



City of Franklin

Mailing Address:
109 3rd Ave S
Franklin, TN 37064
(615) 791-3217

Meeting Agenda

Beer Board

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

4:30 PM

Williamson County
Auditorium

MEETING LOCATION

Williamson County Auditorium
1320 West Main Street

CALL TO ORDER

SETTING OF THE AGENDA

1. Consideration Of Changes In Agenda And Setting The Agenda
 - i. Discussion Of Removal Of Items From Consent/Changes Not Requiring A Vote
 - ii. Proposed Changes To The Agenda
 - iii. Approval Of Agenda As Submitted Or Changed

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Consideration Of Approval Of Minutes
June 10, 2025 Beer Board Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

3. Consideration Of Application Of Franklin Tomorrow Inc., D/B/A Franklin Tomorrow Summer Celebration, Bicentennial Park Pavilion At Intersection Of Third Ave N. And N. Margin St., Franklin, TN 37064, Mindy Tate, Managing Agent, For Special Event, Event Date And Hours: July 17, 2025 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

Anyone needing accommodations due to disabilities please contact the ADA Coordinator at 615-791-3277 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.



Meeting Minutes

Beer Board

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

4:00 PM

Williamson County
Auditorium

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jason Potts called the meeting to order at 04:00 PM

Board Members Present: Clyde Barnhill, Jason Potts, Greg Caesar

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Davey, Blake Harper, Sarah Schilling

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Sponsors:

A motion was made by Vice Chair Greg Caesar, seconded by Alderman Clyde Barnhill to Approve the Agenda as Submitted. The motion passed 3-0.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. **Consideration Of Approval Of Minutes**
May 13, 2025 Beer Board

Sponsors:

A motion was made by Alderman Clyde Barnhill, seconded by Vice Chair Greg Caesar to Approve the May 13, 2025 Beer Board Minutes. The motion passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS**3. Consideration Of Application Of Little Hats Cool Springs, LLC, D/B/A Little Hats Italian Market, 980 Meridian Boulevard, Franklin, TN 37067, Andrew Hurst-Dodd, Managing Agent, For On Premises Consumption****Sponsors:**

Andrew Hurst-Dodd, owner of Little Hats Italian Market, was in attendance to answer any questions from the Board. He explained that this is not the first location of this business in middle Tennessee, so he is familiar with the state-mandated training for alcohol sale and consumption. They are seeking a beer permit in order to sell beer on premises. Ms. Davey explained that this application is for a new business in Franklin.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Greg Caesar, seconded by Alderman Clyde Barnhill to Approve the Beer Permit. The motion passed 3-0.

4. Consideration Of Application Of Paddle Dog Adventures, LLC, D/B/A The Salty Taco, 401 Cheltenham Avenue, Franklin, TN 37064, Jack Abrams, Managing Agent, For On Premises Consumption**Sponsors:**

Jack Abrams, managing agent, and Ginna Burrell, legal representation for The Salty Taco, were in attendance to answer any questions from the Board. Ms. Burrell explained that Mr. Abrams will be running the poolside café. All staff will be trained and licensed with the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Ms. Davey explained that this application is for a new business in Franklin. This business is located at the pool in Westhaven where there was an existing restaurant.

Vice Chair Caesar asked if this restaurant is seasonal?

Answer: Mr. Abrams explained that it is open concurrently with the Westhaven pool schedule. Hence, it will close in September.

Chair Potts asked if the lifeguards on staff had been made aware that The Salty Taco will be serving alcohol to pool patrons.

Answer: Yes.

He followed up by asking how they plan to ID patrons by the pool to prevent serving people who are underage.

Answer: According to their policy, every patron who appears under 30 years of age, will be required to show ID prior to purchasing purchase an alcoholic beverage.

A motion was made by Alderman Clyde Barnhill, seconded by Vice Chair Greg Caesar to Approve the Beer Permit Contingent Upon Approval of the Certificate of Occupancy. The motion passed 3-0.

5. Consideration Of Application Of B & R Restaurant, LLC, D/B/A Franklin Chop House, 1101 Murfreesboro Road, Franklin, TN 37064, Brittany Burton, Managing Agent, For On Premises Consumption**Sponsors:**

Robert Crockett and Brittany Burton, the new owners of the Franklin Chop House, were in attendance to answer any questions from the Board. The new owners noted that the restaurant will continue with business as usual. They are not making any changes to training and policies for the sale of alcoholic beverages, Ms. Davey explained that this application is for new owners of an existing business in the City of Franklin.

A motion was made by Alderman Clyde Barnhill, seconded by Vice Chair Greg Caesar to Approve the Beer Permit. The motion passed 3-0.

6. Consideration Of Application Of Drury Development Corporation, D/B/A Drury Plaza Hotel - Franklin, 1874 West McEwen Drive, Franklin, TN 37067, Timothy Tolbert, Managing Agent, For On And Off Premises Consumption

Sponsors:

Timothy Tolbert, General Manager of Drury Plaza Hotel - Franklin, and Rob Pinson, legal representation for the Drury Plaza Hotel - Franklin, were in attendance to answer any questions from the Board. Mr. Pinson explained that the entity and operations will remain the same. The passing of the previous owner has necessitated the need for a new beer permit. Mr. Tolbert explained that there is a nightly reception where patrons can purchase beer, wine, or cocktails to be enjoyed in the hotel or off-premises if purchased in the market. Ms. Davey explained that this application is for new ownership of an existing business in the City of Franklin.

