

**CITY OF REDONDO BEACH
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Tuesday, February 24, 2026**

415 DIAMOND STREET, REDONDO BEACH

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

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1:00 P.M.- OPEN SESSION - ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

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1:00 PM - OPEN SESSION - ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. ROLL CALL**
- C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION**
- D. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/
AB 1234 TRAVEL EXPENSE REPORTS**
- E. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA**
- F. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS**

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- F.1. [For Blue Folder Documents Approved at the City Council Meeting](#)**

G. CONSENT CALENDAR

Business items, except those formally noticed for public hearing, or those pulled for discussion are assigned to the Consent Calendar. The Mayor or any City Council Member may request that any Consent Calendar item(s) be removed, discussed, and acted upon separately. Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be taken up under the "Excluded Consent Calendar" section below. Those items remaining on the Consent Calendar will be approved in one motion. The Mayor will call on anyone wishing to address the City Council on any Consent Calendar item on the agenda, which has not been pulled by Council for discussion. Each speaker will be permitted to speak only once and comments will be limited to a total of three minutes.

- G.1. [APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2026](#)**

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

- G.2. [APPROVE MOTION TO READ BY TITLE ONLY AND WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS LISTED ON THE AGENDA](#)**

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

This section is intended to provide members of the public with the opportunity to comment on any subject that does not appear on this agenda for action. This section is limited to 30 minutes. Each speaker will be afforded three minutes to address the Mayor and Council. Each speaker will be permitted to speak only once. Written requests, if any, will be considered first under this section.

I.1. [For eComments and Emails Received from the Public](#)

J. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

This section is intended to allow all elected officials the opportunity to reveal any disclosure or ex parte communication about the following public hearings

K. PUBLIC HEARINGS

K.1. [PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN APPEAL OF THE REVOCATION OF THE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR THE MANHATTAN BEACH SMOKE SHOP INC. LOCATED AT 2205 ARTESIA BOULEVARD, UNIT A, REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90278.](#)

[PROCEDURES:](#)

- [1. Open Public Hearing, take testimony; and](#)
- [2. Close Public Hearing; and](#)
- [3. City Council Decision and Findings](#)

CONTACT: JOY A. FORD, CITY ATTORNEY

L. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach will be an Adjourned Regular meeting to be held at 4:30 p.m. (Closed Session) and a Regular meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. (Open Session) on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chamber, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.



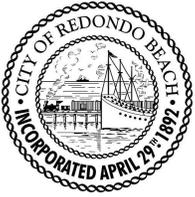
Administrative Report

F.1., File # 26-0254

Meeting Date: 2/24/2026

TITLE

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Administrative Report

G.1., File # 26-0246

Meeting Date: 2/24/2026

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

TITLE

APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH)

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

In compliance with the Brown Act, the following materials have been posted at the locations indicated below.

Legislative Body City Council
Posting Type Adjourned Regular Agenda
Posting Locations 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, CA 90277
 ✓ Adjacent to Council Chambers
Meeting Date & Time February 24, 2026 1:00 p.m. Open Session

As City Clerk of the City of Redondo Beach, I declare, under penalty of perjury, the document noted above was posted at the date displayed below.

Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk

Date: February 19, 2026



Administrative Report

G.2., File # 26-0247

Meeting Date: 2/24/2026

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Administrative Report

I.1., File # 26-0256

Meeting Date: 2/24/2026

TITLE

For eComments and Emails Received from the Public



Administrative Report

K.1., File # 26-0261

Meeting Date: 2/24/2026

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

From: JOY A. FORD, CITY ATTORNEY

TITLE

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN APPEAL OF THE REVOCATION OF THE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR THE MANHATTAN BEACH SMOKE SHOP INC. LOCATED AT 2205 ARTESIA BOULEVARD, UNIT A, REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90278.

PROCEDURES:

1. Open Public Hearing, take testimony; and
2. Close Public Hearing; and
3. City Council Decision and Findings

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On March 18, 2025, the Redondo Beach Police Department coordinated an inspection of the Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop located at Unit A of 2205 Artesia Boulevard with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration. On December 10, 2025, the results of that inspection were presented by the Redondo Beach Police Department and the Quality of Life Prosecutor at a duly noticed administrative hearing before Luke Smude, Assistant to the City Manager, the Hearing Officer designated by the City Manager for the matter. On December 19, 2025, the Hearing Officer issued an administrative order (see attached) revoking the business license for Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop, Inc. The revocation has been appealed to the City Council by the business owner through his attorney. The appeal is now before the City Council for consideration.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Section 6-1.27, subsection (a) of the Redondo Beach Municipal Code, "No license shall be permanently revoked without giving the holder thereof an opportunity to appear before the City Manager (or designee) and be heard in his or her own behalf." Subsection (b) of Section 6-1.27 states, "Any license or holder subject to an administrative hearing decision which suspends, revokes, or imposes new conditions of operation, may within 10 business days, file an appeal with the City Council." The purpose of these hearings is to provide a fair and open opportunity for a party objecting to an administrative action, or decision, by the City to present evidence and arguments in opposition to the action or decision.

A request for an appeal of the December 10, 2025 administrative order was filed by the business owner through their attorney within the ten-day appeal period (see attached). The City Council is now scheduled to consider, as a *de novo* hearing, the appeal and the Hearing Officer's revocation of the business license. The City Council is not bound by the findings of the Hearing Officer. (See *Lagrutta v. City Council* (1970) 9 Cal.App.3d 890, p. 895.) "There is no limitation upon the right of the council to hear new or additional

testimony.” (*Id.*)

Any business license issued by the City may be temporarily suspended, revoked, or have new conditions imposed upon it in any of the following instances:

- (a) Where the City Manager (in this appeal, the City Council) finds and determines that the preservation of the public health, safety, and peace demand revocation of such license or permit;
- (b) Where the licensee or permittee has violated any provisions of this Code, any ordinance of the City or any other provision of law;
- (c) Where a permit or license has been granted on false or fraudulent evidence, testimony, or application;
- (d) Where the licensee has conducted the business in an immoral or disorderly manner, or has failed to exercise reasonable efforts to maintain order among the customers and patrons and to prevent violation of law or ordinance by them;
- (e) Where the business has been conducted as to be a public nuisance;
- (f) Where acts of sexual misconduct, or prostitution, have been committed within the course and scope of the business operations; or
- (g) Where the licensee has failed to pay the charges imposed by this chapter or to file reports as required by this chapter within 60 days after such charges or reports become delinquent.

(Redondo Beach Municipal Code, § 6-1.26.) If the City Council decides to suspend, revoke or impose new conditions, the reason for the City Council’s decision must be based on one or more of the above instances. A license may be suspended for such time and subject to such conditions as may be imposed in the same manner and for the same reasons that a license may be revoked. (Redondo Beach Municipal Code, § 6-1.27.)

Both the business owner and the Redondo Beach Police Department were given the opportunity to submit additional documentation and materials pertaining to the matter. As of the publishing of this administrative report, no material had been submitted by the business owner. The Redondo Beach Police Department and the Quality of Life Prosecutor, Stephanie Johnson, prepared a packet for City Council consideration (see attached).

Pursuant to the City’s Rules of Conduct for Council Meetings, in a quasi-judicial public hearing, the City Council must open the public hearing and receive and file the affidavit of publication, case file and written correspondence by motion. The proponent, in this case, the City, has a maximum of one (1) hour to present evidence. Similarly, the appellant in this appeal will also have a maximum of one (1) hour to present evidence. Members of the public each have three (3) minutes to make a statement. The appellant has twenty (20) minutes for rebuttal, and then the City will have twenty (20) minutes for rebuttal.

During the appeal, the Council shall have the authority to determine all questions raised on such appeal. (Redondo Beach Municipal Code, § 6-1.14.) The formal rules of evidence and discovery do not apply in this hearing. Witnesses that appear and give testimony do not have to be sworn in. Any witness who does not appear at the hearing will affirm in writing that the testimony statement is true and correct. Such testimony may be subject to further questioning from the City Council. Written testimony submitted in accordance with that affirmation may be admitted into the record. The burden of proof on the City shall be “by a preponderance of the evidence,” that is, evidence which as a whole shows that the fact sought to be proved is more probable than not. Once the City has presented and established a case in support of the revocation of the business license, the burden shifts to the appellant, here the business owner, as the objecting party.

After City Council discussion, the City Council may move and vote to reinstate the business license if the City Council finds that the City failed to present sufficient evidence to justify the revocation. However, if the City Council finds that the revocation is supported by substantial evidence, the City Council may temporarily suspend the business license, permanently revoke the business license, or reinstate and impose new

conditions upon the business license. Accordingly, it should be noted, that a short break may be necessary during the hearing to draft a resolution that codifies the City Council's decision and findings before taking final action.

COORDINATION

The City Attorney prepared this administrative report.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding to conduct the appeal and prepare related materials is included in the involved departments' annual operating budgets.

SUBMITTED BY:

Joy A. Ford, City Attorney

ATTACHMENTS

- Administrative Order
- Request for Appeal dated December 24, 2025
- Record Demand Letter dated December 24, 2025
- Notice for public hearing for Appeal from City Clerk
- Redondo Beach packet in support of business license revocation
- Redondo Beach Municipal Code Sections

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2 **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING**
3 **FOR THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA**
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5 CITY OF REDONDO BEACH,
6 CALIFORNIA,

7 Complainant,

8 vs.

9 MANHATTAN BEACH SMOKE SHOP,
10 INC.

11 Respondent

) **DECISION AND ORDER: RE:**
) MANHATTAN BEACH SMOKE SHOP,
) INC. BUSINESS LICENSE REVOCATION

) Date: December 10, 2025

) Time: 1:30 p.m.

) Place: City Council Chambers, Redondo
) Beach City Hall

) Administrative Hearing Officer: Luke
) Smude

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13 The Administrative Hearing in the above-entitled matter was scheduled to
14 commence at 1:30 p.m. on December 10, 2025 in the Planning Conference Room in
15 Redondo Beach City Hall located at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California
16 92077. Prior to the start of the Administrative Hearing, all parties were amenable to
17 moving the site of the Hearing to the City Council Chambers, also located within Redondo
18 Beach City Hall.

19 The City of Redondo Beach was present and represented by Stephanie Johnson,
20 Senior Deputy City Prosecutor. The Hearing was also attended by Lt. Strosneider, Officer
21 Trammel, and Sergeant Spry from the Redondo Beach Police Department.

22 Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop, Inc. (Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop) was
23 represented by Sammy Zreik, Attorney at Law. Mr. Zreik was joined by Feras Adamo,
24 the identified owner of Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop.

25 Assistant City Attorney Cheryl Park was also present and served as the Legal
26 Advisor to the Hearing Officer.
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1 The hearing was convened following a Notice of Revocation issued on November
2 25, 2025, based on violations of state and municipal laws governing the sale, offer for
3 sale, possession with intent to sell flavored tobacco products, including Health and Safety
4 Code Sections 104559.5(a)(17)(A)(i), 104559.5(a)(18), 104559.5(a)(1), and
5 104559.5(b)(1) and Redondo beach Municipal Code Section 5-9.205(c).

6 I, Luke Smude, the Hearing Officer, commenced the hearing at 1:37 p.m.

7 The City of Redondo Beach presented their case first. The City of Redondo Beach
8 submitted a packet comprised of eight (8) exhibits that were admitted into evidence.

9 Sergeant Spry testified regarding an inspection that took place at the Manhattan
10 Beach Smoke Shop on March 18, 2025. His testimony included:

- 11 • Sgt. Spry has over 25 years of law enforcement experience, including 15
12 years with RBPB and 10 years with the LA School Police. He has extensive
13 experience in investigating and prosecuting sales-related cases, particularly
14 involving career criminals and narcotics.
- 15 • Sgt. Spry coordinated with the California Department of Tax and Fee
16 Administration (CDTFA) to conduct an inspection of Manhattan Beach
17 Smoke Shop following community complaints and a report made during a
18 City Council meeting. The inspection was carried out by CDTFA Inspectors
19 Benitez and Wilkerson, accompanied by Sgt. Spry and other RBPB
20 detectives. The team arrived at the business in plain clothes with visible
21 police identification and conducted the inspection under applicable state
22 and local laws.
- 23 • During the inspection, Sgt. Spry observed CDTFA agents identifying and
24 separating flavored tobacco and nicotine products from other inventory.
25 These included flavored vapes, menthol cigarettes, and flavored nicotine
26 pouches (e.g., Zyn). Products were found behind the counter, in storage
27 areas, and in a locked cabinet on the retail floor. The total number of seized
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1 items exceeded 1,600, with an estimated retail value of approximately
2 \$20,000.

- 3 • Sgt. Spry did not personally conduct the inspection but reviewed the CDTFA
4 report prior to the hearing. He confirmed the presence of 1,051 products
5 seized from the retail and storage areas, including 373 flavored nicotine
6 pouches and 579 flavored cigarettes. He noted that the store layout
7 included multiple display cases, a cigar room, and a point-of-sale system,
8 indicating a fully operational retail environment.
- 9 • In Sgt. Spry's professional opinion, the quantity and placement of the seized
10 products demonstrated possession with intent to sell. He emphasized that
11 the volume of inventory and its accessibility within a retail setting suggested
12 commercial activity rather than personal use. The inspection concluded with
13 the issuance of an administrative citation to the business owner.

14 Mr. Zreik then presented his case via oral arguments and testimony from Feras
15 Adamo. The evidence included:

- 16 • Mr. Adamo is the owner of Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop, which began
17 operations at the current location on January 1, 2024, following its
18 incorporation in 2014 and prior operation at 1005 N. Aviation Blvd. The
19 business had no prior citations from the City of Manhattan Beach or CDTFA.
- 20 • Mr. Adamo testified that he purchased and remodeled the Redondo Beach
21 property, investing over \$1 million in building improvements and an
22 additional \$80,000 in sidewalk upgrades to meet code requirements. Upon
23 closing the Manhattan Beach location, approximately \$500,000 in inventory
24 was relocated to the new site. He emphasized that the business has never
25 been cited for selling flavored tobacco or selling to minors.
- 26 • The store enforces strict age verification policies, including signage
27 prohibiting entry to individuals under 21 and the use of ID scanning
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1 equipment. Employees are trained to check IDs and deny entry to underage
2 individuals.

- 3 • Regarding the March 18, 2025 inspection, Mr. Adamo was not present at
4 the time but responded promptly to CDTFA's request to access the office
5 and storage areas. He cooperated fully with the inspection and provided
6 invoices for all products. He stated that all products were California excise
7 tax compliant, with no counterfeit or out-of-state items.
- 8 • Mr. Adamo clarified that no tobacco products were seized prior to his arrival,
9 as the storage area was secured with a deadbolt and access code. He
10 asserted that the flavored tobacco products were not for sale and were
11 remnants from the previous location. He noted that wholesalers do not
12 accept returns of such products, leaving him with limited options for
13 disposal. He had elected to store the flavor banned products in a locked
14 storage area that was not accessible to employees on the sales floor.
- 15 • He estimated the value of the flavored products at approximately \$25,000,
16 which he considered a small portion of his overall inventory. He explained
17 that the small size of vape and nicotine products can quickly accumulate to
18 high quantities.
- 19 • The business employs 45 full-time staff, maintains compliance with EDD
20 and insurance requirements, and has no tax or regulatory violations.
- 21 • Mr. Adamo expressed that the license revocation would cause devastating
22 hardship. He committed to full compliance with City codes, welcomed future
23 inspections, and offered to subdivide the store to better manage inventory.
24 Mr. Zreik, who has represented the family since 2005, attested to their
25 history of honest business practices and regular audits by the state.
- 26 • Mr. Adamo acknowledged awareness of the flavored tobacco ban, noting
27 that although the ban was enacted in 2022 and upheld by voters,
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1 enforcement by CDTFA began in 2024. He maintained that the products
2 were not actively offered for sale at the Redondo Beach location.

