

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2025-118

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD REGARDING THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF
LIQUOR LICENSES ISSUED TO FROGGZ L.L.C. D/B/A/ FROGGZ AND/OR THE
IMPOSITION OF A CIVIL FINE

WHEREAS, Froggz L.L.C. a/k/a Froggz LLC (the “Licensee”) is the holder of liquor licenses issued by the City of Northfield (the “City”) to sell alcoholic beverages at the licensed establishment named Froggz, located at 307 Water Street S., Ste B and 303 Water Street S., Northfield, MN 55057 (the “Licensed Premises”); and

WHEREAS, the City has issued an on-sale intoxicating liquor license and on-sale Sunday intoxicating liquor license to Licensee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Northfield City Code, Sec. 6-69(c), and Minn. Stat. § 340A.409, the City Council adopted Resolution 2025-113 on November 4, 2025, suspending the liquor licenses issued to Licensee for failure to maintain the required proof of financial responsibility in the form of a liquor liability insurance policy; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the findings in Resolution 2025-113, which is incorporated herein by reference, the City Clerk discovered on November 3, 2025, that the insurance policy under the certificate of insurance provided to the City by the Licensee had lapsed on July 2, 2025, and Froggz L.L.C. confirmed on November 4, 2025, via phone call to the City Clerk, that the mandatory liability insurance had lapsed; and

WHEREAS, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A is the correspondence and notice of cancellation from the insurance carrier confirming the lapse / expiration of the liability insurance for Froggz L.L.C. for the Licensed Premises; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 340A.409, “[n]o retail license may be . . . maintained . . . unless the applicant demonstrates proof of financial responsibility with regard to liability imposed by section 340A.801”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code, Sec. 6-69(c) “[f]ailure to maintain such proof of financial responsibility shall be grounds for immediate suspension of a license by resolution of the city council without notice or hearing”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code, Sec. 6-69(b)(6), the City may impose a fine and or/suspend or revoke any license for the sale of intoxicating liquor for the “[e]xpiration or cancellation of any required insurance, or failure to notify the city within a reasonable time of changes in the term of the insurance or the carriers”; and

WHEREAS, Licensee did knowingly and intentionally operate from the date, July 2, 2025, of the cancellation of the required insurance following notice thereof by Licensee’s

insurance carrier, until November 4, 2025, without notice to the City of this cancellation in violation of City Code, Sec. 6-69; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing violations, the Northfield Chief of Police has provided a summary of police contacts and related safety concerns regarding the Licensee and Licensed Premises, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the City Police Department conducted an unannounced compliance check at the Licensed Premises on October 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2025, an employee of the Licensee at Froggz did sell liquor to a minor in violation of Minn. Stat. § 340A.503.2(1) and Northfield City Code, Sec. 6-100; and

WHEREAS, the bartender has been charged with a violation of Minn. Stat. § 340A.503.2(1); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code, Sec. 6-96, and Minn. Stat. § 340A.501, the Licensee is responsible for the conduct of every person on the Licensed Premises, and any sale of alcoholic beverages by an employee of the Licensee on the Licensed Premises is the act of the Licensee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code, Sec. 6-100, and Minn. Stat. § 340A.503, no alcoholic beverages shall be sold to any person under 21 years of age on the Licensed Premises; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code, Sec. 6-69(b)(3), the City Council may impose a civil fine, suspension, or revocation of the liquor licenses issued to Licensee upon the “[v]iolation of any federal, state, or local law regulating the sale of intoxicating liquor, 3.2 percent malt liquor, or controlled substances”; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing violations, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 340A.402, subd. 1, the City Council may refuse to renew a liquor license to a person who has been convicted of a felony within five years of the liquor license application, and, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 340A.402, subd. 1(3), shall not issue a retail license to “a person not of good moral character and repute”; and

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2024, during the public hearing held before the City Council on the issuance of the above-referenced liquor licenses for the Licensed Premises, concerns were raised by the City Council and the Police Chief regarding previous criminal citations and a pending felony matter for Nicolas Erickson; and

WHEREAS, because Nicolas Erickson represented just one of three members of the Licensee, Froggz L.L.C., applying for the liquor license, the City Council was induced to grant the license request based on the representations of the other two members/owners and approved the liquor license following statements made by the other members/owners of the Licensee; and

WHEREAS, at the September 3, 2024 public hearing on the issuance of the original liquor licenses to Licensee, Licensee made assurances to the City Council regarding protecting the safety of the community and keeping all three names on the liquor license for the Licensed Premises when the City Council was induced to initially grant the license to Licensee; and

WHEREAS, at this time, the City has determined and is aware that one of those three members has left the Licensee and another member has informed the City that they are no longer affiliated with the Licensee, and have not been so for some time; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the only active member/owner of the Froggz L.L.C. operating and managing the Licensed Premises is Nicolas Erickson; and

WHEREAS, this present ownership structure of the Licensee is directly contrary to the representations made to the City Council at the September 3, 2024 public hearing on the issuance of the original liquor licenses to Licensee that induced the City Council to initially grant a license to the Licensee for the Licensed Premises; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has determined that Nicolas Erickson has since been charged with another felony-level offense, this time in the City of Northfield, and now has two pending felony offenses in the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, there have been approximately 38 police-related calls involving the Licensed Premises between March 2025 and November 2025, including five (5) incidents involving intoxicated patrons requiring transport to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, according to the City Police Department, the Licensed Premises demonstrates a higher-than-typical number of disorderly, disturbance, and substance-related incidents, including medical calls and suspected narcotics activity when compared to similar businesses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Northfield City Code, Sec. 6-69(b)(1), the City Council may impose a civil fine, suspension, or revocation of the liquor licenses issued to Licensee for “[f]alse or misleading statements made on a license application or renewal, or failure to abide by the commitments, promises or representations made to the city council”; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing violations, the City Building Official has provided a summary of contacts and inspections related to the Licensed Premises, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit C; and

WHEREAS, City inspections of the Licensed Premises have revealed a mattress and other domestic household items in that location, indicating that the Licensed Premises has been and currently is being used as a sleeping area in violation of the Minnesota State Building Code; and

WHEREAS, following further inspection conducted by the City Building Official and NAFRS, a Fire Inspection Report was issued to the owner of the Licensed Premises and the Licensee, which report is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit D; and

