



AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Agenda Item Number: 5

Title:

Discussion Regarding a Complaint of Violation and Hearing Notice for Meijer Great Lakes, Ltd., 2929 Walker NW, Grand Rapids, MI, for a Tobacco License issued by the City of St. Charles for the location at 855 Randall Road, St. Charles.

Presenter:

Police Chief Keegan

Meeting: Liquor Control Commission

Date: May 15, 2023

Proposed Cost: \$

Budgeted Amount: \$

Not Budgeted:

Executive Summary *(if not budgeted, please explain):*

This is a complaint of violation being brought before the Liquor Control Commission to determine whether the St. Charles Local Liquor Control Commission, pursuant to this authority, shall revoke or suspend the local tobacco license issued or impose a fine upon by reason of the Complaint of Violation filed by the Police Department of offenses happening on or about April 12, 2023, at the establishment of Meijer Great Lakes, Ltd., under a Tobacco License issued by the City of St. Charles for the location at 855 Randall Road, St. Charles.

Attachments *(please list):*

Citation, Notice of Hearing, and Arraignment Form

Discussion Regarding a Complaint of Violation and Hearing Notice for Meijer Great Lakes, Ltd., 2929 Walker NW, Grand Rapids, MI, for a Tobacco License issued by the City of St. Charles for the location at 855 Randall Road, St. Charles.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTIES OF KANE AND DU PAGE)

**BEFORE THE LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER OF
THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
TOBACCO LICENSE OF:)
) Case Number 2023-LC-2
Meijer Great Lakes, Ltd.)
2929 Walker NW)
Grand Rapids, MI 49544-9428)

Operation Location: 855 Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174

COMPLAINT OF VIOLATION

NOW COMES the Petitioner, James Keegan, Chief of Police of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, and files this complaint before the Local Liquor Control Commission of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, and states as follows:

1. The Petitioner is the duly appointed Chief of Police of the City of St. Charles and as such is charged with the duty of enforcing the laws of the State of Illinois and the ordinances of the City of St. Charles.

OFFENSE

2. On or about April 12, 2023, Meijer Great Lakes, Ltd. ("Licensee") was operating under a Tobacco License issued by the City of St. Charles for the location at 855 Randall Road, St. Charles, Illinois 60174 ("Premises").

3. On or about April 12, 2023, at approximately 2:43 p.m., Licensee, by and through its employees, officers and/or agents on the Premises, committed the following violation of the St. Charles Tobacco Code:

OFFENSE

Sold tobacco/alternative nicotine product to a minor, in violation of Section 5.16.070 of the St. Charles Municipal Code.

4. That the acts detailed in Sections of this Complaint of Violation is prohibited and is in violation of and contrary to Sections 5.16.070 of the St. Charles Municipal Code and the Prevention of Tobacco Use by Minors and Sale and Distribution of Tobacco Products Act.

5. Licensee is responsible for the acts of its employees, officers and agents and is required to ensure that no violations of state law or ordinances of the City of St. Charles take place on said Premises.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner, James Keegan, Chief of Police requests, pursuant to Sections 5.16.180 of the St. Charles Municipal Code, that the Local Liquor Control Commission, a/k/a the Tobacco Commission, hold a hearing on this matter and take such action against Licensee as the Commission shall deem appropriate under the circumstances.



James Keegan
Chief of Police
City of St. Charles, Illinois

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CERTIFICATION

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief, and, as to such matters, the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.



James Keegan, Chief of Police

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO
before me this 24 day of April, 2023.