3 Ms. Johnson presented the City's closing arguments, emphasizing that the hearing
4 was convened to determine whether the Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop violated laws
5 prohibiting the sale, or possession for sale of flavored tobacco products.

6 The City reiterated key evidence presented during the hearing, including testimony
7 from Sgt. Spry, who observed flavored vape products stored behind the retail counter—
8 an area typically associated with items intended for sale.

9 While acknowledging Mr. Adamo's claim of compliance and good faith, the City
10 questioned the lack of preserved surveillance footage that could have clarified the
11 placement and accessibility of the banned products. The City noted that the flavored
12 tobacco ban was enacted in 2022, and Mr. Adamo had ample time to remove or relocate
13 the prohibited products from the retail environment.

14 The City argued that the presence of flavored tobacco products in both the retail
15 and back storage areas—some of which were not securely locked—raised concerns
16 about their availability for sale. Based on the totality of the evidence and the standard of
17 a preponderance of evidence, the City concluded that the business possessed and
18 displayed flavored tobacco products in a manner consistent with intent to sell.

19 Accordingly, the City asserted that the temporary suspension of Business License
20 No. 330177 and the permanent revocation of the business license are warranted based
21 on the evidence presented.

22 In his closing argument for the Respondent, Mr. Zreik argued that the detective
23 present during the inspection was acting in a law enforcement capacity and did not
24 conduct the actual investigation or seize any products. They emphasized that merely
25 observing the presence of flavored tobacco products does not constitute intent to sell.
26 Specifically, they noted that vape juice was not actively being sold at the time of the
27 inspection, challenging the assertion that possession equated to commercial intent.
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1 All testimony, evidence, and arguments presented by the City and the Respondent
2 during the Administrative Hearing were duly noted and taken under submission by the
3 Hearing Officer prior to issuing this decision.

4 Following the Administrative Hearing, the Hearing Officer requested additional
5 evidence from both the City and the Respondent via email on December 11, 2025. This
6 included, from the City:

- 7 • Bodycam Footage from Redondo Beach PD Officers from inside the store
- 8 • Narrative reports from the CDTFA Inspectors
- 9 • Photos from the CDTFA Inspectors showing product location in the store
10 prior to staging for seizure

11 From the Respondent:

- 12 • Invoices for the seized flavor banned products
- 13 • Photos or video from the store prior to products being moved/seized
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15 Ms. Johnson requested the information on behalf of the City but was unable to
16 produce the requested items. Mr. Zreik was able to provide unredacted purchase receipts
17 for a number of the products seized. The receipts contained flavor banned products with
18 purchase dates ranging from January 3, 2022 through October 21, 2022. However, Mr.
19 Zreik was not able to provide evidence that the purchased products were the same
20 products that were seized.
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22 **FINDINGS**

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24 **BASED ON THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED** and admitted into the record at the
25 Administrative Hearing on December 10, 2025, I find there are sufficient facts to
26 establish, by a preponderance of the evidence, Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop Inc.
27 violated applicable provisions of the Redondo Beach Municipal Code and California law
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1 by selling, offering for sale or possession with intent to sell banned flavored tobacco
2 products for sale.

3 The observations by Sgt. Spry support the finding that Manhattan Beach Smoke
4 Shop Inc. violated the Redondo Beach Municipal Code §5-9.205 and California law by
5 selling, offering for sale or possession with intent to sell flavored tobacco products.
6 Specifically, the testimony of Sgt. Spry unequivocally established that the availability for
7 sale of flavored tobacco products, including flavored vapes, menthol cigarettes, and
8 flavored nicotine pouches (e.g., Zyn) and other banned products were found on the
9 sales/retail floor at the time of the inspection at Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop Inc.'s
10 business location during open business hours on March 18, 2025. These findings are
11 supported by Sgt. Spry's oral testimony as well as the report regarding the seized
12 flavored tobacco products that were submitted as evidence.

13 The additional evidence submitted by Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop Inc. at the
14 request of the Hearing Officer does substantiate the prior testimony of Mr. Adamo
15 regarding the dates that maybe some of the flavored products were purchased.
16 However, none of the additional evidence provided addressed whether flavor banned
17 products were indeed on the sales floor at the time of the inspection and subsequent
18 seizure.
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20 **DECISION**

21 The sale, offer for sale, and possession with intent to sell flavored tobacco products
22 are prohibited under California law and constitute a violation of the Redondo Beach
23 Municipal Code. (Health and Safety Code Sections 104559.5(a)(17)(A)(i),
24 104559.5(a)(18), 104559.5(a)(1), and 104559.5(b)(1) and Redondo Beach Municipal
25 Code Section 5-9.205(c)).The business license is subject to revocation under the
26 authority granted to the City Manager's Office
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1 Accordingly, the Notice of Revocation issued on November 25, 2025, was justified,
2 and the permanent revocation of the business license is warranted based on the evidence
3 presented.

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5 **ORDER**

6 THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the business license issued to
7 Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop, Inc. is revoked effective immediately. Manhattan Beach
8 Smoke Shop, Inc. shall cease all operations involving the sale and display of tobacco
9 products located at 2205 Artesia Boulevard, Unit A within the City of Redondo Beach. It
10 is further ordered that Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop Inc. shall surrender the business
11 license to Redondo Beach Police Department within five business days.

12 This decision may be appealed pursuant to procedures outlined in the Redondo
13 Beach Municipal Code.

14 Representatives for both the City and Respondent agreed that this Administrative
15 Decision and Order could be issued via email, with a hard copy also being made available
16 in the City Clerk's Office.

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18 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE December 19, 2025.

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20 Dated: December 19, 2025



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22 _____
23 Luke Smude
24 Administrative Hearing Officer

25 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT YOU MAY FILE AN APPEAL WITHIN TEN (10)
26 BUSINESS DAYS TO THE CITY COUNCIL. YOU SHALL REMAIN SUBJECT TO THIS
27 ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION AND ORDER DURING ANY PERIOD OF APPEAL.
28 Redondo Beach Municipal Code §6-1.27(b).

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December 24, 2025

NOTICE OF APPEAL

City Clerk's Office

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Redondo Beach, CA 90277

City Clerk: Eleanor.Manzano@redondo.org

General City Clerk Email: cityclerk@redondo.org

**Re: Notice of Material Breach of Appeal Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop, Inc,
License number 330177; 2205 Artesia Blvd., Unit A, Redondo Beach, California
90278. Administrative Hearing December 10, 2025; Decision December 19,
2025. NOTICE OF APPEAL TO CITY COUNCIL (RBMC § 6-1.27(b))**

Dear Ms. Eleanor Manzano:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop, Inc. ("Appellant") hereby appeals to the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach from the written decision issued by the Hearing Officer, Luke Smude, following the administrative hearing conducted on December 10, 2025, concerning the temporary and permanent revocation of Business License No. 330177.

This appeal is filed pursuant to Redondo Beach Municipal Code section 6-1.27(b) and is timely made within ten (10) business days of service of the Hearing Officer's written decision.

GROUND'S FOR APPEAL

This appeal is based on, without limitation, the following grounds, which are stated summarily and will be further addressed during City Council review:

The decision is not supported by substantial evidence in the administrative record as a whole.

1. The proceedings failed to provide a fair hearing as required by law.
2. The Hearing Officer abused discretion and/or acted in excess of jurisdiction.
3. The penalty imposed is arbitrary, disproportionate, and excessive under the circumstances.

Kam Kooshki*
Sammy Zreik

*Admitted in Washington D.C.

4. The City failed to properly apply and reconcile governing provisions of the Redondo Beach Municipal Code and applicable state law.

Procedural inconsistencies and conflicting guidance within the City's administrative materials deprived Appellant of clear notice and due process.

Appellant expressly reserves all rights, arguments, objections, and remedies available under state and federal law, including but not limited to judicial review pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1094.5.

REQUEST FOR RECORD

Appellant hereby requests that the entire administrative record be prepared and transmitted to the City Council for review, including but not limited to:

1. The hearing audio or video recording (if any)
2. All exhibits admitted or considered by the Hearing Officer
3. All reports, memoranda, and documents relied upon by City staff
4. The written decision and notice of revocation

STATUS OF BUSINESS

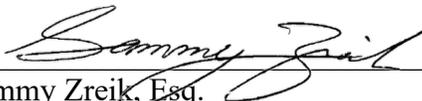
Appellant acknowledges that, pursuant to RBMC § 6-1.27(b), the business remains subject to the Hearing Officer's decision during the pendency of this appeal, and files this Notice without waiver of any challenge to the legality or enforcement of that condition.

Reservation of Rights. Nothing in this letter shall be construed as a waiver of any right, remedy, or cause of action, all of which are expressly reserved.

Please direct all communications regarding this matter to the undersigned. Lessee remains willing to resolve this dispute amicably and invites Lessor's prompt response.

Nothing in this letter shall be deemed a waiver of any and all legal claims, causes of action, or remedies available to Lessee under applicable law. All rights and remedies are expressly reserved.

Sincerely,



Sammy Zreik, Esq.
WHITBECK, KOOSHKI & ZREIK L.L.P
Attorney for Manhattan Beach Smoke Inc.,

LAW FIRM OF
WHITBECK, KOOSHKI & ZREIK L.L.P

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December 24, 2025

RECORD DEAMND LETTER

City Clerk's Office

Office: Redondo Beach City Clerk

415 Diamond Street,

Redondo Beach, CA 90277

City Clerk: Eleanor.Manzano@redondo.org

General City Clerk Email: cityclerk@redondo.org

Re: Demand for Administrative Record

Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop, Inc. – Business License No. 330177

Dear City Clerk:

Please take notice that Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop, Inc. hereby formally requests preparation and production of the complete administrative record relating to the temporary and permanent revocation of Business License No. 330177, including the administrative hearing conducted on December 10, 2025.

This request is made in connection with Appellant's timely appeal to the City Council pursuant to RBMC § 6-1.27(b) and for purposes of preserving all rights to further review.

RECORD REQUESTED

Please include, without limitation:

1. The notice(s) of revocation and all amendments or supplements;
2. The written decision of the Hearing Officer;
3. Any audio, video, or stenographic recording of the hearing;
4. All exhibits admitted, referenced, or considered, whether marked or unmarked;
5. All reports, memoranda, emails, notes, or internal documents relied upon by City staff or the Hearing Officer;
6. All licensing records and enforcement history relied upon;

Kam Kooshki*
Sammy Zreik

*Admitted in Washington D.C.

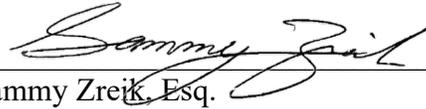
7. Any correspondence between City departments relating to this matter.

If any portion of the record is claimed to be exempt or unavailable, please identify the basis for such claim and produce all non-exempt portions.

Please advise when the record will be available and in what format. Electronic production is requested if available. Appellant is prepared to pay any reasonable copying or preparation fees required by law.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please confirm receipt of this request in writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sammy Zreik", is written over a horizontal line.

Sammy Zreik, Esq.

WHITBECK, KOOSHKI & ZREIK L.L.P
Attorney for Manhattan Beach Smoke Inc.,

January 29, 2026

Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop, Inc/2205 Artesia Blvd, Unit A
Attn: Sammy Zreik
21515 Hawthorne Blvd, Ste 1130
Torrance, CA 90503

RE: City Council Hearing Date for Appeal of February 24, 2026, regarding Administrative Hearing December 10, 2025; Decision December 19, 2025, Licence number 330177
Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop. Inc - 2205 Artesia Blvd, Unit A, Redondo Beach 90278

Dear Mr. Zreik:

With regards to your Application for Appeal regarding the above, a hearing date has been set.

Please be advised that a public hearing will take place at a City Council meeting on **Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.** or shortly thereafter, in the City Council Chamber located at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, CA 90277.

If desired, kindly submit any additional documentation/materials (such as presentations) with the City Clerk no later than seven [7] days before the public hearing via email to Cityclerk@redondo.org.

If you have any further questions, please contact Stephanie Johnson at (310) 697-3056 or via email at Stephanie.Johnson@redondo.org.

Sincerely,



Eleanor Manzano
City Clerk

Cc via email: Marc Wiener, Community Development Director
Joy Ford, City Attorney
Cheryl Park, Assistant City Attorney
Stephanie Johnson, Senior Deputy City Prosecutor
Chief Sprengel, Police Chief

Administrative Appeal Hearing

City of Redondo Beach
415 Diamond Street
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop
dba Redondo Smoke Shop and Hookah
2205 Artesia Blvd.
Redondo Beach, CA 90278

February 24, 2026
1:00 p.m.

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10 BEACH, a government entity

11 **CITY OF REDONDO BEACH**
12 **ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL**

13 Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop DBA) **ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL**
14 Redondo Smoke Shop & Hookah,) **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND**
15 Appellant.) **AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT IN**
16) **SUPPORT OF A PERMANENT**
17) **REVOCATION OF BUSINESS LICENSE**
18) **#330177**
19 Administrative Appeal Re Business License)
20 #330177 Permanent Revocation)
21) Date: February 24, 2026
22) Time: 1:00 p.m.
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23 Redondo Beach Senior Deputy City Prosecutor, Stephanie W. Johnson, on behalf of the Redondo
24 Beach Police Department, hereby submits the following Administrative Appeal Memorandum of Points
25 and Authorities in support of permanently revoking business license #330177 issued to the Manhattan
26 Beach Smoke Shop dba Redondo Smoke Shop and Hookah located at 2205 Artesia Boulevard, Unit A,
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1 Redondo Beach, California under the ownership of Feras Adamo. (See Attachment 1 – City of Redondo
2 Beach Licensing Documents).

3 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

4
5 **I. Introduction**

6 Recent changes in California law have significantly strengthened regulations governing tobacco
7 sales, particularly with respect to youth access prevention and the elimination of flavored tobacco
8 products. In 2019, Redondo Beach enacted laws to help prevent underage smoking within the city.
9 Redondo Beach Municipal Code § 5-9.205(c) prohibits a retailer from selling a tobacco product
10 containing flavor enhancers. In 2020, Senate Bill 38 (Tobacco 21) raised the minimum legal age to
11 purchase tobacco and nicotine products to twenty-one (21) years old statewide, aligning California law
12 with Federal Tobacco 21 requirements and restricting both in-person and delivery sales to individuals
13 under the age of twenty-one (21).

14 Building upon these protections, California voters approved Proposition 31 during the November
15 2022 General Election, establishing one of the most comprehensive flavored tobacco bans in the nation.
16 Effective June 1, 2024, Proposition 31 prohibited the retail sale of flavored tobacco products, including
17 menthol cigarettes, flavored e-cigarettes and vaping products, flavored chewing tobacco, cigars, hookah
18 tobacco, and other nicotine products containing a characterizing flavor imparting a taste or aroma other
19 than tobacco.

20 These measures were enacted to reduce youth initiation, limit nicotine addiction, and protect
21 public health by eliminating products shown to disproportionately appeal to minors. The Redondo Beach
22 Police Department (“RBPD”) has been tasked with enforcing Tobacco Control Laws within the City
23 with the assistance of the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (“CDTFA”).