WHEREAS, certain items from that Fire Inspection Report related to the Licensed Premises remain outstanding, including the following:

- Clean commercial kitchen hoods, grease-removal, devices, fans, ductwork and other appurtenances in accordance with Table 607.3.3.1 or as allowed by the fire code official; and
- Inspect, test and maintain fire extinguishing systems protecting commercial cooking operations at least once every six months and after activation of the system. For seasonal operations, inspections shall be conducted at least annually. Water-based kitchen hood systems need only be inspected annually by a licensed sprinkler contractor

; and

WHEREAS, a July 2025 reinspection indicated that the Licensed Premises was still being used as a sleeping area; and

WHEREAS, the City Building Official received a report from the City Police Department that the Licensee was found sleeping in the Licensed Premises in late October 2025 related to a child welfare check at the Licensed Premises; and

WHEREAS, the Licensed Premises is not designed for residential occupancy and the use of the Licensed Premises for residential occupancy is a violation of the Minnesota State Building Code; and

WHEREAS, the Building Official intends to revoke the Certificate of Occupancy pursuant to Minn. R. 1300 Section 0220 Subp. 7; and

WHEREAS, a violation of the Minnesota State Building Code is a misdemeanor pursuant to City Code, Sec. 16-1, and as provided for in Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 16; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Northfield City Code, Sec. 6-69(b)(5), the City Council may impose a civil fine, suspension, or revocation of the liquor licenses issued to Licensee if “the licensee suffered or permitted illegal acts upon the licensed premises or on property owned or controlled by the licensee adjacent to the licensed premises, unrelated to the sale of intoxicating liquor or 3.2 percent malt liquor”; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing violations, the tax delinquency list containing taxpayers ten (10) or more days delinquent in filing or payment of liquor, wine and beer sales taxes can be found on the Minnesota Department of Revenue website at the following link: <https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/tax-delinquency-lists>; and

WHEREAS, the page of the most recently published tax delinquency liquor posting list containing Froggz LLC is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit E; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Northfield City Code, Sec. 6-69(b)(2)-(3), the City Council may impose a civil fine, suspension, or revocation of the liquor licenses issued to Licensee for the “[v]iolation of any special conditions under which the license was granted, including, but not limited to, the timely payment of real estate taxes, and all other charges” and the [v]iolation of any federal, state, or local law regulating the sale of intoxicating liquor, 3.2 percent malt liquor, or controlled substances”; and

WHEREAS, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit F are the applicable local ordinances governing imposition of a civil fine and/or the suspension or revocation of liquor licenses and the general regulations applicable to persons licensed to sell liquor within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, notice pursuant to City Code, Sec. 6-69(c) of the hearing before the City Council of the City of Northfield, Minnesota, was duly and properly given to the Licensee by personal service on November 14, 2025, and is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit G; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, City staff have found that there have been multiple separate violations of Northfield City Code and applicable State liquor laws and other applicable laws and ordinances at the Licensed Premises as outlined herein; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee has not received fines or penalties for any of the above violations at this point, except as to the immediate suspension of the liquor licenses for failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility in the form of a liquor liability insurance policy, and correspondingly City staff is recommending penalties be cumulative to reflect the number of violations related to this establishment and Licensee just since March of this year; and

WHEREAS, City staff is recommending revocation of the liquor licenses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code, Sec. 6-69(c), a hearing was held on November 25, 2025, before the Northfield City Council to consider the suspension or revocation of the on-sale intoxicating liquor license and on-sale Sunday intoxicating liquor license issued to the Licensee for the Licensed Premises and/or the imposition of a civil fine.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA, based upon the record, testimony and evidence presented at said hearing, makes the following:

FINDINGS

1. The above recitals and exhibits attached hereto are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference as Findings.

2. The issue before the Northfield City Council at the November 25, 2025 hearing was the following: Should civil penalty sanctions be imposed upon the Licensee for those above-referenced violations of Northfield City Code and applicable State liquor law and other applicable laws and ordinances occurring on or related to the Licensed Premises, and if so, what should the penalty sanctions be?
3. At the hearing, the Licensee and their agent or attorney, were given an opportunity to be heard by the Northfield City Council on the above-referenced issue.
4. At the hearing, the Northfield City Council further gave other interested persons an opportunity to be heard on the above-referenced issue.
5. Pursuant to Northfield City Code, after the close of the hearing, the City Council deliberated on the above-referenced issue, and may make a motion and take action adopting findings, conclusions and an order.
6. That cause exists pursuant to Northfield City Code, Section 6-69, and applicable State liquor law and other applicable laws and ordinances based upon these findings for the suspension or revocation of the liquor licenses of the Licensee and/or the imposition of a civil fine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA, based upon the record, testimony and evidence presented and received at said hearing and the above findings, concludes and orders as follows ((X) one or more of the following alternatives selected by the City Council):

CONCLUSIONS AND ORDER

1. ____ ALTERNATIVE 1: REVOCATION

That the on-sale intoxicating liquor license and the Sunday on-sale intoxicating liquor issued to Licensee shall be revoked effective immediately upon passage of this Resolution.

OR

2. ____ ALTERNATIVE 2: SUSPENSION

That the on-sale intoxicating liquor license and the Sunday on-sale intoxicating liquor license issued to Licensee shall be suspended for a period of ____ days (the “suspension period”) commencing immediately upon passage of this Resolution and ending at 12:01 a.m., _____, 202_. At all times and days during the above liquor license suspension period, Licensee is prohibited from making all sales and allowing or permitting the consumption of alcohol, and all other intoxicating beverages covered by

the referenced liquor licenses, on the Licensed Premises. Licensee shall return Licensee's suspended liquor license to the City Clerk by no later than the first day of the liquor license suspension period and may retrieve said license on the last day of the suspension period.

