CITY OF
BLOOMINGTON
MINNESOTA

DATE: October 8, 2014

TO: Mark Bernhardson, City Manager

FROM: Steve McDaniel, Auditor

CC: Lori Economy-Scholler, Julie Vogel, Kari Carlson

RE: Ciao Bella Liquor Tax - Penalty & Interest Abatement

Ciao Bella is requesting abatement of the assessed penalty and interest charge for their June 2014 Liquor tax in the amount of $293.81. Jocelyn Streissguth, Office Manager, emailed a letter explaining their negligence to process the check on time. Sales tax returns and payments for the City of Bloomington are due in the office by the 25th of each month or must be postmarked before the 20th. I recommend that we do abate the penalty for the following reasons:

- This is the first time Ciao Bella has requested abatement for liquor tax penalties and interest related to late filing of the return and payment.
- That Ciao Bella normally remits their taxes in a timely manner.
- That Ciao Bella paid their July and August tax payments on time.

Attached is a copy of the letter from Ms. Streissguth and the invoice sent to the establishment.

I am enclosing a letter for you to sign should you decide to grant the abatement. If you decide to grant the abatement, I will also prepare a consent business "Request for Council Action" form and a "Council Agenda Enclosure" form for the next Council meeting. (According to Sec.4.18(c) of the City Code, the City Manager is authorized to abate penalties and report to the City Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting).