



City of Blaine

City Council Workshop

May 6, 2024 | 5:30 PM
Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Square Drive NE
Blaine, MN 55449

AGENDA

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP MEETING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3.01 of the Blaine City Charter, a Council Workshop meeting is scheduled for the following purpose:

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. New Business

3.1. 2024-116 Closed Session Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D05 Subd. 3(b); Attorney-Client Privilege; Discussion of PERA Duty Disability Appeal under M.S. 299A.465.

Sponsors: Michelle Wolfe, City Manager

3.2. 2024-117 Closed Session Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3(a) - City Manager Performance Review

Sponsors: City Council

3.3. 2024-119 Closed Session Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3(c) - City Facilities Security/Safety Plan

Sponsors: Mark Boerboom, Captain

3.4. 2024-120 Licensing Discussion - Off-Sale Intoxicating and Tobacco

Sponsors: Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk

4. Other Business

5. Adjournment



City of Blaine Staff Report

File Number: 2024-116

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New Business - Michelle Wolfe, City Manager

Agenda Item # 3.1

Closed Session Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D05 Subd. 3(b); Attorney-Client Privilege; Discussion of PERA Duty Disability Appeal under M.S. 299A.465.

Background

The City's employment attorney will be present to discuss under attorney-client privilege a PERA Duty Disability Appeal under M.S. 299A.465.

Staff Recommendation

Questions for Council

Attachment List

None



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New Business - City Council

Agenda Item # 3.2

Closed Session Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3(a) - City Manager Performance Review

Background

City Council will continue their annual performance evaluation for City Manager Wolfe.

Staff Recommendation

Questions for Council

Attachment List

None



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New Business - Brian Podany, Safety Services Manager/Police Chief

Agenda Item # 3.3

Closed Session Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3(c) - City Facilities Security/Safety Plan

Background

Police department staff have been working on updated safety plans for City Hall and all City facilities for a considerable amount of time. There have been multiple incidents that have occurred in which staff members and councilmembers have expressed concern for personal safety. Police staff will present a safety plan. A confidential document will be provided to the City Council with further information and recommendations.

Staff Recommendation

Provide feedback to staff and approve security enhancement related expenditures as needed.

Questions for Council

Attachment List

None



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File Number: 2024-120

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New Business -

Agenda Item # 3.4

Licensing Discussion - Off-Sale Intoxicating and Tobacco

Background

Council had requested an opportunity to discuss current licensing for off-sale intoxicating liquor and tobacco licenses in order to explore whether amendments with regard to the number and locations of both license types are warranted. To begin the discussion, below is a summary of each license type based on city code and statute, including number and location data:

Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor Licenses

Sec. 6-38. - Kinds of liquor licenses.

Off-sale intoxicating liquor licenses, which may be issued only to exclusive liquor stores, brewer taprooms or brew pubs.

Sec. 6-36. - License required; number of licenses.

The city council shall issue off-sale liquor licenses in such a manner that no license shall be issued to a property which is located within **one mile** of the location of an **existing off-sale license**. The number of off-sale licenses issued shall not exceed a ratio of **one** license for every **7,000 population**. The council is not required to issue the full number of off-sale licenses that it has available.

Based on current code and population, the city has 10 off-sale licenses available, with 8 active licenses to date. It should be noted the 1 brewer taproom license in the city is not included in this cap. A map is included showing the current off-sale licenses and the one-mile radius around each location.

This topic was last reviewed in September 2017 and council consensus at that time was to review again if and when a grocer/off-sale concept was presented. Economic development staff routinely have conversations with grocers that are interested in the community and have an off-sale liquor component to their operation. The question whether the city would be interested in changing the distance and/or number of licenses is often asked by these groups, as many of the sites they look at are within one-mile of another off-sale location. Unfortunately, staff isn't able to provide a solid answer since the discussion has not occurred with the city council. Additionally, staff has spoken with potential restaurants that have an off-sale component for wine. This is a more "boutique" transaction in which the restaurant has unique, nicer wine offerings at their location for off-sale purposes. An example is Pour Wine Bar in Champlin, where they have a restaurant and offer un-opened bottles of wine for sale that a customer can take home.