AND/OR

3. ____ ALTERNATIVE 3: FINE

That a civil fine in the amount of \$2,000 shall be imposed and shall be paid on or before December 3, 2025.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST

City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

FOUNDERS INSURANCE COMPANYSM

A MULTIPLE LINE STOCK COMPANY

1350 EAST TOUHY AVENUE, SUITE 200W, DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS 60018-3303
(800)972-8778

LIQUOR LIABILITY

CANCELLED DEC

EFFECTIVE 07/02/2025

AGENCY ACCT

POLICY NUMBER	FROM	POLICY PERIOD	TO		
2025014648	03/06/2025	03/06/2026	12:01 AM STANDARD TIME	3933	

NAMED INSURED AND ADDRESS	PRODUCER
FROGGZ LLC DBA: FROGGZ 307 WATER ST S NORTHFIELD, MN 55057	ERICKSON - LARSEN, INC. 6425 SYCAMORE COURT N. MAPLE GROVE, MN 55369 (763)257-1347

THE NAMED INSURED IS FROGGZ LLC DBA: FROGGZ

COVERAGES

THIS POLICY CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING COVERAGE PARTS/POLICIES FOR WHICH A PREMIUM IS INDICATED. THIS PREMIUM MAY BE SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT.

COVERAGE PART/POLICY ATTACHED

	PREMIUM
COMMERCIAL LIQUOR LIABILITY COVERAGE	\$1,217.00
TOTAL ADVANCE PREMIUM	<u>\$1,217.00</u>

THE CANCELLATION OF THIS POLICY HAS RESULTED IN AN
RETURN PREMIUM OF \$824.00 -FORMS THAT APPLY TO APPLICABLE COVERAGE PARTS

ENDORSEMENT NO	EDITION DATE	DESCRIPTION
FIC-PN	07-15	PRIVACY NOTICE
MN-LL01	12-07	ASSAULT AND/OR BATTERY COVERAGE BUY-BACK
CG 21 70	01-15	CAP ON LOSSES FROM CERTIFIED ACTS OF TERRORISM
IL 09 85	01-15	DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE ACT
LLCAN6	04-16	CANCELLATION ENDORSEMENT
MN-CSL	12-07	MINNESOTA LIQUOR LIABILITY COVERAGE PART
16E-0006	07-21	VIRUS OR BACTERIA EXCLUSION
16E-0026	04-22	EXCLUSION - FIREARMS
16E-0049	05-24	EXCLUSION - TRADE OR ECONOMIC SANCTIONS
16E-0048	04-24	CANNABIS EXCLUSION

CERTIFICATE HOLDER(S)

CH#	NAME AND ADDRESS
1	MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ALCOHOL AND GAMBLING REINFORCEMENT DIVISION 445 MINNESOTA ST., SUITE 222 ST. PAUL, MN 55101

From: Security Insurance Agency <info@securityinsurancekenyon.com>
Sent: Monday, November 3, 2025 2:20 PM
To: Lynette Peterson <Lynette.Peterson@northfieldmn.gov>
Subject: Re: Insurance COI for Froggz

Warning: Unusual sender <info@securityinsurancekenyon.com>

You don't usually receive emails from this address. Make sure you trust this sender before taking any actions.

Hi Lynette,

It is not current with our agency.

Thank you,
Kayla

Security Insurance Agency
PO Box G
Kenyon MN 55946
Phone: (507)789-6366
Fax: (507)789-6793

From: Lynette Peterson <Lynette.Peterson@northfieldmn.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 3, 2025 1:57 PM
To: Security Insurance Agency <info@securityinsurancekenyon.com>
Subject: Insurance COI for Froggz

Good afternoon –

I just wanted to double check that Froggz is still current with their COI that you had sent in May. Thank you!

Lynette R. Peterson

City Clerk

City of Northfield

801 Washington Street | Northfield, MN 55057

Office: 507-645-3001

Cell: 507-649-2705

www.northfieldmn.gov



EXHIBIT B

NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jeff Schroepfer P.T. Haider 1615 Riverview Drive | Northfield, MN 55057
Chief of Police Deputy Chief of Police Ph: (507) 645-4477 | Fax: (507) 663-9323



November 10, 2025

To: City Administrator Ben Martig

From: Chief Jeff Schroepfer, Northfield Police Department

Subject: Police Activity and Compliance Summary – Froggz Bar, 307 Water Street South

This memorandum summarizes recent police activity and compliance issues associated with Froggz Bar, located at 307 Water Street South, Northfield. The information is provided for inclusion in the record related to the City's consideration of licensing or related administrative actions.

1. Alcohol Compliance Check

Froggz Bar failed a recent alcohol compliance check conducted in 2025. This violation was cited and is currently proceeding through the court system. The violation will be documented in accordance with city policy, and the licensee will be notified of the finding and applicable sanctions.

2. Police Contacts and Calls for Service

Between March 2025 and November 2025, the Northfield Police Department recorded approximately 38 police-related calls involving Froggz Bar.

The incidents include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Medical (5)
 - several incidents involved intoxicated patrons who had been drinking at Froggz and required transport to the hospital.
- Drug-related (3+)
 - including one felony drug charge, as well as multiple complaints of ongoing drug use and suspected sales occurring at or around the establishment.
- Noise complaints (3)
- Disorderly conduct
- Trespass calls (3)
- Parking complaints (2)
- Reports of underage drinking within the establishment.
- Thefts
- Arguments / Domestic violence
- Other complaints

These contacts include both self-initiated officer activity and citizen-generated calls for service.

NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jeff Schroepfer P.T. Haider 1615 Riverview Drive | Northfield, MN 55057
Chief of Police Deputy Chief of Police Ph: (507) 645-4477 | Fax: (507) 663-9323



3. Comparison to Similar Establishments

In reviewing comparable licensed establishments within the city, the call volume associated with Froggz Bar exceeds that of similar businesses during the same reporting period. While some variation in call frequency is expected based on business type and operating hours, Froggz demonstrates a higher-than-typical number of disorderly, disturbance, and substance-related incidents, including medical calls and suspected narcotics activity.

4. Summary

The Northfield Police Department continues to monitor compliance and public safety concerns related to this location. This summary is intended to provide relevant context to the City Council and staff in considering any pending or future actions involving the Froggz Bar liquor license.

EXHIBIT C

To:

Ben Martig

City of Northfield City Administrator

Re: Froggz

In April of 2025, a concern was received by the Building and Inspections department regarding the tenants sleeping or residing in the occupancy at 303 Water St. An inspection performed by Fire Chief Tom Nelson and Building Official Mike Morehouse revealed an area that included a mattress and other domestic household items located in the lower level of the building. When questioned, the tenant responded that he may sleep in the basement occasionally. We had a discussion at that time emphasizing the fact that sleeping in the space was not allowed, and shall not continue. At this time Building Official Morehouse and NAFRS Chief Nelson also visited the 307 Water St Occupancy and detailed blocked egress, missing exit signage, and violations of Fire Code that included unlisted electrical installations and lacking grease hood maintenance and Ansul Suppression maintenance. The tenant assured us that these items would be taken care of.

