

TITLE 2

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES¹

CHAPTER

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CHAPTER 1

INTOXICATING LIQUORS

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¹Municipal code reference

Driving under the influence: section 9-104.

Minors in beer places, public drunkenness, etc., title 10 chapter 2.

State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, title 57.

²State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, title 39, chapter 6.

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2-201. Beer board established. There is hereby established a beer board to be composed of the board of mayor and aldermen. A chairman shall be elected annually by the board from among its members.

2-202. Meetings of the beer board. All meetings of the beer board shall be open to the public. The board shall hold regular meetings in the city hall at such times as it shall prescribe. When there is business to come before the beer board, a special meeting may be called by the chairman provided he gives a reasonable notice thereof to each member. The board may adjourn a meeting at any time to another time and place.

2-203. Record of beer board proceedings to be kept. The recorder shall make a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the beer board. The record

¹Municipal code references

Public drunkenness, minors in beer places, etc.: title 10, chapter 2.
Tax provisions: title 6.

State law reference

For a leading case on a municipality's authority to regulate beer, see the Tennessee Supreme Court decision in Watkins v. Naifeh, 635 S.W.2d 104 (1982).

shall be a public record and shall contain at least the following: The date of each meeting; the names of the board members present and absent; the names of the members introducing and seconding motions and resolutions, etc., before the board; a copy of each such motion or resolution presented; the vote of each member thereon; and the provisions of each beer permit issued by the board.

2-204. Requirements for beer board quorum and action. The attendance of at least a majority of the members of the beer board shall be required to constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business. Matters before the board shall be decided by a majority of the members present if a quorum is constituted. Any member present but not voting shall be deemed to have cast a "nay" vote.

2-205. Powers and duties of the beer board. The beer board shall have the power and it is hereby directed to regulate the selling, storing for sale, distributing for sale, and manufacturing of beer within this city in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

2-206. "Beer" defined. The term "beer" as used in this chapter shall mean and include all beers, ales, and other malt liquors having an alcoholic content of not more than five percent (5%) by weight.

2-207. Permit required for engaging in beer business. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, store for sale, distribute for sale, or manufacture beer without first making application to and obtaining a permit from the beer board. The application shall be made on such form as the board shall prescribe and/or furnish, and shall be accompanied by a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) non-refundable application fee.¹ Each applicant must be a person of good moral character and he must certify that he has read and is familiar with the provisions of this chapter.

2-208. Beer permits shall be restrictive. All beer permits shall be restricted to off premises consumption retail of beer. It shall be unlawful for any beer permit holder to engage in any type or phase of the beer business not expressly authorized by his permit. It shall likewise be unlawful for him not to comply with any and all express restrictions or conditions which may be written into his permit by the beer board.

¹State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, section 57-5-108(c).

2-209. Limitation on number of permits. There shall be no more than four permits issued and outstanding at any time.

2-210. Interference with public health, safety, and morals prohibited. No permit authorizing the sale of beer will be issued when such business would cause congestion of traffic or would interfere with hospitals, schools, churches, or other places of public gathering, or would otherwise interfere with the public health, safety, and morals. In no event will a permit be issued authorizing the manufacture or storage of beer, or the sale of beer at places within two hundred fifty (250) feet of any hospital, school, church or other place of public gathering. The distances shall be measured in a straight line from the nearest corner of the hospital, school, church or other public place of gathering and the nearest corner of the structure where beer will be sold, manufactured or stored.

2-211. Issuance of permits to persons convicted of certain crimes prohibited. No beer permit shall be issued to any person who has been convicted for the possession, sale, manufacture, or transportation of intoxicating liquor, or any crime involving moral turpitude within the past ten (10) years.

2-212. Prohibited conduct or activities by beer permit holders. It shall be unlawful for any beer permit holder to:

- (1) Employ any person convicted for the possession, sale, manufacture, or transportation of intoxicating liquor, or any crime involving moral turpitude within the past ten (10) years.
- (2) Make or allow any sale of beer between the hours of 12:00 Midnight and 6:00 A.M. during any night of the week; at any time on Sunday; or on election days before and while the polls are lawfully open.
- (3) Allow any loud, unusual, or obnoxious noises to emanate from his premises.
- (4) Make or allow any sale of beer to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age.
- (5) Allow any person under twenty-one (21) years of age to loiter in or about his place of business.
- (6) Make or allow any sale of beer to any intoxicated person or to any feeble-minded, insane, or otherwise mentally incapacitated person.
- (7) Allow drunk persons to loiter about his premises.
- (8) Serve, sell, or allow the consumption on his premises of any alcoholic beverage with an alcoholic content of more than five percent (5%) by weight.
- (9) Allow gambling on his premises.
- (10) Allow dancing on his premises.

(11) Allow pool or billiard playing in the same room where beer is sold and/or consumed.

(12) Employ any person under eighteen (18) years of age in the sale, storage, distribution, or manufacture of beer. (This provision shall not apply to grocery stores selling beer for off-premises consumption only.)

2-213. Suspension and revocation of beer permits. The beer board shall have the power to suspend or revoke any beer permit issued under the provisions of this chapter when the holder thereof is guilty of making a false statement or misrepresentation in his application or of violating any of the provisions of this chapter. However, no beer permit shall be suspended or revoked until a public hearing is held by the board after reasonable notice to all the known parties in interest. Suspension or revocation proceedings may be initiated by the police chief or by any member of the beer board.

2-214. Beer permits to be non-transferable. The beer permit shall be issued to the person making application for the permit, and shall be for a specific location (address). The permit shall not be transferable from one person to another person or from one location to another location.