Should council wish to make amendments to the current code to allow more flexibility in off-sale licensing, staff suggests the following options:

- Amend or delete the ratio requirement of one license for every 7,000 population
- Amend or delete the one-mile radius requirement from an existing license
- Create an additional license type to allow an off-sale license in conjunction with a permitted or conditional principal retail use with minimum floor areas such as 50,000 square feet (warehouse store) or 15,000 (grocery store) where the distance restriction and/or license cap does not apply.
- Create an additional license type to allow an off-sale license in conjunction with a restaurant where the distance restriction and/or license cap does not apply.

Tobacco Licenses

Sec. 42-61. - Generally.

(a) License required. No person shall sell or offer to sell any licensed product without first having obtained a license to do so from the city.

The current city code does not cap the number of tobacco licenses. Discussion on potentially limiting tobacco licenses was held during the ordinance amendment discussions in 2023 but council consensus at the time was to wait until the city was more fully developed. Blaine currently has 54 active tobacco licenses with 1 pending, 9 of which are exclusive tobacco products stores. It should be noted there are no distance restrictions from another licensed facility in place. Below is a summary of surrounding cities' tobacco licenses, population, and any existing caps:

<u>City</u>	<u># of licenses</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Cap</u>
Arden Hills	5	9,592	moratorium in place until 11/24
Blaine	55	70,222	--
Brooklyn Park	50	84,993	--
Burnsville	47	64,522	--
Champlin	15	23,919	# of shops capped at 2
Coon Rapids	46	63,415	--
Cottage Grove	22	41,027	--
Crystal	2-	22,265	--
Eden Prairie	27	54,442	--
Hopkins	19	18,608	--
Maple Grove	29	71,230	# of shops capped at 5
Maplewood	42	42,088	--
Mnetonka	28	54,474	# of shops capped at 6
Oak Grove	7	9,311	--
Plymouth	37	80,762	--
Ramsey	18	27,646	--
Rogers	11	13,295	--
Vadnais Heights	10	12,473	--
White Bear Lake	24	24,883	# of shops capped at 10
Woodbury	28	77,224	--

Should the council wish to make amendments to the current code to allow more flexibility in limiting the number of tobacco licenses, staff suggests the following options:

- Cap/limit the overall number of tobacco licenses to no more than 60. Keep in mind, the licenses are all encompassing and don't differentiate between an exclusive tobacco store versus a gas/convenience store.
- Cap/limit the overall number of exclusive tobacco products shops only.
- Restrict locations either through zoning or distance elements for exclusive tobacco products shops only.
- Create a separate license for cigar clubs. There has been interest in this type of use in various new developments in the city.
- Amend current signage standards that could address elements used to attract visibility to licensed locations, such as tobacco product shops, like bright lighting and signage.

Staff Recommendation

Staff requests council feedback.