More concerns were raised in July of 2025, a letter was sent to property owner David Hvistendahl and a meeting was requested. This inspection detailed that the basement of 303 Water was still being used as a sleeping area and no work had been completed in the 307 Occupancy. An order to correct was issued, with a reinspection scheduled for 2 weeks later. This inspection was a no show by the tenant. We were able to connect a few days prior to Defeat Days in early September to inspect, at this time the requested work had been completed, other than the NAFRS orders, which included Ansul system maintenance/certification and Grease hood cleaning.

In late October/early November of 2025 Building Official Morehouse received a call from Northfield PD reporting that the tenants were found sleeping in the occupancy at 307 Water St..

The space, in my interpretation would fall under the 2020 MN Administrative Code 1300 Section 0220 Subp (7) as the building is not designed to be used as a residential occupancy, nor is being maintained in accordance with the Fire Code putting residents, patrons and emergency service personnel in harm -

2020 MN Administrative Code 1300 Section 0220 Subp. 7. Revocation.

The building official may issue a written suspension or revocation of a certificate of occupancy issued under the code if the certificate is issued in error or on the basis of incorrect information supplied, or if the building or use of the building, structure, or portion of the building or structure is in violation of any ordinance or regulation or a provision of the code.

As well as:

2020 MN Administrative Code 1300 Section 0180 Unsafe Buildings or Structures

A building or structure regulated by the code is unsafe, for purposes of this part, if it is structurally unsafe, not provided with adequate egress, a fire hazard, or otherwise dangerous to human life.

Building service equipment that is regulated by the code is unsafe, for purposes of this part, if it is a fire, electrical, or health hazard; an unsanitary condition; or otherwise dangerous to human life. Use of a building, structure, or building service equipment constituting a hazard to safety, health, or public welfare by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence, fire hazard, disaster, damage, or abandonment is, for the purposes of this part, an unsafe use. Parapet walls, cornices, spires, towers, tanks, statuary, and other appendages or structural members that are supported by, attached to, or a part of a building and that are in deteriorated condition or otherwise unable to sustain the design loads that are specified in the code are unsafe building appendages.

The building official shall order any building or portion of a building to be vacated if continued use is dangerous to life, health, or safety of the occupants. The building official shall have the authority to order disconnection of utility services to the building, structure, or system, regulated by the code, in case of an emergency to eliminate a hazard to life or property. The order shall be in writing and state the reasons for the action.

All unsafe buildings, structures, or appendages are public nuisances and must be abated by repair, rehabilitation, demolition, or removal according to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 463.15 to 463.26.

Mike Morehouse
City of Northfield Building Official

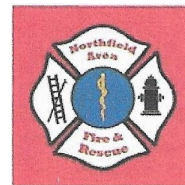
EXHIBIT D



AREA FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

301 Fifth St West
Northfield, MN 55057
tom.nelson@nafrs.org

Phone: (507) 366-8124
Cell: (612) 325-4556



8/18/2025

DAVID J HVISTENDAHL, Esq.
311 WATER ST S
NORTHFIELD, MN 55057

RE: Open Correction Order Items - Froggz -

Dear David,

Mike Morehouse and I did a inspection with Bill and Nic on 8/12/2025. All the items that Bill needed to correct are completed aside from the Knox Box. I have not seen any requests for approval we normally get from Knox for each order. Please complete the order with them.

Attached are open items from Froggz. You'll note that I've put conditions on the following items to be completed by 8/31/25. If those aren't completed, I'll be referring to the City of Northfield Building Official that use of the grill and fryer be locked out to prevent operation until Ansul suppression and hood/ductwork are commercially cleaned.

I dropped off a copy of the attached correction orders last week with Nic's son at the PADio bar and explained the conditions.

If you have any questions, please contact me. My information is above.

Sincerely,

Tom Nelson
Fire Chief/Fire Code Official

Cc: Mike Morehouse – Building Official

Inspection No:	INSP25172
Inspection Date:	
Inspection Time:	
Inspected By:	Nelson, Thomas

NORTHFIELD FIRE INSPECTION REPORT




Inspection and Compliance Orders			
Facility:	Froggz	Address:	305 Water Street South
Phone:		City:	Northfield
Fax:		State:	MN
Email:		Postal Code:	55057
Primary Contact			
Contact:	Hvistendahl, David	Work:	
Email:		Cell:	

Inspection Type:	Inspection-Reinspection
------------------	-------------------------

Violation Code	Days to Correct*	Violation	Notes	Location
607.3.3		Clean commercial kitchen hoods, grease-removal, devices, fans, ductwork and other appurtenances in accordance with Table 607.3.3.1 or as allowed by the fire code official.	Work must be done by a licensed hood/duct cleaning contractor. Last done 2022 as per tag on hood.	
904.12.5		Inspect, test and maintain fire extinguishing systems protecting commercial cooking operations at least once every six months and after activation of the system. For seasonal operations, inspections shall be conducted at least annually. Water-based kitchen hood systems need only be inspected annually by a licensed sprinkler contractor.	Service due Aug 2025.	
604.5		Remove extension cords that are being used as a substitute for permanent wiring. Extension cords shall be used only with portable appliances. Extension cords marked for indoor use shall not be used outdoors.		
604.9		Remove temporary lighting (temporary lighting is only allowed for a maximum of 90 days).	Any 120v "Christmas-style" lights permanently installed must be removed. Low voltage lighting strings with a wall transformer are allowed.	
506.1	52	Provide a key box in an approved and accessible location. Such key box shall be of an approved type and shall contain keys to gain access as required by the fire code official.		

Inspection Notes:
All open correction items must be completed by 8/31/25 in order to be open for patrons over DJJD 9/4 - 9/7/2025. Knox Box requirement by building owner not included in that date.

Inspector : Thomas Nelson	

* Number of days to correct from date inspected.

A variance procedure is available. Please contact the inspector named for further assistance with this or any other matter.

