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## City of Covington

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THE MEETING OF THE BEER BOARD OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, TENNESSEE ON THE 10th DAY OF DECEMBER 2019 AT COVINGTON CITY HALL AT 5:30 P.M.

- 1. Meeting to be called to order by the Chairman, Mayor Justin M. Hanson.
- Public Hearing to consider the revocation, suspension or civil penalty in lieu of suspension of the beer permit of MD SHANA ULLAHA, owner of the EXXON FOOD MART located at 1725 HIGHWAY 51 SOUTH for selling beer to a minor.
- 3. Beer Permit Renewal Notices will be sent out at the end of the week Beer Permit Holders are required to pay their \$100.00 renewal fee by the end of January 2020. Their premises will be inspected by an officer of the Codes Compliance Department and the Fire Inspector in January and February 2020. When the Beer Permit Holder passes their inspection, a new Beer Permit will be issued.
- 4. Meeting adjourned.

### EXXON FOOD MART 1725 Highway 51 South Covington, Tennessee

Violation: Selling Beer To A Minor On The 29th December 2018

Permit Holder/Owner/Operator:

MD SHANA ULLAHA 6340 Newstone Drive #103 Bartlett, Tennessee 38135

#### Narrative of Case:

On Saturday, the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018, Officer James Perry of the Covington Police Department Special Crimes Unit conducted an alcohol compliance check at all convenience stores holding beer permits inside the corporate limits of Covington. Officer Perry used a confidential informant who was under the age of 21 to attempt to purchase alcohol from each of the convenience stores. Officer Perry accompanied the confidential informant to every store and maintained visual contact with the confidential informant at all times during the transactions. Officer Perry observed the confidential informant enter and purchase a 25 oz. beer from MD Shakil Hossen, the clerk on duty at Exxon Food Mart located at 1725 U.S. Highway 51 South. Mr. Hossen was issued a misdemeanor citation for Selling Alcohol to Minors (Tennessee Code Annotated 57-5-301) and was ordered to appear before the Tipton County General Sessions Court on Tuesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

MD Shakil Hossen plead guilty to the charged offense in late March 2019 and was fined \$250 and sentenced to 11 months, 29 days in jail at 75%, all of which was suspended to unsupervised probation. All fines, court costs and other fees have been paid in full.

#### **History:**

Exxon Food Mart received a Beer Permit for Off Premise Consumption from the Covington Beer Board on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2017.

This is the first violation for this establishment.

#### Beer Board

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

Covington municipal code: Beer Board and Ordinances, who give notice that law enforcement officers or other witnesses will appear at 5:30 p.m., November 12, 2019, before the Covington Beer Board at 200 West Washington Ave., Covington, Tennessee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room, regarding Suspension or Revocation of your beer permit and/or other action against:

Permitee:

Exxon Food Mart

1725 Hwy 51 South Covington, TN 38019

Applicant:

MD Shana Ullaha

6340 Newstone Dr., #103

Bartlett, TN 38135

Based upon the following acts or omissions in violation of Covington Beer Ordinances and/or laws of the State of Tennessee, to wit: On December 29, 2018 City of Covington Police Department Special Crimes Unit conducted an alcohol compliance check using a confidential informant that was under the age of 21 to attempt to purchase alcohol from Exxon Food Mark. MD Shakil Hossen, a clerk at Exxon Food Mart, sold a 25 oz. beer to the underage informant without asking for identification in violation of local ordinance and state law. MD Shakil Hossen was cited by the Covington Police Department for a misdemeanor citation for Selling Alcohol to Minors pursuant to T.C.A. § 57-5-301. On March 22, 2019 MD Shakil Hossen plead guilty to the offense in the Tipton County General Sessions Court.

This the 27th day of September, 2019.

Mayor

Rachel K. Witherington City Attorney

I hereby certify that on the 17th day of September, 2019, I delivered via certified Movember 12, 2019 mail the City of Covington Beer Board Notice of Hearing for October 8, 2019 to:

Exxon Food Mart 1725 Hwy 51 South Covington, TN 38019 Certified # 7018 3090 0001 7192 5432

and

MD Shana Ullaha 6340 Newstone Dr., #103 Bartlett, TN 38135 Certified# 7018 3090 0001 1192 5425

By

Rachel K. Witherington

#### **David Gwinn**

From:

Rachel Witherington < rwitherington@lexverum.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 3:36 PM

To:

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David Gwinn

Subject:

Beer Board Meeting Schedule Change

**Attachments:** 

Rachel K Witherington.vcf

Mr. Ullaha:

I apologize for the late notice, but the Beer Board hearing that was scheduled for tonight, November 12, 2019, at 5:30pm <u>needs to be rescheduled.</u> Due to this scheduling change <u>you do not need to appear before the committee tonight.</u>

I will send you notice of the hearing reschedule date- which will be December 10, 2019 at 5:30 pm. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely-

Rachel K. Witherington

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# !! NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING !! COVINGTON BEER BOARD

THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BEER BOARD OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, TENNESSEE WILL BE HELD AT 5:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, THE 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2019 IN THE BOARD ROOM OF COVINGTON CITY HALL IN ORDER TO CONSIDER THE REVOCATION, SUSPENSION OR CIVIL PENALTY IN LIEU OF SUSPENSION OF THE BEER PERMIT OF THE FOLLOWING BEER PERMIT HOLDER FOR SELLING BEER TO A MINOR IN VIOLATION OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND THE CITY OF COVINGTON:

MD SHANA ULLAHA, owner of EXXON FOOD MART located at 1725 HIGHWAY 51 SOUTH

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND COMMENT.

JUSTIN M. HANSON

**CHAIRMAN**