24 The following summary of statutory and municipal provisions govern enforcement of the
25 Tobacco Control Laws utilized in the case involving the Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop:

26
27 *Business and Professions Code § 22974.2(a)(1)* states as follows: “Notwithstanding any
28 other provision of this division, upon discovery by the department or a law enforcement
agency that a retailer possesses, stores, owns, or has made a retail sale of flavored

1 tobacco products or tobacco product flavor enhancers in violation of Section 104559.5 of
2 the Health and Safety Code, the department or the law enforcement agency may seize the
3 flavored tobacco products or tobacco product flavor enhancers at the retail location or
4 any other person's location.

5 *Health and Safety Code §104559.5(a)(17)(A)(i)* defines "tobacco product" as a product
6 containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine intended for human consumption,
7 including cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, and snuff.

8 *Health and Safety Codes § 104559.5(a)(6)* defines "flavored tobacco product" as any
9 tobacco product that contains a constituent that imparts a characterizing flavor. "Flavored
10 tobacco product" includes any tobacco product, other than looseleaf tobacco, a premium
11 cigar, or a shisha tobacco product, that is not listed on the Unflavored Tobacco List
12 established and maintained by the Attorney General pursuant to Section 104559.1.

13 *Health and Safety Code §104559.5(a)(1)* defines "characterizing flavor" as a taste or odor
14 distinguishable by an ordinary consumer, either prior to or during consumption, other
15 than the taste or odor of tobacco, including fruit, chocolate, vanilla, honey, candy, cocoa,
16 dessert, alcoholic beverage, menthol, mint, wintergreen, herb, spice, or any cooling
17 sensation.

18 *Health and Safety Code §104559.5(a)(18)* defines "tobacco product enhancer" as a
19 product designed, manufactured, produced, marketed, or sold to produce a characterizing
20 flavor when added to a tobacco product.

21 *Health and Safety Code §104559.5(b)(1)* prohibits a tobacco retailer, or any of its agents
22 or employees, from selling, offering for sale, or possessing with intent to sell any
23 flavored tobacco product or tobacco product flavor enhancer.

24 *Redondo Beach Municipal Code §5-9.205(c)* prohibits retailers from selling tobacco
25 products or electronic smoking device products containing artificial or natural flavors that
26 constitute a characterizing flavor. An exception exists for licensed hookah businesses
27 restricting entry to patrons 21 years or older (or active duty military personnel 18 years or
28 older).

(See Attachment 2- Law and Applicable Statutory and Municipal Provisions)

23 **II. Statement of Facts**

24 In response to these enacted laws, RBPD coordinated with CDTFA to assist with enforcement
25 efforts within the City of Redondo Beach. On March 18, 2025, CDTFA inspectors, accompanied by
26 members of RBPD, conducted an inspection at the Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop. The inspection was
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1 conducted by CDTFA personnel, while RBPD detectives remained on standby to provide assistance, as
2 needed.

3 During the inspection, numerous flavored tobacco products were identified and seized. The
4 recovered items were documented under Complaint No. 6-621-947 and later itemized by CDTFA.
5 Documentation by CDTFA confirmed that the merchandise recovered consisted of flavored tobacco
6 products in violation of California state law. (*See Attachment 3 – Declaration of CDTFA Inspector*
7 *Milena Benitez*).

8 As a result of these violations, a business license revocation hearing was initiated. RBPD issued
9 the smoke shop a Notice of Revocation on November 25, 2025, and an administrative hearing was
10 conducted on December 10, 2025. (*See Attachment 4 – Notice of Revocation*). At this hearing, RBPD
11 Sergeant Joshua Spry provided detailed testimony regarding his observations during the inspection.
12 Sergeant Spry is a twenty-six (26) year veteran of the police department and has participated in hundreds
13 of investigations throughout his career. He has consistently demonstrated the ability to thoroughly
14 analyze cases and render informed professional opinions based on the evidence collected and the totality
15 of information obtained during investigations.

16 Sergeant Spry testified that flavored tobacco products were displayed within the storefront area
17 and visible to customers entering the store, creating the appearance that the items were available for
18 purchase. He further testified that additional flavored tobacco products were located in a large cabinet
19 within the store and in a locked storage room. Based on his training and experience, Sergeant Spry
20 formed the professional opinion that the flavored tobacco products located in plain view within the sales
21 area were possessed for the purpose of sale to customers entering the business. At the time of the
22 administrative hearing, CDTFA inspectors were unavailable for testimony and photographs had not been
23 released to the police department.

24 The owner of the smoke shop also testified at the administrative hearing. He testified that all
25 flavored tobacco products were stored in a locked storage room at the smoke shop, were inaccessible to
26 store employees and unavailable for purchase by customers. He further explained that the smoke shop
27 enforces strict age verification policies and is in compliance with California tax laws. The smoke shop
28 did not present video surveillance of the inspection, nor did they have the employee working testify.

1 At the conclusion of the administrative hearing, the matter was taken under advisement by the
2 Redondo Beach City Manager Hearing Officer Designee (“Hearing Officer”). An email from the Hearing
3 Officer was sent to the attorneys representing the City and the smoke shop on December 11, 2025,
4 requesting additional items as follows: (1) invoices for the seized flavor banned products; (2) photos or
5 video from the store prior to products being moved/seized; (3) body cam footage from RBPD officers
6 from inside the store; (4) narrative reports from the CDTFA Inspectors; and (5) photos from CDTFA
7 Inspectors showing product location in the store prior to staging for seizure. The attorney for the smoke
8 shop provided certain invoices to the Hearing Officer prior to the issuance of the Final Decision. No
9 other items were submitted.

10 A Final Decision to permanently revoke business license #330177 was issued on December 19,
11 2025. Based on the evidence presented at the hearing, the Hearing Officer found, by a preponderance of
12 the evidence, that the Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop violated applicable provisions of the Redondo
13 Beach Municipal Code (“RBMC”) and California law by selling, offering for sale or possession with
14 intent to sell banned flavored tobacco products. The sale, offer for sale, and possession with intent to sell
15 flavored tobacco products are prohibited under California law and constitute a violation of the RBMC 6-
16 1.26(b). (Health and Safety Code §§ 104559.5(a)(17)(A)(i), 104559.5(a)(18), 104559.5(a)(1), and
17 104559.5(b)(1) and RBMC § 5-9.205(c)). This appeal followed.

18 **III. Legal Analysis and Standard of Review**

19 Any business license issued by the City of Redondo Beach may be temporarily suspended,
20 revoked or have new conditions imposed in any of the following instances:

21 (a) Where the City Manager (or designee) finds and determines that the
22 preservation of the public health, safety, and peace demand revocation of such
23 license or permit;

24 (b) Where the licensee or permittee has violated any provisions of this Code, any
25 ordinance of the City or any other provision of law;

26 (c) Where a permit or license has been granted on false or fraudulent evidence,
27 testimony or application;
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1 (d) Where the licensee has conducted the business in an immoral or disorderly
2 manner, or has failed to exercise reasonable efforts to maintain order among the
customers and patrons and to prevent violation of law or ordinance by them;

3 (e) Where the business has been conducted as to be a public nuisance;

4 (f) Where acts of sexual misconduct, or prostitution, have been committed within
5 the course and scope of business operations; or

6 (g) Where the licensee has failed to pay the charges imposed by this chapter or to
7 file reports as required by this chapter within 60 days after such charges or reports
become delinquent.

8 (RBMC § 6-1.26)

9 In this case, revocation of business license #330177 was undertaken because the Manhattan
10 Beach Smoke Shop was in violation of RBMC § 6-1.26(b) in that it was operating in violation of the law
11 at the time of the inspection. From 2022, the business owner remained in possession of flavored banned
12 tobacco products and kept them onsite at the smoke shop. During the inspection, several flavor banned
13 nicotine products were located on display shelves behind the store counter and on the counter at the front
14 of the store. Additional banned products were located in a storage cabinet and were accessible to store
15 employees. These products included flavored nicotine pouches, flavored vape products, as well as
16 flavored tobacco juices. Even more flavor banned tobacco products were found in a locked storage room.
17 The Business and Professions Code and California Tobacco Control Laws do not allow for possession
or storage of flavor banned tobacco products, let alone possession with the intent to sell them.

18 This appeal is being heard on a *de novo* standard, meaning City Council is assessing the merits of
19 the business license revocation from the beginning and may make an independent decision. New
20 evidence to support Sergeant Spry's testimony has been obtained and City Council may consider a
21 declaration by CDTFA Inspector Milena Benitez, as well as photographs taken on the day of the
22 inspection. This newly obtained evidence clearly supports Sergeant Spry's testimony from the
23 administrative hearing and documents the location and display of the prohibited flavor banned tobacco
24 products within the smoke shop storefront.

25 Inspector Benitez opined in her declaration that the smoke shop was open for business at the
26 time of the inspection, the point-of-sale device appeared to be operational to make purchases, and
27 given the location and accessibility to the public and the store's employees, there is no question that
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1 these items were available for purchase. Sergeant Spry testified similarly that in his background,
2 training and experience, given the quantity and placement of the seized product, it demonstrated
3 possession with intent to sell. He emphasized that the volume of inventory and its accessibility within
4 the retail setting suggested commercial activity rather than personal use. The CDTFA report
5 documented that 1,630 units of flavored tobacco and nicotine products were seized at the time of this
6 inspection, which was valued at \$24,644.00. Given all of this, the Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop is in
7 violation of RBMC 6-1.26(b) for violating California Tobacco Laws defined under Business and
8 Professions Code § 22974.2(a)(1) and Health and Safety Code § 104559.5(b)(1).

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10 **IV. Conclusion**

11 Based on the foregoing, as well as any and all evidence and argument to offered at the appeal
12 hearing on this matter, the Redondo Beach Senior Deputy City Prosecutor, Stephanie W. Johnson, on
13 behalf of the Redondo Beach Police Department, respectfully requests that City Council permanently
14 revoke business license #331077 issued to owner Feras Adamo.

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16 Dated: February 19, 2026

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18 Respectfully Submitted,

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21 _____
22 Stephanie W. Johnson
23 Senior Deputy City Prosecutor
24 City of Redondo Beach

25 Attachments 1-4
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1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

2 At the time of service, I was over 18 years of age and not a party to this action. My
3 business address is: 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, CA 90277.

4 On February 19, 2026, I served true copies of the following document:
5 ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL BRIEF WITH ATTACHMENTS on the following person(s)
6 by way of email:

7 Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk
8 eleanor.manzano@redondo.org

9 Sammy Zreik, Attorney
10 sammy.zreik@wkzlaw.com

11 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
12 foregoing is true and correct.

13 Executed on this 19th day of February, at Redondo Beach, CA.

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15 _____
16 Stephanie W. Johnson
17 Senior Deputy City Prosecutor
18 City of Redondo Beach
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ATTACHMENT 1

Azatoui Akopian

From: Azatoui Akopian
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 10:01 AM
To: Mb Smoke Shop
Subject: RE: New License
Attachments: Image_024.pdf

Hello,

Your business license application has been processed and is ready for payment.

You can pay online at the link listed below:

<https://css.redondo.org/css/citizens/BusinessLicenses/Default.aspx>

In order to pay online, you will need to input your business license account #330177 and your bill #165365. Please note, for each credit card transaction, an additional \$3 convenience fee is charged.

After you make your payment, please print a copy and/or take a picture of the payment confirmation that appears on the screen and save it for your records. The payment confirmation is proof that you have obtained your business license.

Or, you may mail a check made out to the City of Redondo Beach to the following address:

City of Redondo Beach – Cashier’s Office
415 Diamond St
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Regards,
Azy Akopian
License & Collections
City of Redondo Beach



From: Mb Smoke Shop <manhattansmokeshop@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 10:00 AM
To: Azatoui Akopian <Azatoui.Akopian@redondo.org>
Subject: Re: New License



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Thank You

Azatoui Akopian

From: Mb Smoke Shop <manhattansmokeshop@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:45 AM
To: Azatoui Akopian
Subject: Re: New License
Attachments: Manhattan Beach Seller's permit.pdf; TORRANCE SELLER'S PERMIT.pdf; CCF_000060.pdf; MBEIN notice.pdf



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Hello,

1. There will be 4 - 5 employees the first year
2. emergency contact: Luai Adamo (661)373-9204
3. DBA is still pending Approval (attached is a receipt)
4. Attached is both of my current permits (will be adding this location next week)
5. Attached

Thank You

From: Azatoui Akopian <Azatoui.Akopian@redondo.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 2:49 PM
To: Mb Smoke Shop <manhattansmokeshop@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: New License

Hello,

Than you for the interest in applying for a Redondo Beach Business License.
The application is not complete.

Please answer the following questions or provide the necessary documents.

1. How many employees will work out of this location?
2. Provide an emergency contact, must be someone other than Feras
Provide their name and number
3. Provide a copy of the DBA (Doing Business As) Filing
4. Provide a copy of the sellers permit
5. Provide a copy of the letter from IRS showing the EIN number

Thank You

Regards,
Azy Akopian
License & Collections
City of Redondo Beach



Dr. Shirley N. Weber
California Secretary of State

Business Search - Entity Detail

The California Business Search is updated daily and reflects work processed through Tuesday, May 11, 2021. Please refer to document [Processing Times](#) for the received dates of filings currently being processed. The data provided is not a complete or certified record of an entity. Not all images are available online.

C4148387 MANHATTAN BEACH SMOKE SHOP, INC

Registration Date:	05/11/2018
Jurisdiction:	CALIFORNIA
Entity Type:	DOMESTIC STOCK
Status:	ACTIVE
Agent for Service of Process:	GEORGE TALISSE 4630 CAMPUS DR STE 204 NEWPORT BEACH CA 92660
Entity Address:	1005 N AVIATION BLVD MANHATTAN BEACH CA 90266
Entity Mailing Address:	1005 N AVIATION BLVD MANHATTAN BEACH CA 90266

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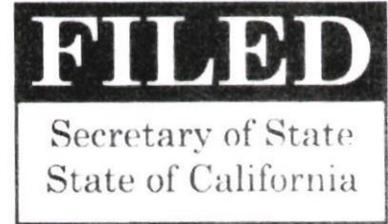
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 - c. Street Address of Principal Executive Office: 1005 N AVIATION BLVD
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United States of America
- 3. Officers:
 - a. Chief Executive Officer: FERAS ADAMO
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4. Director: FERAS ADAMO
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MANHATTAN BEACH, California 90266
United States of America
- Number of Vacancies on the Board of Directors: 0
5. Agent for Service of Process: GEORGE TALISSE
4630 CAMPUS DR STE 204
NEWPORT BEACH, California 92660
United States of America
6. Type of Business: RETAIL SMOKE SHOP

By signing this document, I certify that the information is true and correct and that I am authorized by California law to sign.