EXHIBIT E

Newly Posted - In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 270C.725., the below taxpayers are 10 days or more delinquent in the filing or payment of their taxes and therefore no wholesaler, manufacturer or brewer may sell or deliver any product to them beginning the third business day (business days are Monday through Friday) after the date of this list.

Non-Delivery Date: Nov 20, 2025

IDEN	Legal Name	DBA Name	Address	City	Posting Month/Year	Date Removed
80305	FROGGZ LLC	FROGGZ	303 WATER ST S / 307 WATER ST S STE B	NORTHFIELD	Nov-25	
78718	COPPER CANYON BAR AND GRILL INC	COPPER CANYON	425 MERGER ST	NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA	Nov-25	
65607	ECE INC	BACK TO THE SRO	18919 LAKE GEORGE BLVD NW	OAK GROVE	Nov-25	
81126	MARYS ON MAIN STREET LLC	MARY'S ON MAIN	510 MAIN ST	ORMSBY	Nov-25	
81441	GILMAN RETAIL LLC	SNACK ATAK #84	1455 CEDAR CENTER AVE SE	ORONOCO	Nov-25	
73915	AKN LLC	ASH KA NAM RESORT & LODGE	10209 ASH RIVER TRAIL	ORR	Nov-25	
77204	FINAL TOUCH SIDING & GUTTER LLC	THE DOGHOUSE BAR & GRILL	123 EAST SOO ST	PARKERS PRAIRIE	Nov-25	
36653	KINNEY CREEK BREWERY LLC	KINNEY CREEK BREWERY	1016 7TH ST NW	ROCHESTER	Nov-25	
77344	LITTLE APPLE HOSPITALITY LLC	MARROW	332 S BROADWAY AVE	ROCHESTER	Nov-25	
79649	CSTTE INC	CHESTER'S SMALL TOWN TAVERN & EATERY	3220 BRIDGE ST NW #111	SAINT FRANCIS	Nov-25	
76808	TMS ALPHA LLC	WESTSIDE WINE & SPIRITS	8016 MINNETONKA BLVD	SAINT LOUIS PARK	Nov-25	
20984	BENNETT RESTAURANT COMPANY LLC	BENNETTS CHOP & RAILHOUSE	1305 W 7TH ST	SAINT PAUL	Nov-25	
16569	PHANN LIQUOR INC	CAPITAL WINE & SPIRITS	531 RICE ST	SAINT PAUL	Nov-25	
79311	PIMENTO ST PAUL INC	PIMENTO JAMAICAN KITCHEN	354 WABASHA ST	SAINT PAUL	Nov-25	
80401	SAVAGE TAP INC	THE SAVAGE TAP	12925 EAGLE CREEK PKWY	SAVAGE	Nov-25	
5605	SELBY WINES & SPIRITS INC	SELBY WINES & SPIRITS	778 SELBY AVE	ST PAUL	Nov-25	
80791	MI PUEBLO CINCO LLC	MI PUEBLO MEXICAN FOOD	1491 STILLWATER BLVD N	STILLWATER	Nov-25	
63329	VANDYS GRILLE LLC	VANDY'S GRILLE	7795 LAKETOWN PKWY	WACONIA	Nov-25	
80830	JAX HOSPITALITY LLC	THE WATERSHED	101 5TH ST N	WALKER	Nov-25	
79455	FREEDOM TEAM LLC	SMITH LIQUORS	977 S SMITH AVE	WEST SAINT PAUL	Nov-25	

EXHIBIT F

Applicable Statutes and Ordinances

340A.409 LIABILITY INSURANCE.

Subdivision 1. Insurance required.

(a) No retail license may be issued, maintained or renewed unless the applicant demonstrates proof of financial responsibility with regard to liability imposed by section 340A.801. The issuing authority must submit to the commissioner the applicant's proof of financial responsibility. This subdivision does not prohibit a local unit of government from requiring higher insurance or bond coverages, or a larger deposit of cash or securities. The minimum requirement for proof of financial responsibility may be given by filing:

(1) a certificate that there is in effect for the license period an insurance policy issued by an insurer required to be licensed under section 60A.07, subdivision 4, or by an insurer recognized as an eligible surplus lines carrier pursuant to section 60A.206 or pool providing at least \$50,000 of coverage because of bodily injury to any one person in any one occurrence, \$100,000 because of bodily injury to two or more persons in any one occurrence, \$10,000 because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one occurrence, \$50,000 for loss of means of support of any one person in any one occurrence, \$100,000 for loss of means of support of two or more persons in any one occurrence, \$50,000 for other pecuniary loss of any one person in any one occurrence, and \$100,000 for other pecuniary loss of two or more persons in any one occurrence;

(2) a bond of a surety company with minimum coverages as provided in clause (1); or

(3) a certificate of the commissioner of management and budget that the licensee has deposited with the commissioner of management and budget \$100,000 in cash or securities which may legally be purchased by savings banks or for trust funds having a market value of \$100,000.

(b) This subdivision does not prohibit an insurer from providing the coverage required by this subdivision in combination with other insurance coverage.

(c) An annual aggregate policy limit for dram shop insurance of not less than \$310,000 per policy year may be included in the policy provisions.

(d) A liability insurance policy required by this section must provide that it may not be canceled for:

(1) any cause, except for nonpayment of premium, by either the insured or the insurer unless the canceling party has first given 60 days' notice in writing to the insured of intent to cancel the policy; and

(2) nonpayment of premium unless the canceling party has first given ten days' notice in writing to the insured of intent to cancel the policy.

(e) In the event of a policy cancellation, the insurer will send notice to the issuing authority at the same time that a cancellation request is received from or a notice is sent to the insured.

(f) All insurance policies which provide coverage with regard to any liability imposed by section 340A.801 must contain at least the minimum coverage required by this section.

340A.801 CIVIL ACTIONS.

Subdivision 1. Right of action.

A spouse, child, parent, guardian, employer, or other person injured in person, property, or means of support, or who incurs other pecuniary loss by an intoxicated person or by the intoxication of another person, has a right of action in the person's own name for all damages sustained against a person who caused the intoxication of that person by illegally selling alcoholic beverages. All damages recovered by a minor under this section must be paid either to the minor or to the minor's parent, guardian, or next friend as the court directs.

Subd. 2. Actions.

