

Minutes of Beer Board Meeting  
May 6, 2025

The Beer Board of Jefferson City met in special called Beer Board meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., after the regular Council Meeting at City Hall, 112 City Center Drive, with Chairman Mitch Cain presiding.

Roll call by the City Recorder was as follows:

Chairman Cain	Present
Vice-Chairman Bunch	Present
Board Member Ailene Combs	Present
Board Member Rocky Melton	Present
Board Member Sheala Purkey	Present

Also present were James Gallup, City Manager; Robert Burts, City Attorney, and Bettina Chandler, City Recorder.

A Public Hearing was held for violations of City Code Chapter 2; Section 8-212 Unlawful Sale to a Minor at the following locations:

1. Shree Ram 101, Inc. (dba Tobacco & More), 478 East Broadway Blvd.
2. Discount Tobacco & Vape, 270 East Broadway Blvd.
3. K.P. LLC (dba Tobacco Outlet), 123 West Broadway Blvd.
4. Lex Smoke and Vape, 1078 US 11E

Ed Miller, Attorney at Law, was there to represent Tobacco Outlet, Discount Tobacco & Vape, and Lex Smoke & Vape

Upon request of Chairman Cain, Robert Burts, City of Jefferson City Attorney, shared the penalty options the Beer Board has regarding the citations as follows: a beer permit holder classified as a "Responsible Vendor" by the T.A.B.C. cannot have their beer permit revoked or suspended but a fine of up to \$1,000 per violation can be issued. A beer permit holder classified as a "Non-responsible Vendor" can have their license revoked or suspended or a fine of up to \$2,500 per violation can be issued in lieu of suspension. The permit holders have seven (7) days to pay the fine issued or the beer permit will be suspended or revoked.

Mr. Miller stated he did not know whether his clients are responsible vendors, as he had just been hired the night before the meeting.

Nimeshkumar Patel spoke on behalf of Tobacco & More. Mr. Patel stated he is a "Responsible Vendor" but later stated he was unsure.

Chairman Cain asked Mr. Burts his recommendation about the best way to proceed with the violations due to the uncertainties of the "Responsible Vendor" status of the violators. Mr. Burts recommended it

might be fairer to Mr. Miller, who had just been hired the previous evening to represent three of the violators, to have another meeting on May 20th following the regular scheduled Work Session. This would give all violators more time to present their "Responsible Vendor" certificates if they have one.

Vice Chairman Bunch stated that it is disheartening to hear that three of the businesses had waited until the evening before the Beer Board meeting to hire an attorney and then not even show up. He would like a \$1,000 fine issued to each violator if they prove to be a "Responsible Vendor" or a \$2,500 fine issued if they prove to be a "Non-responsible vendor." Mr. Burts suggested the board might want to wait to see what the representatives have to say as they might have some defense they want to present to the board, and it would be better to know if each violator is a "Responsible Vendor" or a "Non-responsible Vendor."

Upon motion of Vice-Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilman Melton, action for the violations were postponed to the Beer Board Meeting on May 20, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

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Mitch Cain, Mayor

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Bettina Chandler, City Recorder