Electronic Signature: FERAS ADAMO

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YOUR RETURN MAILING ADDRESS
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 ADDRESS: 101 N. BRAND BLVD., 11TH FLOOR
 CITY: GLENDALE STATE CA ZIP CODE: 91203

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1. REDONDO SMOKE SHOP AND HOOKAH 2. _____
Print Fictitious Business Name(s)
 2205 ARTESIA BLVD
Street address of principal place of business
 REDONDO BEACH CA 90278 LA COUNTY
City State/Country Zip COUNTY City State/Country Zip
Mailing address if different

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #/ON 4148387

***REGISTERED OWNER(S):

- | | |
|--|---|
| <p>1. MANHATTAN BEACH SMOKE SHOP, INC
 <small>Full Name/Corp/LLC (P.O. Box not accepted)</small>
 1005 N AVIATION BLVD.
 <small>Residence Address</small>
 MANHATTAN BEACH CA 90266
 <small>City State/Country Zip</small>
 CA
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| <p>3. _____
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IF MORE THAN FOUR REGISTRANTS, ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEET SHOWING OWNER INFORMATION

****THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: (Check one)

- an Individual
- a General Partnership
- a Limited Partnership
- a Limited Liability Company
- an Unincorporated Association other than a Partnership
- a Corporation
- a Trust
- Copartners
- a Married Couple
- Joint Venture
- State or Local Registered Domestic Partners
- a Limited Liability Partnership

*****The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above _____ N/A
(Insert N/A above if you haven't started to transact business)

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

(A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000))

REGISTRANT(S)/CORP/LLCNAME (PRINT) MANHATTAN BEACH SMOKE SHOP, INC TITLE President

REGISTRANT SIGNATURE _____ IF CORP OR LLC, PRINT NAME FERAS ADAMO

If corporation, also print corporate title of officer. If LLC, also print title of officer or manager.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on the date indicated by the filed stamp in the upper right corner

NOTICE - IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014, THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE AFFIDAVIT OF IDENTITY FORM

THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW; (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE)

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS COPY IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL STATEMENT ON FILE IN MY OFFICE
 DEAN C. LOGAN, LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLERK BY P. BARBER Deputy

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This is a true and certified copy of the record
if it bears the seal, imprinted in purple ink,
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APR 16 2021

Deane Lynn REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA



CITY OF REDONDO BEACH
Community Development Department
415 Diamond Street
Redondo Beach, Ca. 90277
(310) 318-0637

Tobacco Retail Permit

Issued to: Feras Adamo

Business Name: **Redondo Smoke Shop & Hookah**

Business Location: 2205 Artesia Blvd.
Redondo Beach, CA 90278

Certificate No.: TRP-2021-01 Expires: February 28, 2022

This certificate allows the above named business to sell tobacco products within the location listed,
subject to the regulations of RBMC Title 5 Chapter 9 Article 2.

As a hookah lounge the business is allowed to sell flavored products.

This certificate is non-transferrable to any other person and/or business location.

This permit shall be displayed in a visible location so as to be easily seen by members of the public and/or City representatives.

Lina Portolese

Permit Administrator

Issued: March 1, 2021

From: Azatoui Akopian <Azatoui.Akopian@redondo.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 9:38 AM
To: Mb Smoke Shop <manhattansmokeshop@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: New License

Hello,

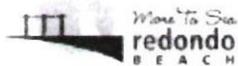
Yes the DBA has been received.
This completes the application.
I will send the application to planning for approval.
Once approved I will process it and send you a link to make the payment online.

Thank You

Regards,
Azy Akopian
License & Collections
City of Redondo Beach



From: Mb Smoke Shop <manhattansmokeshop@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 10:27 AM
To: Azatoui Akopian <Azatoui.Akopian@redondo.org>
Subject: Re: New License



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Hello,
can you please confirm that you have received the DBA

Thank You

From: Mb Smoke Shop <manhattansmokeshop@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 12:15 PM
To: Azatoui Akopian <Azatoui.Akopian@redondo.org>
Subject: Re: New License

Hello,
Attached please find the filed DBA
Thank You

From: Mb Smoke Shop <manhattansmokeshop@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 1:38 PM

To: Azatoui Akopian <Azatoui.Akopian@redondo.org>
Subject: Re: New License

Will do as soon as I receive it
Thank you

From: Azatoui Akopian <Azatoui.Akopian@redondo.org>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 12:56 PM
To: Mb Smoke Shop <manhattansmokeshop@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: New License

Hello,

Thank you for the information.
However the application cannot be processed until we receive the actual DBA Filing.
Once the DBA is approved, please send me the actual filing and I will process the application.

Thank You

Regards,
Azzy Akopian
License & Collections
City of Redondo Beach



From: Mb Smoke Shop <manhattansmokeshop@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:45 AM
To: Azatoui Akopian <Azatoui.Akopian@redondo.org>
Subject: Re: New License



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Hello,

1. There will be 4 - 5 employees the first year
2. emergency contact: Luai Adamo (661)373-9204
3. DBA is still pending Approval (attached is a receipt)
4. Attached is both of my current permits (will be adding this location next week)
5. Attached

Thank You

From: Azatoui Akopian <Azatoui.Akopian@redondo.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 2:49 PM
To: Mb Smoke Shop <manhattansmokeshop@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: New License

Hello,

Thank you for the interest in applying for a Redondo Beach Business License. The application is not complete.

Please answer the following questions or provide the necessary documents.

1. How many employees will work out of this location?
2. Provide an emergency contact, must be someone other than Feras
Provide their name and number
3. Provide a copy of the DBA (Doing Business As) Filing
4. Provide a copy of the sellers permit
5. Provide a copy of the letter from IRS showing the EIN number

Thank You

Regards,
Azzy Akopian
License & Collections
City of Redondo Beach



From: Mb Smoke Shop <manhattansmokeshop@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 1:14 PM
To: blmail <blmail@redondo.org>
Subject: New License



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Attached please find the Business License application for
2205 Artesia Blvd
Redondo Beach, CA
90278

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ATTACHMENT 2

Cal Bus & Prof Code § 22974.2

Current through Ch. 790 of the legislation from the 2025-2026 Regular Session, effective as of October 13, 2025

Deering's California Codes Annotated > **BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS CODE (§§ 1 — 30047)**
> **Division 8.6 Cigarette and Tobacco Products Licensing Act of 2003 (Chs. 1 — 7)**
> **Chapter 2 License for Retailers of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products (§§ 22971.7 — 22974.8)**

§ 22974.2. Seizure and forfeiture of flavored tobacco products; Civil penalties; License suspension and revocation

(a)

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this division, upon discovery by the department or a law enforcement agency that a retailer possesses, stores, owns, or has made a retail sale of flavored tobacco products or tobacco product flavor enhancers in violation of [Section 104559.5 of the Health and Safety Code](#), the department or the law enforcement agency may seize the flavored tobacco products or tobacco product flavor enhancers at the retail location or any other person's location.

(2) Any flavored tobacco products or tobacco product flavor enhancers seized by a law enforcement agency shall be delivered to the department, or its designee, within 30 days, unless the seized flavored tobacco products or tobacco product flavor enhancers shall be destroyed by that law enforcement agency, or unless the seized flavored tobacco products or tobacco product flavor enhancers are otherwise required to be used as evidence in an administrative, criminal, or civil proceeding, or as part of an ongoing law enforcement operation. Any flavored tobacco products or tobacco product flavor enhancers seized by the department or delivered to the department by a law enforcement agency shall be deemed forfeited to the state and the department shall comply with procedures set forth in Chapter 7.5 (commencing with [Section 30435 of Part 13 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code](#)).

(b)

(1) In addition to seizure and forfeiture of the flavored tobacco products or tobacco product flavor enhancers under subdivision (a), the department shall issue a civil penalty against the retailer equal to fifty dollars (\$50) per individual package of flavored tobacco product or tobacco product flavor enhancer seized or delivered to the department by a law enforcement agency regardless of the authority used by the law enforcement agency to seize the flavored tobacco product or tobacco product flavor enhancer. The department shall issue the civil penalty in accordance with the procedures applicable to the civil penalty authorized under Section 22974.7.

(2) In the case of a second seizure and forfeiture of flavored tobacco products or tobacco product flavor enhancers under subdivision (a), the department shall suspend the license of the retailer, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 22980.3.

(3) In the case of a third seizure and forfeiture of flavored tobacco products or tobacco product flavor enhancers under subdivision (a), the department shall revoke the license of the retailer, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 22980.3.

(4) Civil penalties collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Compliance Fund created pursuant to Section 22990.

(5) For the purposes of paragraph (1), "package" means the individual packet, box, or other container of flavored tobacco products or tobacco product flavor enhancers that are normally sold or intended to be sold at retail. "Package" does not include containers that contain smaller packaging units of flavored

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tobacco products or tobacco product flavor enhancers, including, but not limited to, cartons, cases, bales, or boxes.

History

Added [Stats 2024 ch 849 § 2 \(AB 3218\)](#), effective January 1, 2025.

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Current through Ch. 790 of the legislation from the 2025-2026 Regular Session, effective as of October 13, 2025

Deering's California Codes Annotated > *HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE (§§ 1 — 152000)* > *Division 103 Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (Pts. 1 — 7)* > *Part 3 Risk Reduction (Chs. 1 — 4)* > *Chapter 1 Tobacco Control (Arts. 1 — 5)* > *Article 5 Tobacco Sale Prohibition (§ 104559.5)*

§ 104559.5. Prohibition of flavored tobacco product or tobacco product flavor enhancer; Exceptions; Penalties

(a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Characterizing flavor" means a taste or odor, distinguishable by an ordinary consumer either prior to or during the consumption of a tobacco product, other than the taste or odor of tobacco, including, but not limited to, tastes or odors relating to any fruit, chocolate, vanilla, honey, candy, cocoa, dessert, alcoholic beverage, menthol, mint, wintergreen, herb, or spice, or a cooling sensation distinguishable by an ordinary consumer during the consumption of a tobacco product.
- (2) "Constituent" means any ingredient, substance, chemical, or compound, other than tobacco, water, or reconstituted tobacco sheet, that is added by the manufacturer to a tobacco product during the processing, manufacture, or packing of the tobacco product.
- (3) "Department" means the State Department of Public Health.
- (4) "Enforcing agency" means the State Department of Public Health, another state agency, including, but not limited to, the office of the Attorney General, or a local law enforcement agency, including, but not limited to, a city attorney, district attorney, or county counsel.
- (5) "Flavored shisha tobacco product" means any shisha tobacco product that contains a constituent that imparts a characterizing flavor.
- (6) "Flavored tobacco product" means any tobacco product that contains a constituent that imparts a characterizing flavor. "Flavored tobacco product" includes any tobacco product, other than looseleaf tobacco, a premium cigar, or a shisha tobacco product, that is not listed on the Unflavored Tobacco List established and maintained by the Attorney General pursuant to [Section 104559.1](#).
- (7) "Hookah" means a type of waterpipe, used to smoke shisha or other tobacco products, with a long flexible tube for drawing aerosol through water. Components of a hookah may include heads, stems, bowls, and hoses.
- (8) "Hookah tobacco retailer" means a tobacco retailer that is engaged in the retail sale of shisha tobacco products, hookah, and hookah smoking accessories.
- (9) "Labeling" means written, printed, pictorial, or graphic matter upon a tobacco product or any of its packaging.
- (10) "Looseleaf tobacco" consists of cut or shredded pipe tobacco, usually sold in pouches, excluding any tobacco product which, because of its appearance, type, packaging, or labeling, is suitable for use and likely to be offered to, or purchased by, consumers as tobacco for making cigarettes, including roll-your-own cigarettes.

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- (11)** "Nicotine" means any form of the chemical nicotine, including any salt or complex, regardless of whether the chemical is naturally or synthetically derived, and includes nicotinic alkaloids and nicotine analogs.
- (12)** "Packaging" means a pack, box, carton, or container of any kind, or, if no other container, any wrapping, including cellophane, in which a tobacco product is sold or offered for sale to a consumer.
- (13)** "Premium cigar" means any cigar that is handmade, is not mass produced by use of mechanization, has a wrapper that is made entirely from whole tobacco leaf, and has a wholesale price of no less than twelve dollars (\$12). A premium cigar does not have a filter, tip, or nontobacco mouthpiece and is capped by hand.
- (14)** "Retail location" means both of the following:
- (A)** A building from which tobacco products are sold at retail.
 - (B)** Any vending machine, vehicle, mobile unit, booth, stand, or concession that conducts in-person sales of tobacco products directly to the public.
- (15)** "Sale" or "sold" means a sale as that term is defined in [Section 30006 of the Revenue and Taxation Code](#).
- (16)** "Shisha tobacco product" means a tobacco product smoked or intended to be smoked in a hookah. "Shisha tobacco product" includes, and may be referred to as, hookah tobacco, waterpipe tobacco, maassel, narghile, and argileh. "Shisha tobacco product" does not include any electronic devices, such as an electronic hookah, electronic cigarette, or electronic tobacco product.
- (17)**
- (A)** "Tobacco product" means any of the following:
 - (i)** A product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, including cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, or snuff.
 - (ii)** An electronic device that delivers nicotine or other vaporized liquids to the person inhaling from the device, including an electronic cigarette, cigar, pipe, or hookah.
 - (iii)** Any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product, whether or not sold separately.
 - (B)** Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), "tobacco product" does not include: (i) a nicotine replacement product approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, or (ii) cannabis or a cannabis product, as those terms are defined in [Section 26001 of the Business and Professions Code](#). Cannabis or a cannabis product that includes an ingredient, substance, chemical, or compound that contains or is made or derived from tobacco or nicotine is a "tobacco product" under this section.
- (18)** "Tobacco product flavor enhancer" means a product designed, manufactured, produced, marketed, or sold to produce a characterizing flavor when added to a tobacco product.
- (19)** "Tobacco retailer" means a person who engages in this state in the sale of tobacco products directly to the public from a retail location. "Tobacco retailer" includes a person who operates vending machines from which tobacco products are sold in this state.

(b)

- (1)** A tobacco retailer, or any of the tobacco retailer's agents or employees, shall not sell, offer for sale, or possess with the intent to sell or offer for sale, a flavored tobacco product or a tobacco product flavor enhancer.
- (2)** There is a rebuttable presumption that a tobacco product is a flavored tobacco product if a manufacturer or any of the manufacturer's agents or employees, in the course of their agency or

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employment, has made a statement or claim directed to consumers or to the public that the tobacco product has or produces a characterizing flavor, including, but not limited to, text, color, images, or all, on the product's labeling or packaging that are used to explicitly or implicitly communicate that the tobacco product has a characterizing flavor.

(c) Subdivision (b) does not apply to the sale of flavored shisha tobacco products by a hookah tobacco retailer if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The hookah tobacco retailer has a valid license to sell tobacco products issued pursuant to Chapter 2 (commencing with [Section 22971.7](#)) of [Division 8.6 of the Business and Professions Code](#).

(2) The hookah tobacco retailer does not permit any person under 21 years of age to be present or enter the premises at any time.

(3) The hookah tobacco retailer shall operate in accordance with all relevant state and local laws relating to the sale of tobacco products.

(4) If consumption of tobacco products is allowed on the premises of the hookah tobacco retailer, the hookah tobacco retailer shall operate in accordance with all state and local laws relating to the consumption of tobacco products on the premises of a tobacco retailer, including, but not limited to, [Section 6404.5 of the Labor Code](#).

(d) Subdivision (b) does not apply to sales of premium cigars sold in cigar lounges where products are purchased and consumed only on the premises.

(e) Subdivision (b) does not apply to looseleaf tobacco or premium cigars.

(f)

(1) An enforcing agency may assess civil penalties against any person or entity that violates subdivision (b) according to the schedule of civil penalties prescribed in subdivision (a) of [Section 22958 of the Business and Professions Code](#). In the case of a corporation or business with more than one retail location, the number of accumulated violations for purposes of the penalty schedule shall be determined in accordance with subdivision (h) of that section.