All suits for damages under this section must be by civil action in a court of this state having jurisdiction.

Subd. 3. Comparative negligence.

Actions under this section are governed by section 604.01.

Subd. 3a. Defense.

The defense described in section 340A.503, subdivision 6, applies to actions under this section.

Subd. 4. Subrogation claims denied.

There shall be no recovery by any insurance company against any liquor vendor under subrogation clauses of the uninsured, underinsured, collision, or other first party coverages of a motor vehicle insurance policy as a result of payments made by the company to persons who have claims that arise in whole or part under this section. The provisions of section 65B.53, subdivision 3, do not apply to actions under this section.

Subd. 5.

MS 1986 [Repealed, 1987 c 152 art 2 s 5]

Subd. 6. Common law claims.

Nothing in this chapter precludes common law tort claims against any person 21 years old or older who knowingly provides or furnishes alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of 21 years.

Minnesota State Administrative Rules

1300.0220 CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY.

Subp. 7. Revocation.

The building official may issue a written suspension or revocation of a certificate of occupancy issued under the code if the certificate is issued in error or on the basis of incorrect information supplied, or if the building or use of the building, structure, or portion of the building or structure is in violation of any ordinance or regulation or a provision of the code.

Northfield City Code:

Sec. 6-65. - Proof of financial responsibility.

- (a) No retail license required under this division may be issued, maintained or renewed unless the applicant demonstrates proof of financial responsibility with regard to liability imposed by Minn. Stat. § 340A.801. Each application for a license shall be accompanied by proof of financial responsibility, evidenced by filing with the city clerk of the following:
 - (1) A certificate showing that there is in effect for the license period a liability insurance policy which satisfies all requirements of Minn. Stat. ch. 340A, including Minn. Stat. § 340A.409, subd. 1(1);
 - (2) A bond of a surety company with minimum coverages as provided by Minn. Stat. ch. 340A, including Minn. Stat. § 340A.409, subd. 1 (1) and (2); or
 - (3) A certificate of the state commissioner of finance that the licensee has deposited with him/her \$100,000.00 in cash or securities in compliance with the requirements of Minn. Stat. ch. 340A, including Minn. Stat. § 340A.409, subd. 1(3).
 - (b) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to licensees who by affidavit establish that:
 - (1) They are on-sale 3.2 percent malt liquor licensees with sales of less than \$25,000.00 of 3.2 percent malt liquor for the preceding year;
 - (2) They are off-sale 3.2 percent malt liquor licensees with sales of less than \$50,000.00 of 3.2 percent malt liquor for the preceding year;
 - (3) They are holders of on-sale wine licenses with sales of less than \$25,000.00 for wine for the preceding year; or
 - (4) They are holders of temporary wine licenses issued under law.
- (Ord. No. 730, § 800:65, 8-17-2000; Ord. No. 887, 1-5-2009)

Sec. 6-66. - Conditions.

All licenses granted under this division shall be granted subject to the conditions set forth in this chapter and subject to all city ordinances and sections of this Code applicable thereto and the laws of the state.

Sec. 6-69. - Revocation and suspension.

- (a) Any violation of any section of this chapter or the laws or regulations of the state with respect to the sale of 3.2 percent malt liquor or intoxicating liquor by the license holder or his/her employee or any falsification of any statement in the application for a license is a penal offense and shall also be grounds for revocation of the license or for suspension of the license for up to 60 days or for imposition of a civil penalty of up to \$2,000.00 for each violation or any combination of these sanctions.
- (b) The council may impose a fine and/or suspend or revoke any license for the sale of intoxicating or 3.2 percent malt liquor for any of the following reasons:
 - (1) False or misleading statements made on a license application or renewal, or failure to abide by the commitments, promises or representations made to the city council.
 - (2) Violation of any special conditions under which the license was granted, including, but not limited to, the timely payment of real estate taxes, and all other charges.
 - (3) Violation of any federal, state, or local law regulating the sale of intoxicating liquor, 3.2 percent malt liquor, or controlled substances.
 - (4) Creation of a nuisance on the licensed premises or in the surrounding area.
 - (5) That the licensee suffered or permitted illegal acts upon the licensed premises or on property owned or controlled by the licensee adjacent to the licensed premises, unrelated to the sale of intoxicating liquor or 3.2 percent malt liquor.
 - (6) Expiration or cancellation of any required insurance, or failure to notify the city within a reasonable time of changes in the term of the insurance or the carriers.
- (c) No suspension or revocation shall take effect until the licensee has been given an opportunity for a hearing under Minn. Stat. §§ 14.57—14.69 of the Administrative Procedure Act, provided that the city is not required to conduct the hearing before an employee of the office of administrative hearings, and provided further that absolutely no license may be maintained unless the applicant or licensee demonstrates proof of financial responsibility with regard to liability imposed by state and local law. Failure to maintain such proof of financial responsibility shall be grounds for immediate suspension of a license by resolution of the city council without notice or hearing.

Sec. 16-1. - Minnesota State Building Code adoption and administration.

- (a) Minnesota State Building Code adopted by reference. The Minnesota State Building Code, as adopted by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 326B, including all of the amendments, rules and regulations established, adopted and published from time to time by the Minnesota Commissioner of Labor and Industry, through the Building Codes and Standards Unit, is hereby adopted by reference with the exception of the optional chapters, unless specifically adopted in this article. The

Minnesota State Building Code is hereby incorporated in this article as if fully set out herein.

- (b) Application, administration and enforcement. The application, administration, and enforcement of the code shall be in accordance with Minnesota State Building Code. This code shall be enforced within the extraterritorial limits permitted by Minn. Stat. § 326B.121, subd. 2(d), when so established by this article.

The code enforcement agency of this municipality is called the building inspection division. A Minnesota certified building official shall be appointed by the city administrator, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the city council, and shall be responsible for the administration and enforcement of the building code in compliance with Minn. Stat. § 326B.133, including plumbing plan review and inspections.

- (c) Permits and fees. The issuance of permits and the collection of fees shall be as authorized in Minnesota Rules Chapter 1300. Permit fees shall be assessed for work governed by this code in accordance with the fee schedule adopted by the city. In addition, a surcharge fee shall be collected on all permits issued for work governed by this code in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 326B.148.
- (d) Violations and penalties. A violation of this code is a misdemeanor as provided for in Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 16.
- (e) Building code optional chapters. Minnesota State Building Code, Chapter 1300, allows the city to adopt by reference and enforce certain optional chapters of the most current edition of the Minnesota State Building Code. The following optional provisions identified in the most current edition of the State Building Code are hereby adopted and incorporated as part of the building code for the City of Northfield.

The City of Northfield has adopted none of the optional chapters of the building code. This section is reserved for future use.

EXHIBIT G


STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF RICE)

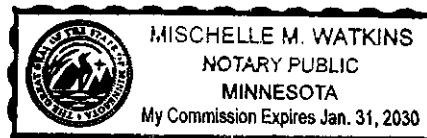
AFFIDAVIT OF PERSONAL SERVICE

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that on November 14, 2025, he/she served the attached Notice of Hearing to Consider the Imposition of a Civil Fine and the Suspension or Revocation of Liquor Licenses issued to Froggz L.L.C., aka Froggz LLC for the licensed premises located at 307 Water Street South, Suite B, and 303 Water Street South on Nicolas Erickson of Froggz L.L.C., by handing to and leaving with him/her a true and correct copy thereof.

Sgt. Jesse Cla #6403
Signature of Officer

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 14th day of November, 2025.


Notary Public



November 14, 2025

Froggz L.L.C.
Attn: Nicolas Erickson
307 Water Street S.
Northfield, MN 55057

VIA PERSONAL SERVICE AND EMAIL

Re: Notice of Violations, Notice of Hearing, and Civil Penalty – Liquor License Violations at Froggz L.L.C. d/b/a Froggz

Dear Mr. Erickson:

I am writing you as City Clerk for the City of Northfield (the “City”) as Froggz L.L.C. is the record liquor licensee (the “Licensee”) for a City licensed premises named “Froggz”, located at 307 Water Street South, Suite B, and 303 Water Street South, Northfield, MN 55057 (the “Licensed Premises”). This letter is to inform you that the City intends to take action on violations of City Code and Minnesota State Statutes on the Licensed Premises pursuant to Northfield City Code, Sec. 6-69.

Violations

The following are the specific violations of City Code and State law that have occurred on or relate to the Licensed Premises:

1. *Lapse of Required Insurance; Failure to Notify City*

On November 3, 2025, the City received proof from the Licensee’s insurance carrier that liquor liability insurance was terminated **July 2, 2025**. On November 4, 2025, the City Council indefinitely suspended the liquor license for the Licensed Premises for failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility in the form of required insurance coverages under Northfield City Code, Secs. 6-65 and 6-69(c) and Minn. Stat. § 340A.409. You did not provide notice to the City of the lapse in liquor liability insurance. As of the date of this notice, the City has not received updated proof of financial responsibility under Northfield City Code, Sec. 6-65, and the liquor license for the Licensed Premises remains suspended.

Pursuant to Northfield City Code, Sec. 6-69, the City Council may impose a civil fine, suspension, or revocation of the liquor licenses issued to Licensee upon the “[e]xpiration or cancellation of any required insurance, or failure to notify the city within a reasonable time of changes in the term of the insurance or the carriers.”



2. *Compliance Check Failure*

On October 2, 2025, the Northfield City Police Department conducted an unannounced compliance check at the Licensed Premises. According to a report from the Northfield Police Department, a bartender at Froggz did sell liquor to a minor in violation of Minn. Stat. § 340A.503.2(1) and Northfield City Code, Sec. 6-100. The bartender has been charged with a violation of Minn. Stat. § 340A.503.2(1). This case remains pending at this time.

Pursuant to Northfield City Code, Sec. 6-96, and Minn. Stat. § 340A.501, the Licensee is responsible for the conduct of every person on the Licensed Premises, and any sale of alcoholic beverages by an employee of the Licensee on the Licensed Premises is the act of the Licensee.

Pursuant to Northfield City Code, Sec. 6-100, and Minnesota Statutes, Section 340A.503, no alcoholic beverages shall be sold to any person under 21 years of age on the Licensed Premises.

Pursuant to Northfield City Code, Sec. 6-69, the City Council may impose a civil fine, suspension, or revocation of the liquor licenses issued to Licensee upon the “[v]iolation of any federal, state, or local law regulating the sale of intoxicating liquor, 3.2 percent malt liquor, or controlled substances.”

3. *Minnesota State Building and Fire Code Violations on the Licensed Premises*

After receiving reports that individuals were residing in Froggz at 303 Water Street South in April 2025, an inspection revealed a mattress and other domestic household items in that location. An inspection revealed a number of violations, and an Order to Correct was issued by the Building Official, dated July 11, 2025 and served on the owner of the Licensed Premises. On reinspection, some issues had been addressed, but certain Fire Code violations remained. The following items from the Fire Inspection Report dated August 13, 2025, remain outstanding:

- Clean commercial kitchen hoods, grease-removal, devices, fans, ductwork and other appurtenances in accordance with Table 607.3.3.1 or as allowed by the fire code official.
- Inspect, test and maintain fire extinguishing systems protecting commercial cooking operations at least once every six months and after activation of the system. For seasonal operations, inspections shall be conducted at least annually. Water-based



kitchen hood systems need only be inspected annually by a licensed sprinkler contractor.

During an inspection conducted in July 2025 by the Building Official, it was determined that the basement of 303 Water Street South was still being used as a sleeping area. In addition, on October 30, 2025, the Building Official received a report from the Northfield Police Department that the tenants were found sleeping at 307 Water Street South, which is not designed to be used as a residential occupancy. As the Licensed Premises is not designed for residential occupancy, this use would be a violation of the Minnesota State Building Code, and the Building Official intends to revoke the Certificate of Occupancy.

Pursuant to Northfield City Code, Sec. 6-69, the City Council may impose a civil fine, suspension, or revocation of the liquor licenses issued to Licensee if “the licensee suffered or permitted illegal acts upon the licensed premises or on property owned or controlled by the licensee adjacent to the licensed premises, unrelated to the sale of intoxicating liquor or 3.2 percent malt liquor.”

4. *Ongoing Safety Issues and Police Contacts*

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 340A.402, subd. 1, the City Council may refuse to renew a liquor license to a person who has been convicted of a felony within five years of the liquor license application. In addition, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 340A.402, subd. 1(3), no retail license may be issued to “a person not of good moral character and repute.”