Questions for Council

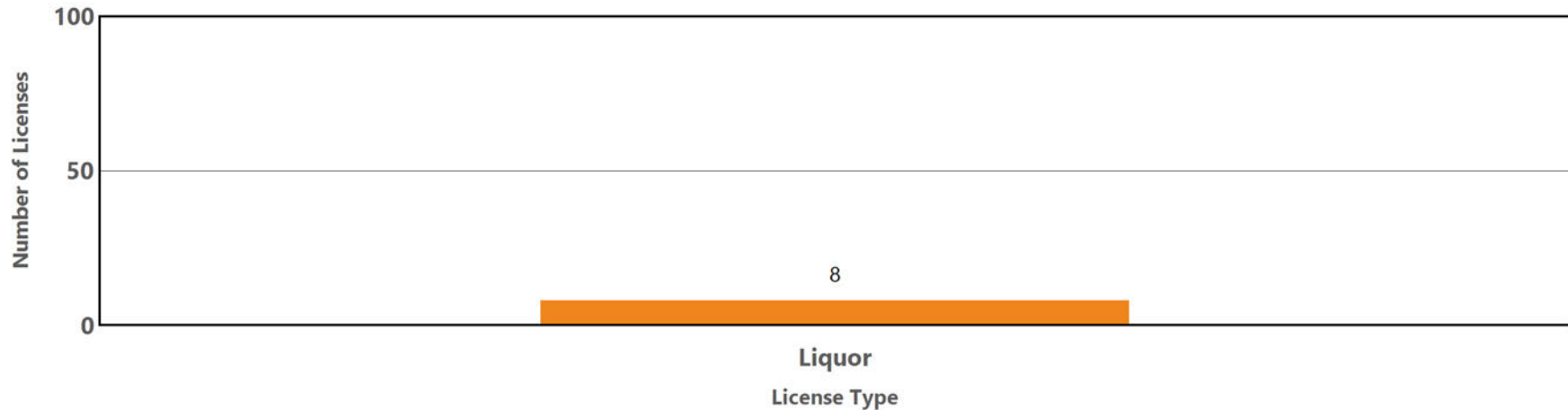
- 1) Is council interested in amending distance requirements for off-sale licenses?
- 2) Is council interested in amending the current cap for off-sale licenses?
- 3) Is council interested in creating an additional off-sale license type in conjunction with a big box store?
- 4) Is council interested in implementing a cap for tobacco licenses?

Attachment List

1. Business Licenses-Type and Status - Off Sale
2. Off Sale Liquor License Locations
3. Business Licenses-Type and Status - Tobacco

Business Licenses by Type & Status

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Liquor

License No	Business Name	Business Location	Iss Date	Exp Date	Status
OFFSL-02239	Central Spirits Liquor Store	1438 93rd Ln Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	6/23/2023	6/30/2024	Active
	Owner: Paul Spitzley				
OFFSL-08162	CUB WINE AND SPIRITS	4255 Pheasant Ridge Dr Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	6/26/2023	6/30/2024	Active
	Owner: Julia Petersen				
OFFSL-02260	G-Will Liquors	2320 Cloud Dr Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	6/23/2023	6/30/2024	Active
	Owner: Daniel C. Fields				
OFFSL-05514	MGM Wine & Spirits	255 County Road 10 Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	6/23/2023	6/30/2024	Active
	Owner: Chai Vang				
OFFSL-08044	NAPLES WINE AND SPIRITS LLC	3453 Lake Dr Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	6/23/2023	6/30/2024	Active
	Owner: PETER H JESH				
OFFSL-02226	Star Liquors	10731 University Ave Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	6/23/2023	6/30/2024	Active



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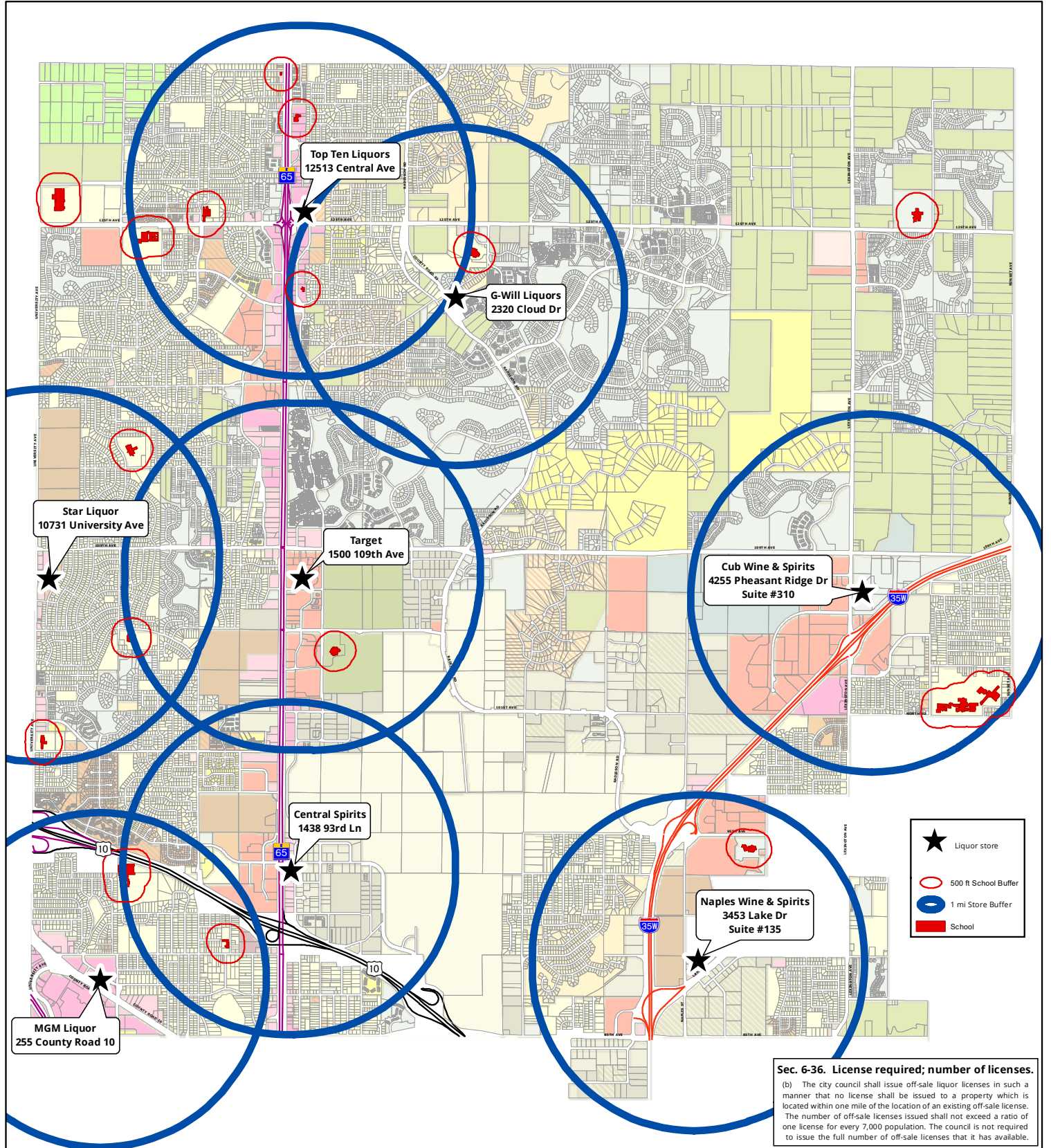
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	Owner: Kenneth R. Streeter				
OFFSL-00915	Target Store T-1832	1500 109th Ave Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	6/23/2023	6/30/2024	Active
	Owner: Email Beall				
OFFSL-07318	TOP TEN LIQUORS	12513 Central Ave Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	6/23/2023	6/30/2024	Active
	Owner: Jonathan Halper				