(2) In addition to the civil penalties described in paragraph (1), upon the assessment of a civil penalty for the third, fourth, or fifth violation, the department, within 60 days of the date of service of the final administrative adjudication on the parties or payment of the civil penalty for an uncontested violation, shall notify the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration of the violation who shall then assess a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and suspend or revoke a license issued pursuant to Chapter 2 (commencing with [Section 22972](#)) of [Division 8.6 of the Business and Professions Code](#), in accordance with the schedule listed in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of [Section 22958 of the Business and Professions Code](#).

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (7), the civil penalty assessed pursuant to paragraph (2) shall be deposited into the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Compliance Fund and shall be made available to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purposes of meeting its duties prescribed in paragraph (2).

(4) The provisions of Chapter 4 (commencing with [Section 55121](#)) of [Part 30 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code](#) apply with respect to the collection of the penalty imposed by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration pursuant to paragraph (2).

(5) The department shall, upon request, provide information concerning any person or entity that has been assessed a civil penalty for violation of this section to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration when the department has notified the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration of the violation.

(6) Proceedings under this section shall be conducted pursuant to [Section 131071](#), except in cases where a civil penalty is assessed by an enforcing agency other than the department, in which case

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proceedings shall be conducted pursuant to the procedures of that agency that are consistent with [Section 131071](#).

(7) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (3), all moneys collected as civil penalties by the department or by any other state agency or department pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Sale of Tobacco to Minors Control Account.

(g)

(1) Primary responsibility for enforcement of this section shall be with the department. In carrying out its enforcement responsibilities, the department may conduct onsite sting inspections at tobacco retailers randomly, in response to public complaints, or at retailers where violations have previously occurred. Agents of the department, while conducting enforcement activities pursuant to this section, are peace officers and are subject to all of the powers and immunities granted to Food and Drug Section inspectors pursuant to [Section 106500](#) in the same manner as are any Food and Drug Section inspectors of the department.

(2) In addition to the primary enforcement responsibility assumed by the department, another enforcing agency may conduct inspections and assess penalties for violations of this section if that enforcing agency complies with the applicable provisions of this section and with all other applicable provisions of law.

(3) State and local enforcing agencies are encouraged, in order to avoid duplication, to share the results of inspections and coordinate with the department when enforcing this section.

(4) An enforcing agency may use audio or video recording equipment when conducting inspections, to record and document illegal sales or attempted sales.

(h)

(1) The department may adopt any regulations that it determines are necessary for the enforcement of this section. The regulations shall be adopted by the department in the manner prescribed by Chapter 3.5 (commencing with [Section 11340](#)) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

(2) The department may adopt emergency regulations to implement this section. Any emergency regulation shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with [Section 11340](#)) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code and shall be deemed an emergency and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or general welfare. Emergency regulations adopted shall remain in effect until regulations have been adopted pursuant to paragraph (1).

(i) This section does not preempt or otherwise prohibit the adoption of a local standard that imposes greater restrictions on the access to tobacco products than the restrictions imposed by this section. To the extent that there is an inconsistency between this section and a local standard that imposes greater restrictions on the access to tobacco products, the greater restriction on the access to tobacco products in the local standard shall prevail.

History

Added [Stats 2020 ch 34 § 1 \(SB 793\)](#), effective January 1, 2021. Amended [Stats 2023 ch 351 § 2 \(AB 935\)](#), effective January 1, 2024; [Stats 2024 ch 462 § 5 \(SB 1230\)](#), effective January 1, 2025; [Stats 2024 ch 849 § 7.5 \(AB 3218\)](#), effective January 1, 2025 (ch 849 prevails).

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Title 5. Sanitation and Health

Chapter 9. SMOKING AND TOBACCO PRODUCT USE IN PUBLIC

Article 2. Tobacco Retail Permits

§ 5-9.205. Prevention of underaged smoking.

- (a) Notice of Minimum Age for Purchase of Tobacco Products and Electronic Smoking Devices. Retailers shall post conspicuously, at each point of purchase, a notice stating that selling tobacco products and electronic smoking devices to anyone under 21 years of age is illegal and subject to penalties. Such notice shall be subject to the approval of the City.
- (b) Positive Identification Required. No retailer shall sell or transfer a tobacco product or electronic smoking device to another person who appears to be under 30 years of age without first examining the customer's identification to confirm that the customer is at least the minimum age under State law to purchase and possess the tobacco product.
- (c) Flavored Tobacco Products. No retailer shall sell a tobacco product, or any product used in an electronic smoking device, containing, as a constituent or additive, an artificial or natural flavor or an herb or spice, including, but not limited to, strawberry, grape, orange, clove, cinnamon, pineapple, vanilla, coconut, licorice, cocoa, chocolate, cherry, coffee, mint, menthol, spearmint or wintergreen that is a characterizing flavor of the tobacco product or smoke produced by the tobacco product. The prohibition in the preceding sentence shall not apply to a licensed hookah business that permits only patrons 21 years of age or older, or active duty military personnel who are 18 years of age or older, to enter the location where the tobacco product may be consumed or purchased.

(§ 5, Ord. 3194 c.s., eff. November 14, 2019)

Title 6. Businesses, Professions and Trades

Chapter 1. BUSINESS LICENSING

§ 6-1.26. Revocation and suspension of licenses.

Any license issued under the provisions of this title is issued and used by all parties receiving or using the same subject to the express condition that the City Manager (or designee) may temporarily suspend or revoke the license, requiring the immediate discontinuation of operations, or impose new conditions in any of the following instances:

- (a) Where the City Manager (or designee) finds and determines that the preservation of the public health, safety, and peace demand revocation of such license or permit;
- (b) Where the licensee or permittee has violated any provisions of this Code, any ordinance of the City or any other provision of law;
- (c) Where a permit or license has been granted on false or fraudulent evidence, testimony or application;
- (d) Where the licensee has conducted the business in an immoral or disorderly manner, or has failed to exercise reasonable efforts to maintain order among the customers and patrons and to prevent violation of law or ordinance by them;
- (e) Where the business has been conducted as to be a public nuisance;
- (f) Where acts of sexual misconduct, or prostitution, have been committed within the course and scope of business operations; or
- (g) Where the licensee has failed to pay the charges imposed by this chapter or to file reports as required by this chapter within 60 days after such charges or reports become delinquent.

(§ 1, Ord. 2615 c.s., eff. April 11, 1991, as amended by § 1, Ord. 3047 c.s., eff. May 6, 2010, and § 1, Ord. 3072 c.s., eff. June 3, 2011)

§ 6-1.27. Revocation or suspension hearing.

- (a) No license shall be permanently revoked without giving the holder thereof an opportunity to appear before the City Manager (or designee) and be heard in his or her own behalf. However, a license may be temporarily suspended, requiring the immediate discontinuation of operations, pending an appeal hearing, by designated officers of the City, based on sufficient information to provide reasonable cause, from complaints, investigations, or evidence presented to the City concerning violations of this Code or State law. The City Manager (or designated hearing officer) may initiate such revocation proceedings and shall cause a notice of such hearing to be given to the holder of such license at the address set forth in the license application of the time and date of the joint permit and license revocation hearing. Notice of the hearing date will be served on the license holder within 10 business days of the temporary suspension, and at least five business days before the hearing. At the time set for the hearing or at the date to which the hearing may be continued by the City Manager (or designee), the holder of the license may be heard and may present any facts

to show why such license should or should not be revoked. The City Manager (or designee) may, if he or she so desires, question any person appearing before him or her. At the close of the hearing, or at any time within 30 days thereafter, the City Manager shall determine from the facts produced at the hearing, and from any other facts in its possession whether or not the license should be revoked. The City Manager (or designee), shall make its order accordingly and may make such order conditional upon the doing or not doing of any act by the holder of the license or his or her agents or servants, which the City Manager (or designee) deems for the public good. On the permanent revocation of the license, all license fees shall be forfeited to the City. Notice of such revocation shall be given to the license holder by the hearing officer. A license may be suspended for such time and subject to such conditions as the City Manager (or designee) may impose in the same manner and for the same reasons that a license may be revoked. From and after the revocation or suspension of said license by the City Manager (or designee), such license shall be null and void and no business shall be conducted or operated in any manner during any period of license revocation or suspension.

- (b) Any license or holder subject to an administrative hearing decision which suspends, revokes, or imposes new conditions of operation, may within 10 business days, file an appeal with the City Council. The business of the licensee or holder shall remain subject to the conditions of the hearing decision during any period of appeal.

(§ 1, Ord. 2615 c.s., eff. April 11, 1991, as amended by § 1, Ord. 3047 c.s., eff. May 6, 2010, and § 1, Ord. 3072 c.s., eff. June 3, 2011)

ATTACHMENT 3

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3 Stephanie.Johnson@Redondo.org
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6 Redondo Beach, California 90277
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9 Attorneys for the CITY OF REDONDO
10 BEACH, a government entity

11 **CITY OF REDONDO BEACH**
12 **ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL**

13 Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop DBA) **DECLARATION OF CALIFORNIA**
14 Redondo Smoke Shop & Hookah,) **DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE**
15 Appellant.) **ADMINISTRATION (“CDTFA”)**
16) **INSPECTOR MILENA BENITEZ IN**
17) **SUPPORT OF REDONDO BEACH**
18) **POLICE DEPARTMENT’S POSITION**
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I, Milena Benitez, declare as follows:

1. I have been employed with CDTFA for twenty-four (24) years and am currently a CDTFA Inspector. I have been working in this capacity for five (5) years and have taken the Penal Code § 832 Arrest, Search, Seizure and Interview Course, as well as the Regulatory Investigative Technique Training. I am a Limited Peace Officer and my office is located at 12750 Center Ct.

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Dr., Ste. #400, Cerritos, CA 90703. I have personal knowledge of the following facts, and if called as a witness, I could and would competently testify thereto.

2. On or about March 18, 2025, I conducted an inspection at the Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop located at 2205 Artesia Blvd., Unit A, Redondo Beach, CA 90276 in accordance with Business and Professions Code (“BP”) § 22980(a)(1) and Revenue and Taxation Code § 30435. My partner that day was Vincent Wilkinson. Redondo Beach Police Department (“RBPD”) officers were present during the search wearing identifiable police clothing.
3. Upon arrival, I photographed the exterior of the building and entered the smoke shop with my partner. RBPD was also present. I made contact with the store employee and identified myself as a CDTFA Inspector. I advised him why were present and indicated that we would be doing an inspection search of the entire shop to ensure compliance with California tobacco laws. The employee indicated that he would like to call the owner. I allowed him to make that call. The owner, identified as Feras Adamo, told me that he would be coming to the location. I advised that we would begin our search prior to his arrival. A true and correct copy of the photograph depicting the exterior storefront is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A1**.
4. During the course of the inspection, I took additional photographs of areas within the smoke shop. A true and correct copy of the photograph attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A2** depicts how the smoke shop looked from the front door of the business on March 18, 2025. The smoke shop was open for business at the time of the inspection and the point-of-sale device appeared to be operational to make purchases.
5. During the course of the inspection, I observed flavor-banned tobacco products on display in the storefront area that were accessible to the public for purchase. These products included flavored Zyn nicotine pouches, as well as flavored Lucy and Oeo nicotine pouches. A true and correct copy of the photographs depicting the flavor-banned nicotine pouches on display are attached hereto as **EXHIBITS A3-A4**.
6. Additional flavor-banned products were located in a locked storage room to the rear of the store. This room was accessible when the owner arrived. He opened the door with a key and we

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recovered and seized the products depicted in true and correct copies of the photographs attached hereto as **EXHIBITS A5-A9**.

- 7. Within the store, I also observed a cabinet that contained flavor-banned products. This cabinet was closed, but not locked and accessible to the employees of the smoke shop. A true and correct copy of the photograph depicting the cabinet is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A10**.
- 8. The smoke shop had a cigar area accessible to the public and various cannabis products were located in the locked storage room, as well as on display in the storefront. A true and correct copy of the photographs depicting the cigar area and cannabis products are attached hereto as **EXHIBITS A11-A13**.
- 9. All banned products were seized and inventoried off-site. A true and correct copy of the photographs depicting the inventoried products are attached hereto as **EXHIBIT B**.
- 10. I prepared a Cigarette and Tobacco Inspection Report in this matter documenting the date, time and location of the search. The products seized were itemized on Cigarette and Tobacco Products Inspection Sheets. True and accurate copies of these records are attached hereto as **EXHIBIT C**.
- 11. A citation for a violation of BP § 22974.2(a)(1) was issued to the owner on the date of the inspection. BP § 22974.2(a)(1) states as follows: “Notwithstanding any other provision of this division, upon discovery by the department or a law enforcement agency that a retailer possesses, stores, owns, or has made a retail sale of flavored tobacco products or tobacco product flavor enhancers in violation of Section 104559.5 of the Health and Safety Code, the department or the law enforcement agency may seize the flavored tobacco products or tobacco product flavor enhancers at the retail location or any other person’s location.” A true and correct copy of the photograph depicting the citation is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT D**.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed by me on February 11, 2026 at Cerritos, California.

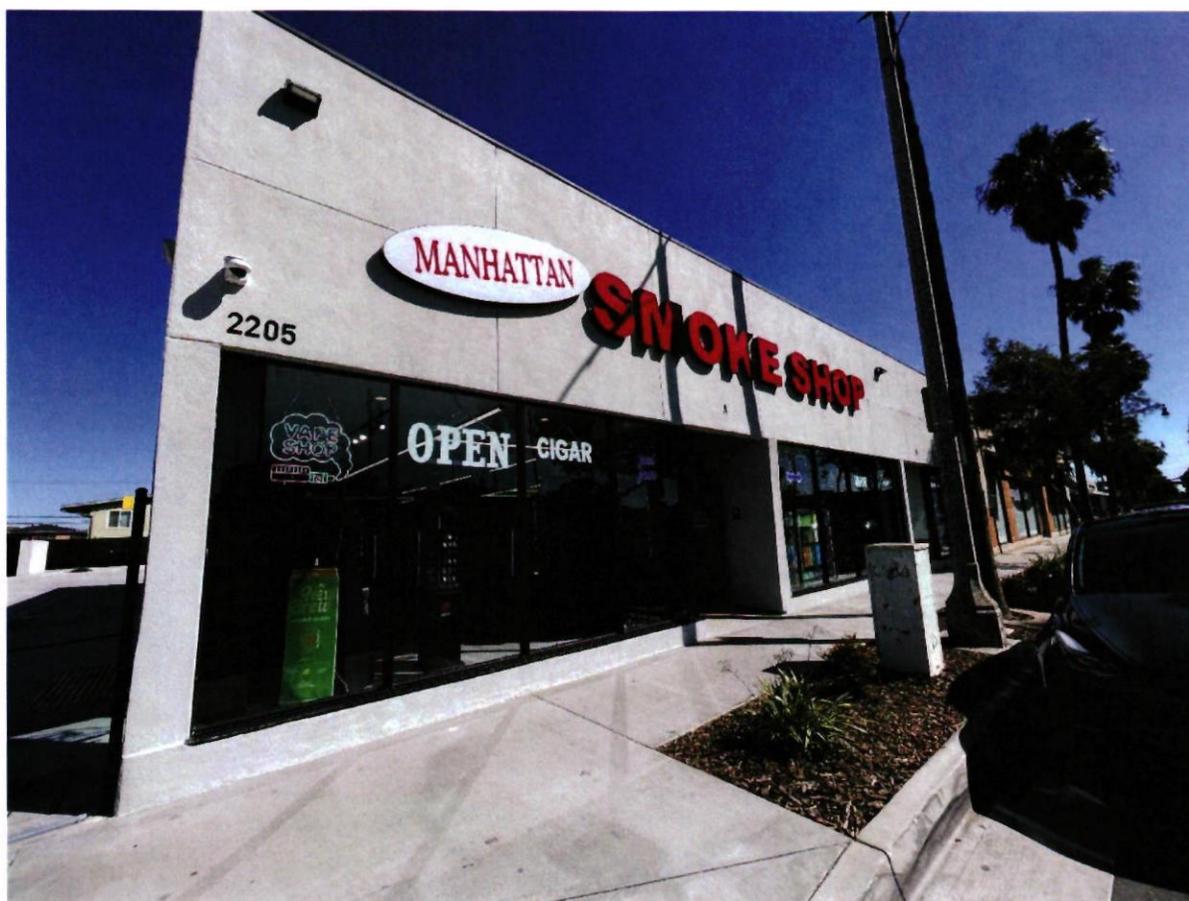


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EXHIBIT A

(A1-A13)

