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**City of Grass Valley
Police Department**

"Dedication, Excellence and Partnerships"

Alexander K. Gammelgard
Chief of Police

March 7, 2025

Hot Spot Smoke Shop
Attn: Manjit Kay & Shah Ji, Inc.
440 Colfax Avenue
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Notice of non-renewal

I have received your application for a renewal of your Tobacco Retail License dated February 24, 2025. I am denying your application under the authority of Grass Valley Municipal Code 5.56.070 for the following reasons:

- **Late and Incomplete Application:** Your Grass Valley Tobacco Retail License expired on February 11, 2025. Per GVMC 5.56.080 (C), your application for renewal was due with fees paid by January 11, 2025. However, your renewal application was not submitted until February 24, 2025. Per GVMC 5.56.080 (C1) & (C2), late submissions incur a late fee of 50% of the initial licensing fee and a signed affidavit as required in section. The late fee and affidavit were not submitted with the late application. In addition, the late application was not signed by the Owner/Applicant.
- **Observed Violations:** On February 25, 2025, a GVPD Officer arrived at your location to complete a compliance check and finalize the issuance process. While in your store, he witnessed Hot Spot Smoke Shop actively offering for sale illegal tobacco products (flavored vape pens) from a duffle bag hidden behind the sales counter. This was a violation of:
 - GVMC 5.56.030 (A)
 - GVMC 5.56.030 (B)
 - California Health & Safety 104559.5(b)(1)

When confronted about the illegal activity, the employee lied, obstructed, and delayed the officer in an attempt to conceal the criminal behavior.

For these reasons, your application for renewal of your Tobacco Retail License is denied.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Johnson", is written over a horizontal line.

Steve Johnson
Deputy Chief of Police