



Common Council Meeting

Meeting Date:	August 5, 2025
Agenda Item:	Hemp 1848 Inc Cigarette, Tobacco, Vape License Denial
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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what, when, where, why)

Jerry McCoy, the owner of Hemp 1848 Inc applied for his yearly Cigarette, Tobacco, Electronic Vape license at the City Clerk's office on June 10, 2025. On June 13, 2025, the Clerk's office received a disapproval of license from Police Chief Dan Meyer due to omitting convictions for offenses he had been charged with on his application. According to sec. 134.65(1m)(a), Wis. Stats., a city may not issue a license under sub. 1(1d) unless the applicant meets all of the following requirements: 1) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.335, the applicant has not habitually been a law offender or been convicted of a felony unless pardoned. On June 23, 2025 I sent a letter both by regular U.S. mail and Certified mail, explaining the denial and how to appeal the decision. On June 27, 2025 I received an email from Jerry McCoy explaining that he would like to appeal the decision.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

At the July 15, 2025 Common Council meeting, the Council decided to defer this to the Alcohol Licensing Committee to hear Mr. McCoy's appeal and come back to the August 5, 2025 Council meeting with a recommendation. ALC is meeting at 5:00 pm August 5, 2025 and will come to the 6:00 pm Council meeting with a recommendation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Not available at the time of the publication of this Council Packet.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1848 Cigarette, Tobacco, and Electronic Vaping Application and Denial.
Email from Jerry McCoy requesting an appeal.
Email sent to Mr. McCoy requesting presence at 8/5/25 ALC.