Total Liquor: 8

Total Number of Licenses: 8

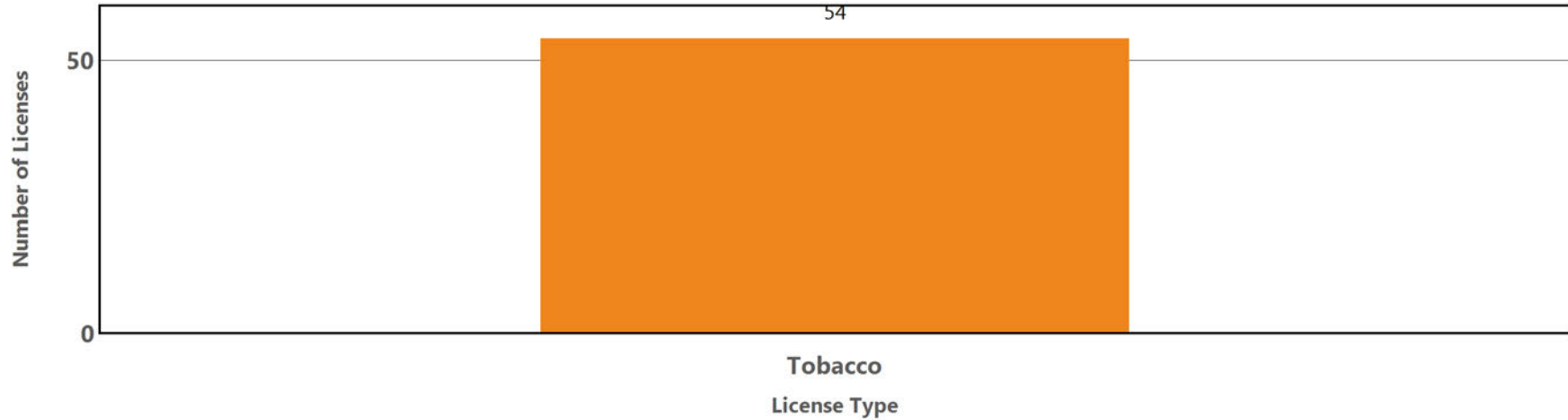
Off-Sale Liquor Stores

1-Mile Radius from Store Boundaries



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Tobacco

License No	Business Name	Business Location	Iss Date	Exp Date	Status
TOB23-0003	65 HEY LLC	10904 Baltimore St Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Muntasir Eisa				
TOB-08106	AWAD COMPANY (MARATHON)	10102 Sunset Ave Ne, Blaine, MN 55014	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Estephan Antoine Awad				
TOB23-0004	Blaine Gas Inc.	12880 Central Ave Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Anthony Rammer				
TOB-02234	Blaine MotoMart	10270 Baltimore St Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: FKG Oil Company				
TOB-07173	BLAINE TOBACCO	12523 Central Ave Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Avni Istrefaj				
TOB-02249	Casey's General Stores, Inc	8501 Xylite St Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: CASEY'S RETAIL COMPANY				

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TOB-02239	Central Spirits Liquor Store	1438 93rd Ln Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Paul Spitzley				
TOB-06869	Central Tobacco	1430 93rd Ln Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Muntasir Eisa				
TOB22-0002	Circle Pines Station	8550 Lexington Ave Ne, Blaine, MN 55014	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Adnan Safi				
TOB22-0001	Circle Smoke Shop Plus	8550 LEXINGTON AVE NE, Blaine, MN 55014	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Adnan Safi				
TOB-05720	Cub Foods #155936	12595 Central Ave Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Nate Spevacek				
TOB-05721	Cub Foods #155940	585 Northtown Dr Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Arturo Cerna				
TOB-07717	CUB FOODS #1592	10881 University Ave Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Vicky Brekke				
TOB-05719	Cub Foods #31664	4205 Pheasant Ridge Drive Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Lindsay Schultz				
TOB21-0004	Cub Wine and Spirits	4255 Pheasant Ridge Dr Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Julia Petersen				
TOB-08215	E CIG SMOKE	11724 Ulysses Ln Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Taleb Wazwaz				
TOB-07073	ELIFE, LLC	1536 125th Ave Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	1/2/2024	12/31/2025	Active
	Owner: Michael Donnelly				