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Entrance of business location

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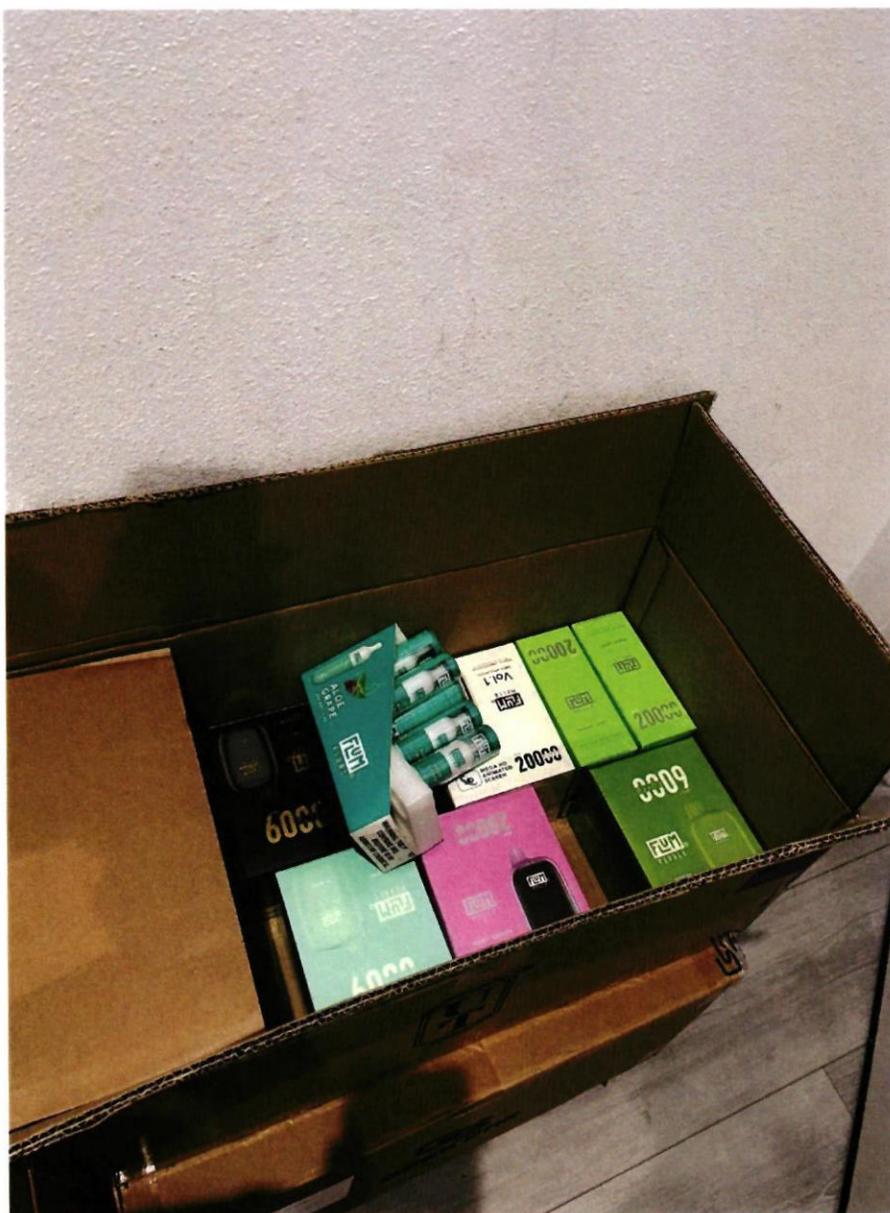
Smoke shop



Zyn Flavored Nicotine pouches



Lucy and Oeo Nicotine pouches – flavored



Flavored vape in locked room



Flavored Vape

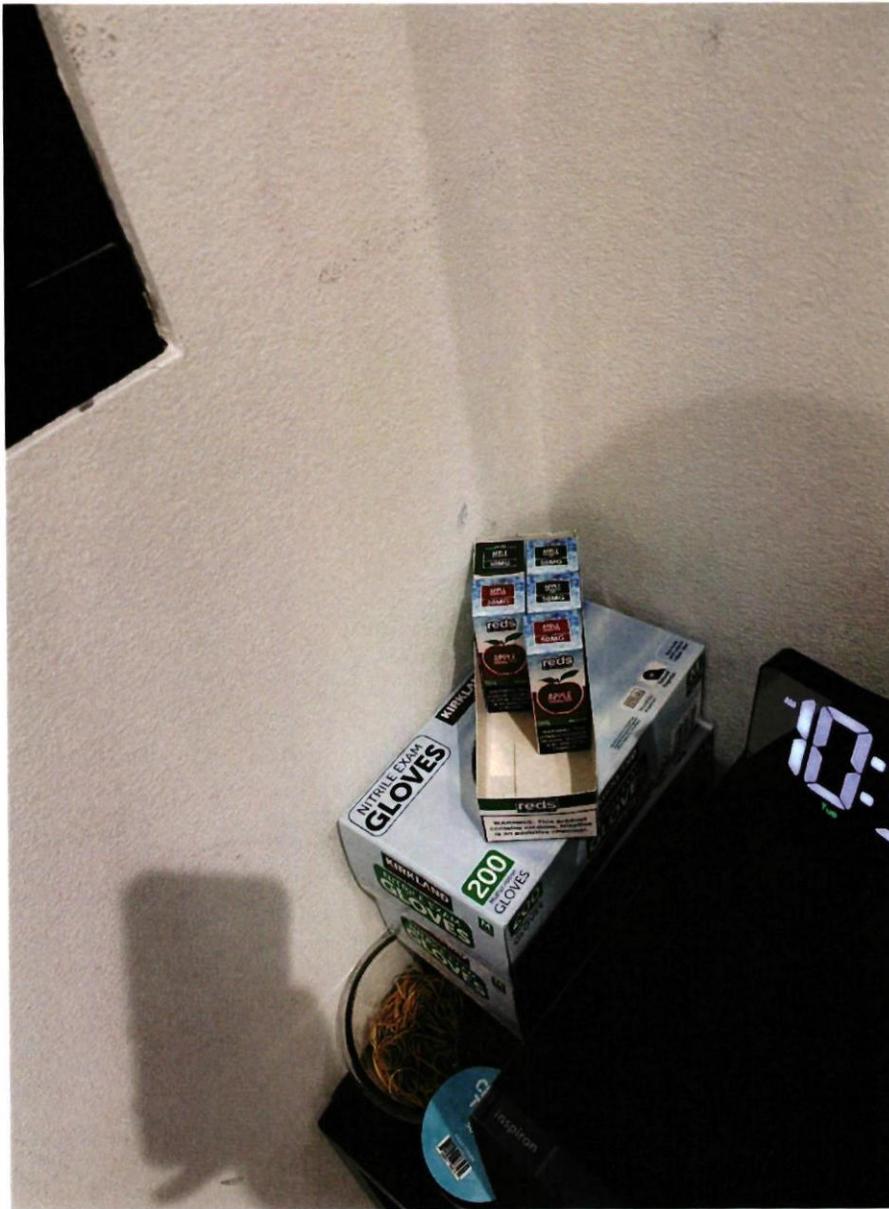
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Flavored vape



Backroom with flavored product



Flavored e- juice in backroom

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Cabinet at smoke shop – with flavored product

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Additional backroom with Cannabis beverages.

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Cigar area



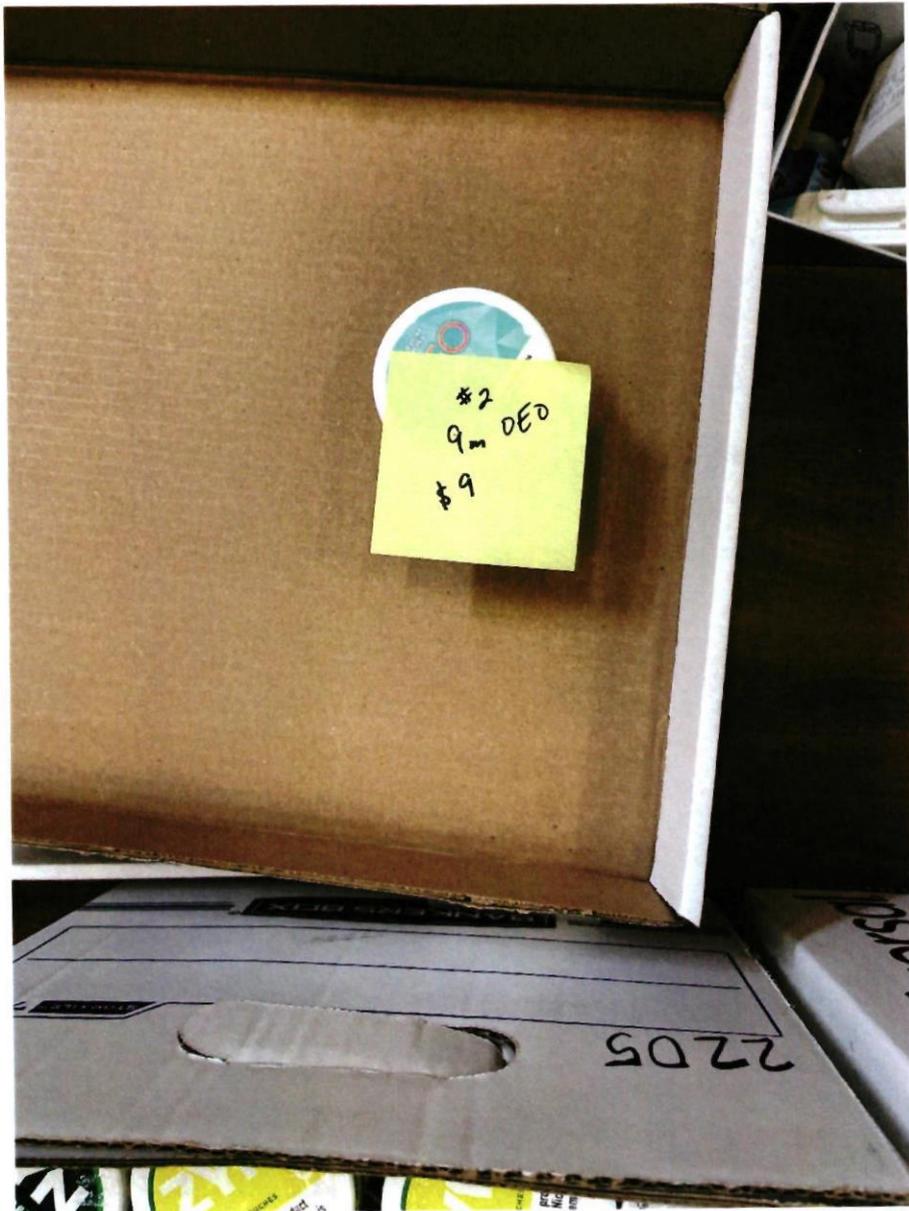
Cannabis beverages in cooler at smoke shop

EXHIBIT B

(24 photographs)







