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Vetaw	X			
Warren	X			
Osman	X			
Shaffer	X			
Stevenson	X			
Chavez	X			
Chughtai	X			
Whiting				X
Chowdhury				X
Palmisano	X			

MAYOR ACTION

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MAYOR FREY

SEP 23 2026

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ATTEST

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Amending Title 13, Chapter 259 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations: In General.

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 259.250 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

259.250. Business license management responsibilities. The following minimum standards and conditions shall be met in order to hold a license, provisional license or license permit under Titles 10, 11, 13 and 14 of this Code. Failure to comply with any of these standards and conditions shall be adequate grounds for the denial, refusal to renew, revocation or suspension of said license or license permit.

(1) It shall be the responsibility of the licensee to take appropriate action to prevent further violations following conduct by any persons on the business premises, including parking areas, in violation of any of the following statutes or ordinances:

- a. Minnesota Statutes, Sections 609.75 through 609.76, which prohibit gambling.
- b. Minnesota Statutes, Sections 609.321 through 609.324, which prohibits prostitution and acts relating thereto.
- c. Minnesota Statutes, Sections 152.01 through 152.025 or Section 152.027 subdivisions 1 and 2, which prohibit the unlawful sale or possession of controlled substances.
- d. Minnesota Statutes, Sections 617.23 through 617.241, which prohibits indecent exposure and the exhibition and distribution of obscene materials or performances.
- e. Minnesota Statutes, Section 609.33 or Section 385.170(b)(1) of this Code, which prohibit owning, operating, managing, maintaining or conducting a disorderly house, and inviting or attempting to invite others to visit or remain in a disorderly house.
- f. Section ~~389.65~~ 389.310 of this Code, which prohibits noisy assemblies.
- g. Minnesota Statutes, Sections 97B.021, 97B.045, 609.66 through 609.67 and 624.712 through 624.716 and Section 393.40, 393.50, 393.70, 393.80, 393.90 and 393.150 of this Code, which prohibits the unlawful possession, transportation, sale or use of a weapon.
- h. Minnesota Statutes, Section 609.72 and Section 385.90 of this Code, which prohibits disorderly conduct.
- i. Sections 385.80 and 385.50 of this Code, which prohibit lurking and loitering.
- j. Minnesota Statutes, Sections 609.74 and 609.745, which prohibit public nuisance and permitting a public nuisance.
- k. Minnesota Statutes, Sections 609.50, which prohibits obstructing legal process, arrest, or firefighting.
- l. Any other criminal activity arising out of the conduct of the business.

(2) It shall be the responsibility of the licensee to maintain and operate the business in compliance with all applicable laws and ordinances, including the zoning, fire, environmental health, environmental management, license, food, liquor, housing and building codes.

(3) The licensee is directly and vicariously responsible for any violations on the premises, including parking areas, by any employees, independent contractors, other persons hired by the licensee, or otherwise under the supervision or management of the licensee.

(4) It shall be the responsibility of the licensee to provide adequate security to prevent criminal activity, loitering, lurking and disorderly conduct on the business premises, including parking areas.

(5) A licensee shall be required to pay all delinquent court judgments arising out of their business and business operations.

(6) Areas of the premises that are not regularly monitored by employees or security shall not be accessible to patrons, customers, or the public.

(7) Vending and other unattended coin operated machines shall be in plain view of employees and shall not be operable during hours the business is not open to the public and in operation. Public pay telephones shall be operated in full compliance with Chapter 264 of this Code.

(8) Parking and other outdoor areas of the premises accessible to the public shall be illuminated at an intensity of at least two (2) foot-candles per square foot at eighteen (18) inches above ground level.

(9) It shall be the responsibility of the licensee to fully comply with all conditions of license or other operational specific requirements duly imposed by the licensing authority or agreed to by the licensee.

(10) The licensee shall post the license certificate and any conditions of license in a manner that complies with section 259.135.

(11) There shall be no fraud, misrepresentation, or bribery in securing or attempting to secure the license or license permit.

(12) There shall be no false statements made or omissions of any material matter in any application for a license or license permit.

(13) The provisions of this section are not exclusive. Adverse license action, inclusive of, but not limited to, revocation, may be based upon good cause at any time upon proper notice and hearing. This section shall not preclude the enforcement of any other provisions of this Code or state and federal laws and regulations.