envelope bearing the return address of the License Division. The address of 754 South 26<sup>th</sup> Street, No. 2, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204 is the address given by the Licensee on his application. The envelope was not returned to the License Division by the United States Postal Service. The Licensee failed to appear at the hearing on May 10, 2010.

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Committee has jurisdiction to hold hearings and provide Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and a Recommendation to the full Common Council pursuant to Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Chapter 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
- 2. Based on the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Michael L. Moore, has not met the criteria of Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes or Chapter 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances to allow renewal of the Class "D" Bartender license based upon nonappearance.
- 3. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee, it is the recommendation of the Licenses Committee that the full Common Council should exercise its discretion to not renew the Class "D" Bartender license held by Michael L. Moore based upon nonappearance.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee, by a vote of four (4) ayes, zero (0) noes and one (1) excused, recommends that the Class "D" Bartender License be denied based upon nonappearance.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 11th day of May, 2010.

James C. BRR James

JAMES A. BOHL, Jr. Chair, Licenses Committee