NOTARY PUBLIC



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THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
TOBACCO LICENSE OF:)
) Case Number 2023-LC-2
Meijer Great Lakes, Ltd.)
License No. 8199-2)

CITATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Meijer Great Lakes, Ltd.
2929 Walker NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49544-9428

Operation Location: 855 Randall Road, St. Charles, Illinois 60174

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on May 15, 2023, at the hour of 4:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers at the St. Charles City Hall, 2 East Main Street, City of St. Charles, Illinois, the St. Charles Local Liquor Control Commission shall conduct a hearing pursuant to Chapters 5.16.180(B) of the Municipal Code of the City of St. Charles and the Prevention of Tobacco Use by Minors and Sale and Distribution of Tobacco Products Act, 720 ILCS 675/1 *et seq.*

The purpose of said hearing shall be to determine whether the St. Charles Local Liquor Control Commissioner, pursuant to this authority, shall revoke or suspend the local tobacco license issued to you or impose a fine upon you, or both, by reason of the Complaint of Violation filed by the Chief of Police, James Keegan, a copy of which is attached.

AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE YOU MAY APPEAR AND DEFEND. YOU MAY BE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY IF YOU SO CHOOSE. ATTACHED HERETO IS AN ARRAIGNMENT FORM, WHICH IS INCORPORATED HEREIN. THE ARRAIGNMENT FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN THREE (3) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE THE ARRAIGNMENT FORM WITHIN THREE (3) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING AND IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING, YOU WILL BE FOUND GUILTY OF THE VIOLATION BY DEFAULT AND THE ST. CHARLES LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER WILL DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE PENALTY.

YOU ARE ADVISED THAT IF A HEARING IS HELD AND YOU ARE FOUND GUILTY AFTER THE HEARING, THEN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5.16.180(E) OF THE ST. CHARLES MUNICIPAL CODE, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR ANY AND ALL OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES, COURT REPORTER APPEARANCE FEES AND THE COST OF HAVING POLICE OFFICERS AND WITNESSES PRESENT TO TESTIFY. ANY AND ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE DIRECTED TO THE CITY ATTORNEY, NICHOLAS S. PEPPERS, AT (847) 318-9500 OR TO THE DEPUTY CITY CLERK, TRACEY CONTI, AT (630) 377-4422.

DATED this 24th day of April 2023.



Lora A. Vitek
Local Liquor Control Commissioner
City of St. Charles

cc: Heather McGuire, City Administrator
Chief of Police, James Keegan

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that he did service a copy of the Citation and Notice of Hearing upon the person to whom it is directed by leaving a copy with said individual as follows: BRIAN LACH at MEISER
_____ on the 24TH day of April, 2023.



SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO
before me this 24TH day of April, 2023.


NOTARY PUBLIC



ARRAIGNMENT FORM

NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE CITY CLERK WITHIN THREE (3) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE ARRAIGNMENT HEARING. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE THE ARRAIGNMENT FORM WITHIN THREE (3) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE ARRAIGNMENT HEARING, AND IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING, YOU WILL BE FOUND GUILTY OF THE VIOLATION BY DEFAULT AND THE ST. CHARLES LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER WILL DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE PENALTY.

I, CRAIG WHEELER, as agent for Meijer Great Lakes, Ltd., being a licensee charged with a violation of Chapter 5.16.070 of the Municipal Code of the City of St. Charles, pursuant to Case No. 2023-LC-2 ("Complaint"), at 855 Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174, do hereby:

I admit liability for the allegations set forth in the Complaint, but request a hearing in mitigation in which I will be given an opportunity to present evidence in support of my position to minimize any penalty.

I admit liability for the allegations set forth in the Complaint. I do not request a mitigation hearing.

Deny the allegations set forth in the Complaint. I request a hearing.

Meijer Great Lakes, Ltd.

By:

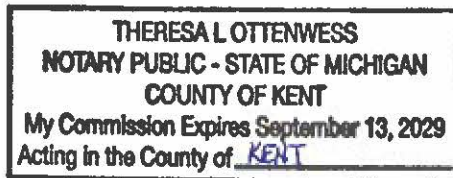
Craig Wheeler
(Signature)

Date:

26 Apr. 23

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 26th day of APRIL, 2023.

Theresa L. Ottenwess
Notary Public



Form can be faxed to (630) 377-6034
or e-mailed to the attention of Tracey Conti
at tconti@stcharlesil.gov
Hard copy must follow by U.S. Mail

or Form can be faxed to (847) 318-9509
or e-mailed to the attention of
Nicholas S. Peppers at
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