During the public hearing on the issuance of the liquor license for the Licensed Premises, concerns were raised regarding previous criminal citations and a pending felony matter for Nicolas Erickson. As Nicolas Erickson represented one of three members of the Licensee, Froggz L.L.C., applying for the liquor license, the City Council approved the liquor license following statements made by the other members of the Licensee.

At this time, the City is aware that one of those three members has left the Licensee and another member has informed the City that they are no longer affiliated with the Licensee and have not been so for some time. As a result, it appears that the only remaining member of the Froggz L.L.C. is Nicolas Erickson. This is directly contrary to the representation to the City Council that induced the City Council to initially grant a license to the Licensee for the Licensed Premises. Further, the Police Chief has determined that Nicolas Erickson has since been charged with another felony-level offense, this time in the City of Northfield, and now has two pending felony offenses in the State of Minnesota.

In addition, Licensee made assurances to the City Council regarding protecting the safety of the community and keeping all three names on the liquor license for the Licensed



Premises when the City Council was induced to initially grant the license. In addition to the recent changes to the membership of Licensee, there have been approximately 38 police-related calls involving Froggz between March 2025 and November 2025, including five (5) incidents involving intoxicated patrons requiring transport to the hospital. According to the Northfield Police Department, Froggz demonstrates a higher-than-typical number of disorderly, disturbance, and substance-related incidents, including medical calls and suspected narcotics activity.

Pursuant to Northfield City Code, Sec. 6-69, the City Council may impose a civil fine, suspension, or revocation of the liquor licenses issued to Licensee for “[f]alse or misleading statements made on a license application or renewal, or failure to abide by the commitments, promises or representations made to the city council.”

Hearing Notice

Based on the foregoing, City staff have found that there have been multiple violations of Northfield City Code and applicable State liquor laws at the Licensed Premises since March 2025. The Licensee has not received fines or penalties for any of the violations at this point, except as to the immediate suspension for failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility in the form of a liquor liability insurance policy, and correspondingly City staff is recommending penalties be cumulative to reflect all violations. City staff is recommending revocation of the liquor license and, in the City Council’s discretion, a fine of \$2,000.00, which must be paid within 5 business days of the date of Council action on this matter.

Pursuant to Northfield City Code, Sec. 6-69, and Minn. Stat. § 340A.415, on a finding that the holder of any liquor license issued by the City has failed to comply with an applicable statute, rule, or ordinance relating to alcoholic beverages or the operation of the licensed establishment, or failed to comply with a lawful license condition duly imposed by the City or agreed to by the Licensee, the City Council may revoke the license, suspend the license for up to 60 days, impose a civil penalty of up to \$2,000 for each violation, or impose any combination of these sanctions.

Pursuant to Northfield City Code, Licensee has the right to a hearing before the City Council before the City Council can impose a suspension or revocation of your liquor licenses.

Accordingly, you are hereby notified that a hearing before the City Council on this matter is scheduled and will occur before the City Council in the Council Chambers, 801 Washington Avenue, Northfield, Minnesota 55057, at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, to consider the imposition of the recommended revocation, civil fine, or the suspension of the liquor licenses issued to Licensee for the Licensed Premises.



At the time and place designated above, an opportunity will be given to all persons affected wishing to speak for or against the imposition of a civil fine and the suspension or revocation of the liquor licenses for the Licensed Premises to be heard by the City Council. The procedure for the conduct of the above-noticed City Council hearing is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A.

Please note that the above guidelines and staff recommendation are advisory only, and that the City Council may deviate from the guidelines and staff recommendation in its discretion to revoke the liquor license, impose a greater fine or impose the suspension now or for a longer suspension if the City Council determines that the circumstances warrant a more severe penalty.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at your earliest convenience at (507)-645-3001.

Sincerely,

Lynette R. Peterson, City Clerk

Encls.

cc: Jeff Schroepfer, Chief of Police
Mike Morehouse, Building Official



EXHIBIT A

SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 25, 2025 LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING PROCESS:

IN RE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING IMPOSITION OF A CIVIL FINE AND THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LIQUOR LICENSES ISSUED TO FROGGZ L.L.C.

Hearing Issue: Should civil penalty sanctions be imposed upon the Licensee for the violations of Northfield City Code and applicable State liquor law, and if so, what should the penalty sanctions be?

Appeal Hearing Procedure: The recommended order of procedure for the hearing shall be as follows:

1. Open public hearing – Mayor Zweifel.
2. Opening comments on hearing process – Mayor
3. Presentation by City staff of the matter at issue and procedural status of the matter (10 minutes) – City Clerk and Police Chief.
4. Questions from City Council members of City staff.
5. Licensee shall have the opportunity to be heard by the City Council on the issue (10 minutes).
6. Questions from City Council members of Licensee.
7. Opportunity for other interested persons, not already having spoken, to be heard, provided however, that such testimony is limited to the specific issue and does not repeat testimony already presented (2 minutes per person not to exceed 10 minutes cumulatively).
8. City staff additional presentation, if necessary (10 minutes).
9. Additional questions from City Council members of City staff, if necessary.
10. Close public hearing and evidentiary record – Mayor Zweifel.
11. **Council Deliberations.** The City Council may discuss and deliberate on the substantive issue and the Council Resolution – Findings, Conclusions and Order.
12. **Council Decision.** The City Council may make a motion and take action on the resolution, Council Resolution – Findings, Conclusions and Order, which will be before the Council for consideration, with a majority vote. Council decision options as contained in the Council Resolution – Findings, Conclusions and Order, include the following (Council should choose one or more of the below alternatives):
 - a. **ALTERNATIVE 1: REVOCATION.** That the on-sale intoxicating liquor license and the Sunday on-sale intoxicating liquor issued to Licensee shall be revoked effective immediately upon passage of this Resolution.



- b. ALTERNATIVE 2: FINE. That a civil fine in the amount of \$2,000 shall be imposed and shall be paid on or before December 3, 2025.
- c. ALTERNATIVE 3: SUSPENSION. That the on-sale intoxicating liquor license and the Sunday on-sale intoxicating liquor issued to Licensee shall be suspended for a period of 10 days (the “suspension period”) commencing immediately upon passage of this Resolution and ending at 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, December 6, 2025.