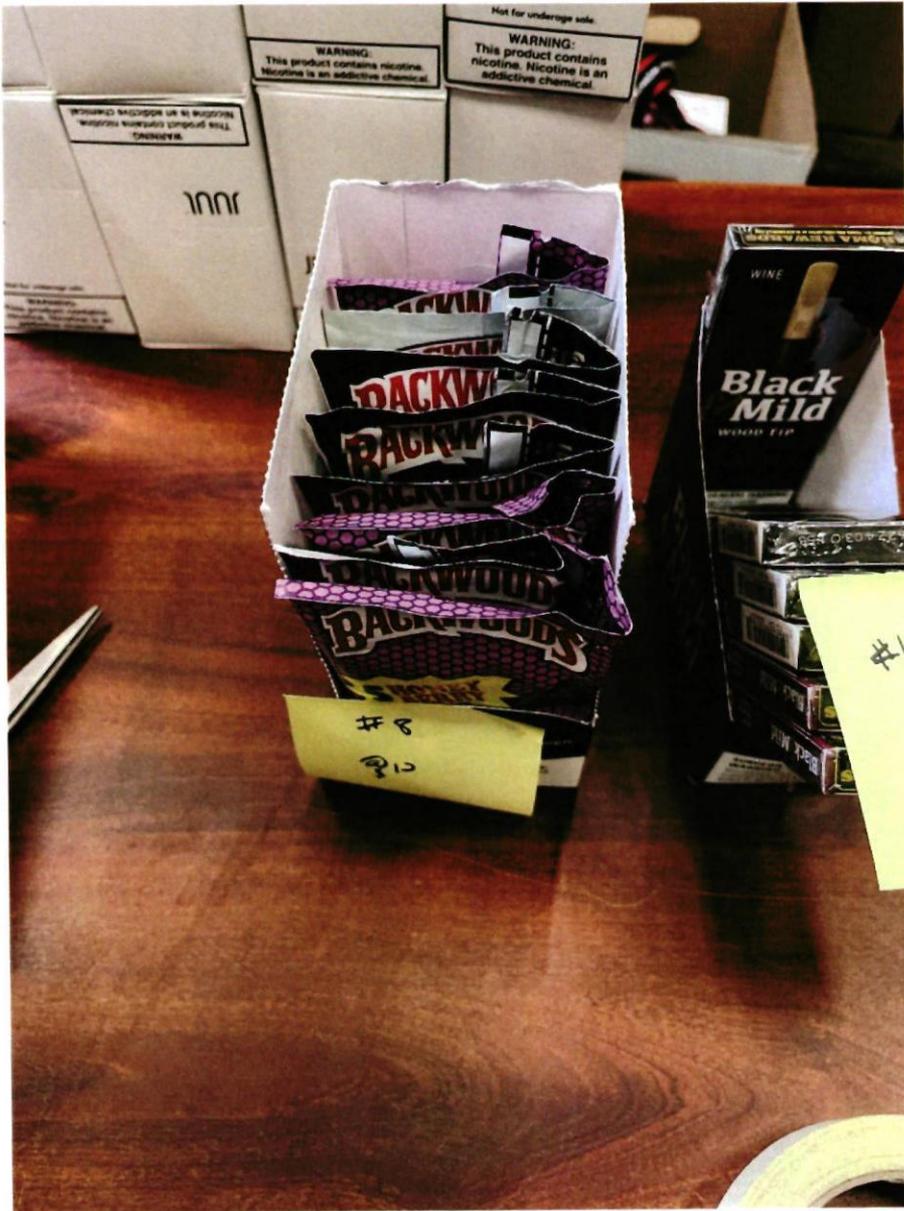








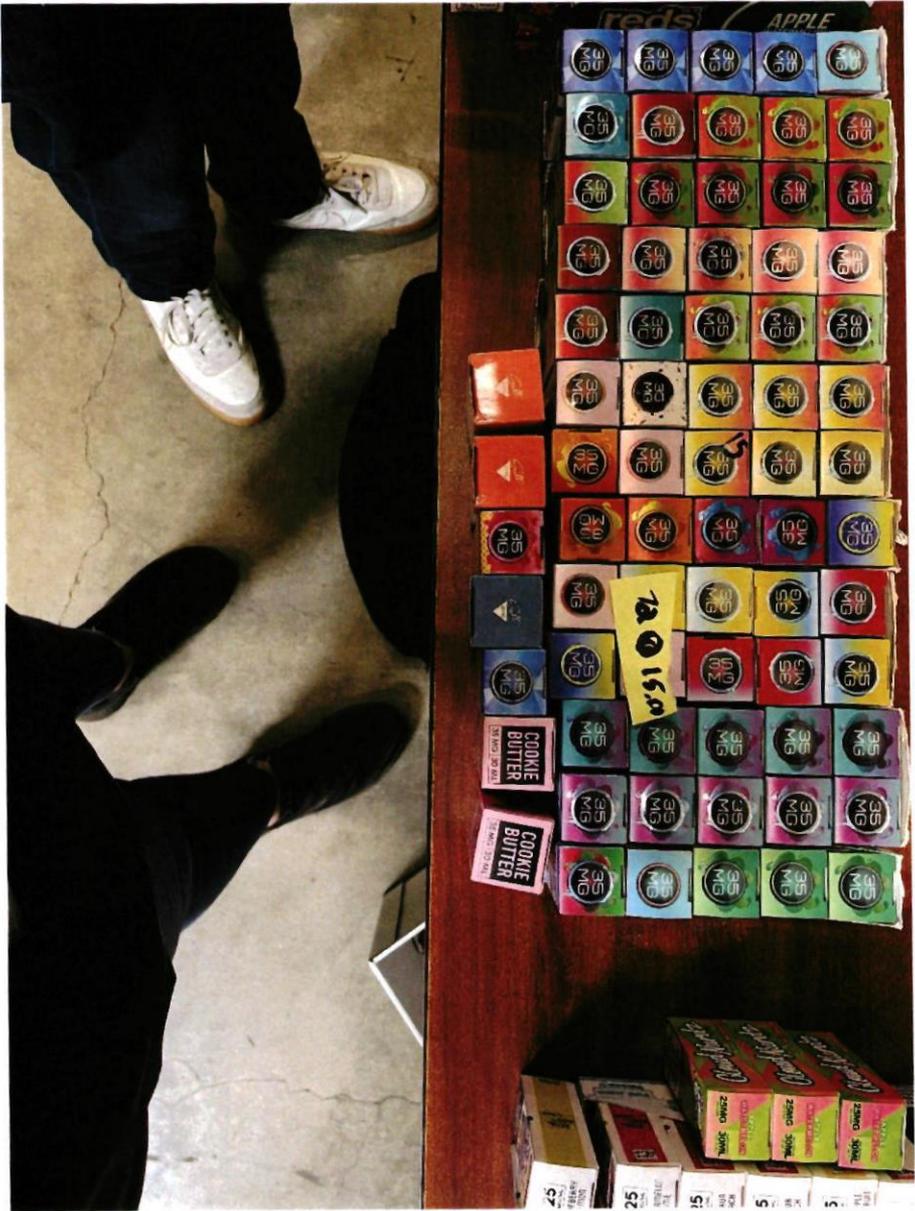




























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EXHIBIT C

(Cigarette and Tobacco Inspection Report)

CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS INSPECTION REPORT

START TIME 10:36a.m. END TIME 12:42 p.m.

INSPECTORS' NAMES Benitez Wilkinson		INSPECTION DATE March 18, 2025	Suspended/Revoked No	Undercover Buy No	PEN 308 Violation No	5-Day Warning No	Reinspection No	BUSINESS TYPE Retailer	UNLICENSED? No	COMPLAINT NUMBER 6-621-947	
CDTFA PERMIT/LICENSE(S) REQUIRED SR 215-585280			SUBLOCATION NUMBER 240586400		OTHER LICENSES REQUIRED: OTHER LICENSES POSTED:						
BUSINESS INSPECTION DATA											
PRINCIPAL(S) MANHATTAN BEACH SMOKE SHOP, INC			START DATE 1/1/2024	REPRESENTATIVE (name, title) Wesley Bulock- Manager							
DBA MANHATTAN BEACH SMOKE SHOP			ADDRESS (include zip code) 2205 ARTESIA BLVD UNIT A, REDONDO BEACH CA 90278-3111						COUNTY CODE		
INSPECTION PERMISSION GRANTED BY (name, title) FERAS ADAMO- owner						BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER		ACCOUNT MAINTENANCE CROS Work Item #			
CIGARETTE SUPPLIERS costco/ South Bay Wholesale				TOBACCO SUPPLIERS San Diego Cash and Carry wholesale, South Bay Wholesale							
CIGARETTE / UNAFFIXED STAMPS SEIZURE MADE No		TOBACCO SEIZURE MADE No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TIIB-016-C							
Counterfeit	No	Unstamped	No	Other State Stamp	No	Reapplied/Reused Stamp (unaffixed)	No	Out-of-State Tobacco	No		
Proper Indicia	Yes	AB 178 Violation (comments)	No	Flavor Ban Violation	No	Cig MSA Violation	No	Tobacco MSA Violation	No		
COUNT OF SEIZED ITEMS											
CIGARETTE SCANS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> >100 Scans <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of Inventory; No. of Scans:			SINGLE STICKS	PACKS	CARTONS	TOTAL STICKS	OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS (OTP)	FLAVOR ENHANCERS			
TOTAL CIGARETTES SEIZED (Form TIIB-016-A)			0	0	1	200					
TOTAL OTP ITEMS SEIZED (Form TIIB-016-B)							1,630				
TOTAL FLAVOR ENHANCER ITEMS SEIZED (Form TIIB-016-D)								4			
ONE YEAR OF PURCHASE INVOICES PRESENT? (if no, explain) Yes											
CDTFA PUBLICATIONS PROVIDED AND EXPLAINED 78 152 473					CA DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH (CDPH) CDPH STAKE sign posted? Yes CDPH pub/sign provided						
RTC VIOLATIONS						CRIMINAL CITATION NUMBER	FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION NEEDED				
BPC VIOLATIONS						CIVIL CITATION NUMBER 12784	Yes				
TAXABLE SALES PERCENTAGE REPORTED (per CROS)			FINDINGS CONSISTENT WITH REPORTED PERCENTAGES? Yes	SIGNIFICANTLY UNDERREPORTED? No	COMMENTS						
TAXABLE SALES COMMENTS (Out-of-State Purchases, etc.?)		REPORTED GROSS SALES REASONABLE? Yes	OPEN REGISTER TRANSACTIONS OBSERVED? No	USE TAX CONCERNS? No	COMMENTS						
PURCHASE CYCLE as needed			OTHER COMMENTS					CROS MEMORANDUM OF POTENTIAL TAX LIABILITY? No			
AREA 7A			SIGNATURE <i>Milena Benitez</i>			PRINTED NAME Milena Benitez			DATE March 18, 2025		
			INVENTORY VERIFIED AND TESTED			DATE					

**CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS
INSPECTION REPORT**

	Vincent Wilkinson	March 18, 2025
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CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS INSPECTION REPORT

COMMENTS (include specific purchase information for any seized products-suppliers, dates, methods of payment, etc)
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GAS PRICES:	CASH	CREDIT CARD	
Regular			
Plus			
Supreme			
Diesel			
Propane			MANHATTAN BEACH SMOKE SHOP_240586400_
PICTURES TAKEN	GAS SUPPLIER		

CIGARETTE INSPECTION SHEET

INSPECTORS' NAMES		INSPECTION DATE			COMPLAINT NUMBER		DBA			
Benitez		March 18, 2025			6-621-947		MANHATTAN BEACH SMOKE SHOP			
Wilkinson										
BRAND NAME (Cigarettes)	U.S. FOR EXPORT/ MADE UNDER AUTHORITY OF/ CTF CIGARETTES/ FLAVOR BAN	COUNT OF SEIZED ITEMS			APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICE PER STICK / PACK / CTN	APPROXIMATE TOTAL RETAIL VALUE	FIELD TEST PERFORMED			TOTAL STICKS SEIZED
		SINGLE STICKS	PACKS	CARTONS			VISUAL TEST	SCAN	ON MSA DIRECTORY (Y / N)	
SUMMARY	See 16-A-Cigs									
SUMMARY	Flavor Ban			1		\$100.00				200
GRAND TOTALS				1		\$100.00				200

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Wilkinson									
BRAND NAME (Tobacco Products)	PACKAGE CONFIGURATION (i.e. pouch/0.65 oz. each)	COUNT OF SEIZED ITEMS	APPROX. RETAIL PRICE PER ITEM	TOTAL RETAIL VALUE	APPROX. WHOLESALE COST PER ITEM	TOTAL WHOLESALE COST	ON MSA DIRECTORY (Yes / No)	SUPPLIER	REASON FOR SEIZURE
SUMMARY	OTP								
SUMMARY	Nicotine Vape								
SUMMARY	Flavor Ban OTP	579		\$3,904.00		\$2,789.14		South bay Wholesale	Flavor Ban
SUMMARY	Flavor Ban Nicotine Vape	1,051		\$20,740.00		\$14,815.08		South bay Wholesale	Flavor Ban
GRAND TOTALS		1,630		\$24,644.00		\$17,604.22			

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Backwoods cigars, various flavors	pouch of 5	8	\$12.00	\$96.00	\$8.57	\$68.56		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
Black Mild cigars pack of 5	pack of 5	6	\$8.00	\$48.00	\$5.71	\$34.26		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
Zyn nicotine pouches	6mg/15/tin	373	\$7.00	\$2,611.00	\$5.00	\$1,865.00		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
Lucy nicotine pouches	12mg/15/tin	12	\$7.00	\$84.00	\$5.00	\$60.00		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
Oeo nicotine pouches	3mg/20/tin	4	\$7.00	\$28.00	\$5.00	\$20.00		San Diego Cash & Carry	flavor ban
Oeo nicotine pouches	9mg/20/tin	2	\$9.00	\$18.00	\$6.43	\$12.86		San Diego Cash & Carry	flavor ban
Zyn nicotine pouches	3mg/15/tin	149	\$6.00	\$894.00	\$4.29	\$639.21		San Diego Cash & Carry	flavor ban
Lucy breakers nicotine pouches	8mg/15/tin	25	\$5.00	\$125.00	\$3.57	\$89.25		San Diego Cash & Carry	flavor ban
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Juul nicotine vape	pack 4/3%	32	\$20.00	\$640.00	\$14.29	\$457.28		San Diego Cash Carry	flavor ban
Juul nicotine vape	pack 4/5%	32	\$20.00	\$640.00	\$14.29	\$457.28		San Diego Cash Carry	flavor ban
Hyppe Max flow vape	35mg/ml,4.6	20	\$12.00	\$240.00	\$8.57	\$171.40		San Diego Cash Carry	flavor ban
Flum Float Vape	5%/6.1	67	\$20.00	\$1,340.00	\$14.29	\$957.43		San Diego Cash Carry	flavor ban
Flum Pebble vape	5%/10ml	147	\$27.00	\$3,969.00	\$19.29	\$2,835.63		San Diego Cash Carry	flavor ban
Flum Mello vape	5%/15ml	66	\$17.00	\$1,122.00	\$12.14	\$801.24		San Diego Cash Carry	flavor ban
Geek bar pulse x nicotine vape	50mg/ml,18ml	222	\$24.00	\$5,328.00	\$17.14	\$3,805.08		San Diego Cash Carry	flavor ban
Geek bar pulse nicotine vape	50mg/ml,16ml	93	\$20.00	\$1,860.00	\$14.29	\$1,328.97		San Diego Cash Carry	flavor ban
pod Juice 10mg	1%/30ml	13	\$11.00	\$143.00	\$7.86	\$102.18		San Diego Cash Carry	flavor ban
Naked e- juice	12mg/60ml,2oz	1	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$7.86	\$7.86		San Diego Cash Carry	flavor ban
pod Juice 20mg	2%/30ml	29	\$13.00	\$377.00	\$9.29	\$269.41		San Diego Cash Carry	flavor ban
pod juice 55 mg	5.5%, 30ml	78	\$18.00	\$1,404.00	\$12.86	\$1,003.08		San Diego Cash Carry	flavor ban
pod juice 35mg	3.5%/30ml	67	\$15.00	\$1,005.00	\$10.71	\$717.57		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban

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Salt Nkd 100 35mg	3.5%/35ml	3	\$15.00	\$45.00	\$10.71	\$32.13		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
Salts e juice	3.5%/30ml	2	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$10.71	\$21.42		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
Apple e juice	30mg/ml,1,1	9	\$15.00	\$135.00	\$10.71	\$96.39		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
Beach club e juice	30mg/30ml,	3	\$15.00	\$45.00	\$10.71	\$32.13		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
Beach club e juice	50mg/30ml	1	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$12.86	\$12.86		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
Apple e juice	50mg/30ml	12	\$18.00	\$216.00	\$12.86	\$154.32		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
juice head salts e juice	50mg/ml,30ml	25	\$18.00	\$450.00	\$12.86	\$321.50		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
juice head salts e juice	50mg/ml,30ml	4	\$18.00	\$72.00	\$12.86	\$51.44		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
Vapetasia salts e- juice	4.8%/30ml	8	\$18.00	\$144.00	\$12.86	\$102.88		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
Salt Nkd 50mg e-juice	50mg/30ml	2	\$18.00	\$36.00	\$12.86	\$25.72		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
pod Juice	65mg/30ml	1	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$13.57	\$13.57		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
juice head salts e juice	25mg/ml,30ml	9	\$14.00	\$126.00	\$10.00	\$90.00		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
Vapetasia salts e- juice	24mg/ml,30ml	7	\$14.00	\$98.00	\$10.00	\$70.00		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban

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juice head salts e juice	25mg/25ml,30ml	12	\$14.00	\$168.00	\$10.00	\$120.00		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
cloud nurdz salts e- juice	25mg/ml,30ml	3	\$14.00	\$42.00	\$10.00	\$30.00		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
juice head salts e juice	6mg/ml, 100ml	14	\$12.00	\$168.00	\$8.57	\$119.98		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
Vapetasia salts e- juice	6mg/ml, 100ml	5	\$12.00	\$60.00	\$8.57	\$42.85		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
Fumi e- juice	6%/60ml	3	\$19.00	\$57.00	\$13.57	\$40.71		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
Naked e- juice	6mg/ml, 60ml	1	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$8.57	\$8.57		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
Loaded e liquid	6mg/ml,100ml	3	\$12.00	\$36.00	\$8.57	\$25.71		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
The One	6mg/ml, 100ml	2	\$12.00	\$24.00	\$8.57	\$17.14		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
cloud nurdz salts e- juice	6mg/ml, 100ml	3	\$12.00	\$36.00	\$8.57	\$25.71		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
Fumi e- juice	3mg/ml,60ml	2	\$12.00	\$24.00	\$8.57	\$17.14		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
Reds Apple e juice	3mg/ml,100ml	8	\$12.00	\$96.00	\$8.57	\$68.56		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
juice head salts e juice	3mg/ml, 100ml	4	\$12.00	\$48.00	\$8.57	\$34.28		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
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Vapetasia salts e- juice	3mg/ml, 100ml	1	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$8.57	\$8.57		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
cloud nurdz salts e- juice	3mg/ml, 100ml	4	\$12.00	\$48.00	\$8.57	\$34.28		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
Reds Apple e juice	6mg/ml, 100ml	6	\$12.00	\$72.00	\$8.57	\$51.42		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
The One	3mg/ml, 100ml	3	\$12.00	\$36.00	\$8.57	\$25.71		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
Naked e- juice	3mg/ml, 60ml	12	\$12.00	\$144.00	\$8.57	\$102.84		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
Naked e- juice	6ng/ml, 60ml	11	\$12.00	\$132.00	\$8.57	\$94.27		South bay Wholesale	flavor ban
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GRAND TOTALS		1,051		\$20,740.00		\$14,815.08			

FLAVOR ENHANCERS INSPECTION SHEET

INSPECTORS' NAMES		INSPECTION DATE		COMPLAINT NUMBER		DBA	
Benitez		March 18, 2025		6-621-947		MANHATTAN BEACH SMOKE SHOP	
Wilkinson							
BRAND NAME (Flavor Enhancers)	PACKAGE CONFIGURATION	COUNT OF SEIZED ITEMS	APPROX. RETAIL PRICE PER ITEM	TOTAL RETAIL VALUE	SUPPLIER	REASON FOR SEIZURE	
Pod Juice, e juice 0mg	0%/ 100ml- box	1	\$12.00	\$12.00	San Diego Cash & Carry	flavor ban	
Naked e- juice	0%/ 60ml bottle	3	\$12.00	\$36.00	San Diego Cash & Carry	flavor ban	
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						flavor ban	
GRAND TOTALS		4		\$48.00			

COUNTY CODE 19	COMPLAINT NUMBER 6-621-947
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ASSIGNED TO
 Inspections Section Team: 7a Criminal Investigations Section Team:

TAX PROGRAM
 Sales Cigarette Tobacco Cannabis Alcohol Beverage Tax
 Other:

DATE RECEIVED 03/26/25	COMPLAINT WRITTEN BY Milena Benitez
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SUSPECT INFORMATION:

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) OR CORPORATE NAME
 MANHATTAN BEACH SMOKE SHOP, INC

OWNER'S/LLC MEMBER'S/CORPORATE OFFICER'S NAME(S)
 FERAS ADAMO

DOING BUSINESS AS
 MANHATTAN BEACH SMOKE SHOP

BUSINESS ADDRESS
 2205 ARTESIA BLVD Unit A, REDONDO BEACH CA 90278-311

TELEPHONE NUMBER 949- 607-7863	CDTFA ACCOUNT NUMBER 215-585280-00003 /240586400
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COMPLAINANT INFORMATION:

NAME Milena Benitez	SOURCE Field Operations Division
SCOP TEAM NUMBER	TELEPHONE NUMBER 562-455-7303
EMAIL milena.benitez@cdtfa.ca.gov	BUSINESS NAME AND ADDRESS

COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Additional information to be added to Complaint-
 On March 18, 2025, Milena Benitez and Vincent Wilkinson conducted a Cigarette and tobacco and cannabis inspection. The inspection resulted in the seizure 1,630 units of flavored Tobacco and Nicotine .
 Retail value of approximate \$24,644.00.
 Seized 200 sticks of non msa- cigarettes & flavor ban \$100 retail value
 4 units of flavor enhancers retail value 48.00

Civil Citation #12784 was issued to Feras Adamo- for BPC 22974.2(a)1

Inspection # 006-703-009

For Tax Investigations & Inspections Bureau Use Only		<input type="checkbox"/> No Further Action — Close	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Refer to:	
		ASSIGNED TO Milena Benitez	
INTAKE PERSON	DATE	SUPERVISOR (type name to indicate approval) Teresa Gonzalez	DATE 03/27/2025

EXHIBIT D

(Citation)

No. 12784

DATE ISSUED: 03/18/25 TIME: 12:09 PM DAY OF WEEK: S M T W Th F S CDTFA-99 ATTACHED: YES NO
Serial No.

BUSINESS INFORMATION

CA SELLER'S PERMIT NO. 215-585280 CIGARETTE/TOBACCO SELLER'S LICENSE NO. 240586400
PRINT NAME (first, middle, last) Feras Adamo TITLE President
DRIVER LICENSE NO./STATE D1762868 RESIDENCE TELEPHONE NO. (949) 259-8082
RESIDENTIAL OR BUSINESS ADDRESS (street, city, state, zip code) 1515 Avenida De Nogales San Clemente CA 92672
MAILING ADDRESS (if different from above) 2205 Artesia Blvd. #A Redondo Beach, CA 90278-3111
BUSINESS NAME (DBA) Manhattan Beach Smoke BUSINESS TELEPHONE NO. (310) 370-3378

VIOLATION INFORMATION

CODE AND SECTION BPC 22974.2(a)1 DESCRIPTION 1 - possession or sale of flavored tobacco products by a retailer in violation of HSC 104559.5.

PROPERTY SEIZED Flavor Bar Tobacco/Nicotine.
LOCATION OF VIOLATION(S) (street, city, zip) 2205 Artesia Blvd #A Redondo Beach CA 90278-3111 COUNTY OF OCCURRENCE CA

You will receive a notice in the mail regarding this citation from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration that will provide information about any restrictions or fines, if applicable, and your appeal rights. Contact information will be provided in the notice should you have any questions.

Without admitting guilt, signature acknowledges receipt of this citation.

OWNER SIGNATURE (or authorized representative) [Signature] DATE 3/18/25

CITATION ISSUED BY (print name) Milena Benitez TITLE Inspector

SIGNATURE OF ISSUER [Signature] DATE 3/18/25

Type of Service Personal Substitute Mail Certified Mail Registered Mail

COMMENTS Provided citation to Feras Adamo

ATTACHMENT 4



NOTICE OF REVOCATION

November 25, 2025

Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop, Inc.

Attn: Feras Adamo, Owner
 21617 Ocean Ave.
 Torrance, CA 90508

Re: TEMPORARY **BUSINESS LICENSE REVOCATION EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY** FOR BUSINESS LICENSE NUMBER 330177, THE BUSINESS KNOWN AS MANHATTAN BEACH SMOKE SHOP, INC. LOCATED AT 2205 ARTESIA BLVD, UNIT A, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90278; NOTICE FOR HEARING FOR PERMANENT REVOCATION OF SAID LICENSE.

This letter shall serve as a Notice of Revocation, revoking Redondo Beach Business License # 330177 which was issued to Feras Adamo (hereinafter, "you" or "your") on May 12, 2021. This temporary suspension requires the **immediate discontinuation of operations, so you must cease and desist operation of your business immediately.**

Revocation of said business license is being undertaken because the business is in violation Redondo Beach Municipal Code (hereinafter "RBMC") Section 6-1.26(b), whereby the licensee or permittee has violated a provision of the RBMC, any ordinance of the City or any other provision of law. The reasons for this action are as follows:

- 1) **Health and Safety Code Section 104559.5 (a) (17)(A) (i)** Tobacco product means a product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, including cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, or snuff.
- 2) **Health and Safety Code Section 104559.5 (a) (18)** Tobacco product enhancer means a product designed, manufactured, produced, marketed, or sold to produce a characteristic of a tobacco product.
- 3) **Health and Safety Code Section 104559.5 (a) (19)** Tobacco product flavoring means a substance distinguishable by an ordinary consumer either prior to or after the tobacco product is smoked, chewed, or otherwise used, including, but not limited to, chocolate, vanilla, honey, candy, cocoa, dessert, alcohol, or spice, or a cooling sensation distinguishable by an ordinary consumer from the tobacco product.

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 Street and Apt. No., or PO Box No.
21617 OCEAN AVE
 City, State, Zip+4
TORRANCE, CA 90508

See Reverse for Instructions

- 4) **Health and Safety Code Section 104559.5(b)(1)** A tobacco retailer, or any of the tobacco retailer's agents or employees, shall not sell, offer for sale, or possess with the intent to sell or offer for sale, a flavored tobacco product or tobacco product flavor enhancer.
- 5) **RBMC 5-9.205(c)** No retailer shall sell a tobacco product, or any product used in an electronic smoking device, containing, as a constituent or additive, an artificial or natural flavor or an herb or spice, including, but not limited to, strawberry, grape, orange, clove, cinnamon, pineapple, vanilla, coconut, licorice, cocoa, chocolate, cherry, coffee, mint, menthol, spearmint or wintergreen that is a characterizing flavor of the tobacco product or smoke produced by the tobacco product. The prohibition in the preceding sentence shall not apply to a licensed hookah business that permits only patrons 21 years of age or older, or active duty military personnel who are 18 years of age or older, to enter the location where the tobacco product may be consumed or purchased.

An administrative hearing for revocation proceedings will be held on **December 10, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Department Conference Room located in the City Hall of Redondo Beach. At the time set for hearing, the holder of the license may be heard and may present any facts to show why such license should or should not be revoked. The Hearing Officer may, if he or she desires, question any person appearing before him or her. The Hearing Officer shall determine from the facts produced at the hearing, and from any other facts in its possession whether or not the business license should be revoked or suspended. On the permanent revocation of the license, all license and/or registration fees shall be forfeited to the City. From and after the revocation of said license, such license shall be null and void and no business shall be conducted or operated in any manner during any period of revocation and/or suspension.

Pursuant to RBMC Section 6-1.27, you have the following rights and responsibilities with regards to your business license:

- *The hearing shall be conducted by the City Manager or his designee. The hearing officer shall cause a written notice of decision to be served on the applicant setting forth the grounds for his or her decision within thirty (30) days of the hearing. The decision of the hearing officer may be appealed to the City Council upon a request by you made no later than ten (10) business days after the decision is rendered by the hearing officer.*
- *This notification requires that you **cease doing business IMMEDIATELY**. Further, Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop, Inc. shall be closed for all business until the Hearing Officer issues his or her written decision pursuant to RBMC Section 6-1.27(a). Should you choose to appeal the decision of the Hearing Officer, Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop, Inc. **shall remain closed during the pendency of such appeal unless otherwise indicated by the decision of the Hearing Officer.***

Should you have any questions, you are encouraged to contact Ivana Robles, the officer assigned to your case at number or email listed below. If you elect to not contest the revocation, then after the date and time of the hearing, I will inspect the premises to ensure that the business is closed, and the Redondo Beach Business License or Permit and registration certificate are surrendered.

Sincerely,



CODE ENFORCMENT OFFICER
 POLICE DEPARTMENT, COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT
 Phone: 310-697-3560
 Email: ivana-robles@redondo.org

cc: Mike Witzansky, City Manager
Joe Hoffman, Police Chief
Michael Martinez, Police Captain
Michael Strosnider, Police Lieutenant
Lorena Soules, Chief Building Official
Stephanie Meyer, Finance Department
Marc Wiener, Community Development

CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 9589071052700743297016 & First-Class Regular Mail.

Personal Service Date 11/25/2025

§ 6-1.14. Appeal.

Any person aggrieved by any decision of the City with respect to the issuance or refusal to issue such license may appeal to the Council by filing a notice of appeal with the Clerk of the Council. The Council shall thereupon fix a time and place for hearing such appeal. The Clerk of the Council shall give notice to such person of the time and place of hearing by serving it personally or by depositing it in the United States Post Office at Redondo Beach, California, postage prepaid, addressed to such person at his last known address. The Council shall have the authority to determine all questions raised on such appeal. No such determination shall conflict with any substantive provision of this chapter. (§ 14, Ord. 1798, eff. June 26, 1963, as amended by § 1, Ord. 3047 c.s., eff. May 6, 2010)

§ 6-1.26. Revocation and suspension of licenses.

Any license issued under the provisions of this title is issued and used by all parties receiving or using the same subject to the express condition that the City Manager (or designee) may temporarily suspend or revoke the license, requiring the immediate discontinuation of operations, or impose new conditions in any of the following instances:

- (a) Where the City Manager (or designee) finds and determines that the preservation of the public health, safety, and peace demand revocation of such license or permit;
- (b) Where the licensee or permittee has violated any provisions of this Code, any ordinance of the City or any other provision of law;
- (c) Where a permit or license has been granted on false or fraudulent evidence, testimony or application;
- (d) Where the licensee has conducted the business in an immoral or disorderly manner, or has failed to exercise reasonable efforts to maintain order among the customers and patrons and to prevent violation of law or ordinance by them;
- (e) Where the business has been conducted as to be a public nuisance;
- (f) Where acts of sexual misconduct, or prostitution, have been committed within the course and scope of business operations; or
- (g) Where the licensee has failed to pay the charges imposed by this chapter or to file reports as required by this chapter within 60 days after such charges or reports become delinquent.

(§ 1, Ord. 2615 c.s., eff. April 11, 1991, as amended by § 1, Ord. 3047 c.s., eff. May 6, 2010, and § 1, Ord. 3072 c.s., eff. June 3, 2011)

§ 6-1.27. Revocation or suspension hearing.

- (a) No license shall be permanently revoked without giving the holder thereof an opportunity to appear before the City Manager (or designee) and be heard in his or her own behalf. However, a license may be temporarily suspended, requiring the

immediate discontinuation of operations, pending an appeal hearing, by designated officers of the City, based on sufficient information to provide reasonable cause, from complaints, investigations, or evidence presented to the City concerning violations of this Code or State law. The City Manager (or designated hearing officer) may initiate such revocation proceedings and shall cause a notice of such hearing to be given to the holder of such license at the address set forth in the license application of the time and date of the joint permit and license revocation hearing. Notice of the hearing date will be served on the license holder within 10 business days of the temporary suspension, and at least five business days before the hearing. At the time set for the hearing or at the date to which the hearing may be continued by the City Manager (or designee), the holder of the license may be heard and may present any facts to show why such license should or should not be revoked. The City Manager (or designee) may, if he or she so desires, question any person appearing before him or her. At the close of the hearing, or at any time within 30 days thereafter, the City Manager shall determine from the facts produced at the hearing, and from any other facts in its possession whether or not the license should be revoked. The City Manager (or designee), shall make its order accordingly and may make such order conditional upon the doing or not doing of any act by the holder of the license or his or her agents or servants, which the City Manager (or designee) deems for the public good. On the permanent revocation of the license, all license fees shall be forfeited to the City. Notice of such revocation shall be given to the license holder by the hearing officer. A license may be suspended for such time and subject to such conditions as the City Manager (or designee) may impose in the same manner and for the same reasons that a license may be revoked. From and after the revocation or suspension of said license by the City Manager (or designee), such license shall be null and void and no business shall be conducted or operated in any manner during any period of license revocation or suspension.

- (b) Any license or holder subject to an administrative hearing decision which suspends, revokes, or imposes new conditions of operation, may within 10 business days, file an appeal with the City Council. The business of the licensee or holder shall remain subject to the conditions of the hearing decision during any period of appeal.

(§ 1, Ord. 2615 c.s., eff. April 11, 1991, as amended by § 1, Ord. 3047 c.s., eff. May 6, 2010, and § 1, Ord. 3072 c.s., eff. June 3, 2011)