

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between Alaska Liquor, Inc
and Anchorage **Midtown Community Council**

Effective Date: **September _____, 2021**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter "Agreement") is hereby entered into by and between the Midtown Community Council (hereafter "MTCC"), within the Municipality of Anchorage, and Alaska Liquor, Inc. dba Northern Lights Liquor (hereafter "Northern Lights Liquor"), a licensed Package Store located at 343 W. Benson Blvd, Anchorage, Alaska 99503.

I. RECITALS

WHEREAS, the MTCC has a vested interest in ensuring that they represent the best interests of the Midtown Anchorage area; and

WHEREAS, the Package Store is seeking to operate a legitimate business within the Anchorage area; and

WHEREAS, the MTCC and the Package Store have a long-term interest in fostering a mutually beneficial relationship to address communications and problem-solving; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is intended to satisfy neighborhood responsibility planning requirements in municipal code;

Now, therefore, the parties agree as follows:

II. AGREEMENT BASICS

1. The point of contact for the Package Store is Valbon Dobrova 718-702-8804, President of Alaska Liquor, Inc, Contact may be outside of store hours if necessary to address issues as they arise. Changes to the point of contact or contact information shall be promptly shared with the MTCC.
2. The point of contact for the Community Council is the President. That person's name and contact information is posted on the MTCC website maintained by the Federation of Community Councils. Contact may be outside of regular business hours. Changes to the point of contact or contact information shall be promptly shared with the Package Store.
3. The following individuals are authorized to speak for the Package Store at Community Council meetings: Valbon Dobrova or Jana Weltzin. Changes in individuals authorized to speak for the Package Store shall be promptly shared with the Community Council.
4. Alternate A: The Package Store shall engage with the Community Council and the residents and property owners within 500 feet of the proposed business location on the following schedule: One Community Council meeting per year and by request at community council meetings
Alternate B: The Package store shall engage with the residents, businesses, and property owners within 500 feet of the Package store on a monthly basis and is encouraged to attend MTCC meetings at least quarterly. The Package store will also email MTCC any business updates that may affect or change this agreement,

including notification of business hours.

5. When community council residents or businesses, the Community Council, or the Package Store raise issues of concern, the Community Council and the Package Store will take the following steps:

a. All parties involved will be notified via email and phone call.

b. The party that has been notified will have 10 days to respond to the complaint via email to the community council email directly/

c. Issue will be addressed at the following regularly scheduled MTCC meeting.

d. If the issue cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of both parties the MTCC president will call a special Community Council meeting to discuss the issue, notifying residents and businesses who are members of the MTCC via the MTCC email list. Both Assembly representatives and the Municipal Ombudsman will be invited.

6. The Package Store is encouraged to attend regular MTCC meetings. The Package Store will make a concerted effort to attend the MTCC meetings yearly, at a minimum.

7. The Package Store will not sell “shooters” in the facility whatsoever.

8. The Package Store will not carry “fortified beer” in single units.

9. The Package Store will identify all hard liquor that is sold from its store with a sticker that identifies that it came from Northern Lights Liquor.

10. The Package Store will ensure its staff cleans the parking lot of the strip mall in which the store is proposed to be located in the morning at the end of the day either slightly before closing or slightly after closing to ensure no liquor bottles or liquor related trash is left in parking lot.

11. The Package Store shall submit its proposed signage to the MTCC prior to applying for a sign permit to gather input from the community to ensure the signage is consistent with the look and feel of the neighborhood.

III. ASSEMBLY AUTHORITY

Each party recognizes and agrees that the authority to approve or deny a municipal license and special land use permit for a Package Store liquor license rests exclusively with the Anchorage Municipal Assembly.

IV. NO FORMAL PARTNERSHIP

This Agreement is mutually beneficial to the MTCC and the Package Store. The parties understand and acknowledge that they do not intend to create a formal partnership. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed or interpreted to create any fiduciary responsibility between them. Neither party shall have any authority, express or implied, to act for or to assume any obligation or responsibility on behalf of the other party. Neither party shall be responsible for the liabilities of the other.

IV. TERM OF AGREEMENT

The parties have executed this Agreement as of the effective date. The Agreement may be updated from time to time with the concurrence of both parties and shall remain in effect as long as Northern Lights Liquor is licensed to operate at the identified location.

President - Midtown Community Council

Date: _____

By: _____

Signature: _____

President – Alaska Liquor, Inc

Date: _____

By: Valbon Dobrova

Signature: _____