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TOB23-0005	Fleet Farm	10250 Lexington Ave Ne, Blaine, MN 55014	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Steven Jensen				
TOB-05834	Fleet Farm Fuel	10280 Lexington Ave Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Steven Jensen				
TOB21-0006	Founders Cigar Company	9150 Isanti St Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Brian Schmittiel				
TOB-05701	GAS AND MORE, INC.	1444 93rd Ln Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: tarek kablawi				
TOB-02264	Gas Plus #10	9305 Central Ave Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Stephen Dahl				
TOB-02260	G-Will Liquors	2320 Cloud Dr Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Daniel Fields				
TOB-02251	Holiday Station Store # 306	4167 Ball Rd Ne, Blaine, MN 55014	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Sarah Willis				
TOB-02270	Holiday Station Stores, Inc.	9933 Ulysses St Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Sarah Willis				
TOB-06625	Holiday Stationstores	10909 Radisson Rd Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Sarah Willis				
TOB-06895	Kwik Trip	1355 85th Ave Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Kwik Trip, Inc.				
TOB-07991	KWIK TRIP #1014	12260 Fraizer St Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Kwik Trip, Inc.				
TOB-08085	KWIK TRIP #1022	11736 Ulysses Ln Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active

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	Owner: Kwik Trip, Inc.				
TOB21-0007	Kwik Trip #1136	10880 Austin St Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Kwik Trip, Inc.				
TOB-07205	KWIK TRIP #206	3405 Lake Dr Ne, Blaine, MN 55014	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Kwik Trip, Inc.				
TOB-07965	Kwik Trip #925	10510 Radisson Rd Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Kwik Trip, Inc.				
TOB-05514	MGM Wine & Spirits	255 County Road 10 Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Chai Vang				
TOB-08022	MINI MART #5	9850 Polk St Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Mukesh Chaudhary				
TOB23-0002	MN Restwood Inc	3401 Restwood Rd Ne, Blaine, MN 55014	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Purvakumar Ramanlal				
TOB23-0006	Northside Grocery & Deli LLC	1578 125th Ave Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: HINDIA MUMED				
TOB-08052	NOVA WAY, LLC	601 125th Ave Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Dayaa Elnagar				
TOB-02207	Ole Piper Inn	1416 93rd Ln Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Paul Spitzley				
TOB-06429	Speedway #4311	12504 Central Ave Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Shameka Wiley				
TOB-06428	Speedway #4321	9720 Central Ave Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	1/2/2024	12/31/2025	Active
	Owner: Shameka Wiley				

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TOB-06430	Speedway #4445	10865 University Ave Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Shameka Wiley				
TOB-07957	Speedway #7020	2310 Cloud Dr Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Shameka Wiley				
TOB22-0003	Super USA Gas Plus Inc.	12080 Central Ave Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Khalaf Ibrahim Qasem				
TOB-06967	Tobacco & More	10549 University Ave Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Qasim Almayahy				
TOB21-0002	Tobacco 10 LLC DBA Hi TEC Tobacco	780 County Road 10 Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	12/21/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Muntasir Eisa				
TOB-07713	Tobacco Vape Center	10519 University Ave Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Iyad Sati				
TOB-07318	TOP TEN LIQUORS	12513 Central Ave Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Jonathan Halper				
TOB-02225	Tournament Players Club	11444 Tournament Players Pkwy Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Joe Mascaluso				
TOB-02233	Walgreen's #05413	600 County Road 10 Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Walgreen Co				
TOB-02223	Walgreen's #7781	4202 Pheasant Ridge Dr Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Walgreen Co				
TOB-02201	Walgreens #07218	12480 Aberdeen St Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Walgreen Co				



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TOB-05746	Walgreens #11287	10905 Ulysses St Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: Walgreen Co				
TOB-07507	WalMart #3498	4369 Ball Rd Ne, Blaine, MN 55449	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: SARAH LITTLE				
TOB-07074	WALMART, INC.	11505 Ulysses St Ne, Blaine, MN 55434	12/20/2023	12/31/2024	Active
	Owner: SARAH LITTLE				

Total Tobacco: 54

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