Alderman Caesar asked for clarification on who can purchase alcoholic beverages at the reception.
Answer: Mr. Tolbert explained that you must be a guest of the hotel to purchase.

A motion was made by Alderman Clyde Barnhill, seconded by Vice Chair Greg Caesar to Approve the Beer Permit. The motion passed 3-0.

7. Discussion Of Issuance Of Beer Permits Contingent Upon Temporary Certificates Of Occupancy

Sponsors: Blake Harper

Blake Harper, Staff Attorney, introduced the item. He explained that the City Attorney's office has been asked to look into the timing of beer permits in relation to temporary and final Certificates of Occupancy (CO). Specifically, whether the Municipal Code should be amended to allow for beer permits to be issued based on a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy. He stated that, based on the plain language of the City of Franklin Municipal Code and relevant legal authority, it is the opinion of this office that the City should keep the code the way it is. Their recommendation is to maintain the existing requirement that no beer permit, temporary or permanent, be issued without a final Certificate of Occupancy.

Per the recommendation of the City Attorney's Office, Alderman Barnhill does not support adding a temporary CO as a provision for the issuance of a beer permit.

Alderman Caesar asked Mr. Harper to explain where this request came from.

Answer: Mr. Harper explained that this request came up when new businesses brought up the concern that a hold-up in the zoning process inhibited their ability to get a beer permit, even though all life-safety needs and other building requirements were met. For example, if the Historic Zoning Commission denies a new business request, they cannot get a final zoning approval or final Certificate of Occupancy.

Chair Potts asked Mr. Harper to review the City's issuance of temporary versus permanent Certificates of Occupancy.

Mr. Harper provided a breakdown of COs issued in the last few years.

Chair Potts asked how long it typically takes to transition from a temporary CO to a permanent CO.

Answer: Tom Marsh, Building and Neighborhood Services Director, responded that there is usually a minimum of 30 days. As Mr. Harper described, there are a variety of things that could hold up the permanent CO process. It could be a Historic Zoning concern, such as non-compliance with Certificate of Appropriateness, or life-safety or building issue that needs to be rectified. He did note that a common issue recently has been non-compliance with the Stormwater plan or off-site improvements, which could take months to fully comply with. If the business is operating on an expired temporary CO, normal enforcement

kicks in and violations will start to accrue until a new CO, temporary or permanent, is issued.

Vice Chair Caesar proposed the option of giving the Beer Board the authority to issue a beer permit at their own discretion, whether a business has a temporary CO or permanent CO.

Mr. Harper explained that his request would require an amendment to the Code. It currently reads that a permanent CO is required for the issuance of a beer permit.

Alderman Barnhill broached the idea that maybe we do not offer contingent approvals. Maybe the Beer Board only issues beer permits if a business has a permanent CO.

Chair Potts did not support amending the Code to change the beer permit process to include temporary COs at this time. When they approve beer permits contingent upon the approval of the CO, they are not impeding the business from moving forward. Hence, the process seems to be working effectively right now, and he sees no reason to change it.

Mr. Harper recommended that, moving forward, we clarify in our motions to approve beer permits upon approval of the permanent certificate of occupancy.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderman Clyde Barnhill, seconded by Vice Chair Greg Caesar to Adjourn the Meeting. The motion passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned @ 4:45 PM

Jason Potts, Chair

Disclaimer: The above minutes should be used as a summary of the motions passed and issues discussed at the meeting. This document shall not be considered a verbatim copy of every word spoken at the meeting.

Minutes Prepared by Sarah Schilling, Assistant Deputy City Recorder, City Administrator's Office - 7/2/2025, 4:23 PM

**City of Franklin
Beer Board Cover Page**

Beer Board Meeting Date 7/8/2025 Permit # 25-38

Owner/Applicant Franklin Tomorrow Inc.

On Prem	Off Prem	On & Off	Special Event	x
Manufacturer/distributor				

Name of Business/Event Franklin Tomorrow Summer Celebration

Special Event Date(s)/Hours July 17, 2025 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM

Location of Business/Event Bicentennial Park Pavilion at intersection of
Third Ave. N. and N.Margin St.

Mailing Address

Phone 615.794.0998

Email mindy@franklintomorrow.org

Primary Contact Mindy Tate

Phone 615.794.0998

Email mindy@franklintomorrow.org

Managing Agent Mindy Tate

Review Sign Off:

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COMMENTS

Permit # 25-38

City of Franklin Application for Special Event Beer Permit

Mailing Address: 109 3rd Ave S, Ste 141 | Franklin, TN 37064
Physical Address: 204 9th Ave S | Franklin, TN 37064
Phone (615) 794-4572 | Fax (615) 550-1954

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENT BEER PERMIT STATE OF TENNESSEE CITY OF FRANKLIN

PURSUANT TO SECTION 8 CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE, AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED § 57-5-101 ET. SEQ., I HEREBY MAKE APPLICATION FOR:

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT EVENT DATE(S): July 17, 2025
EVENT HOURS: 6-9 p.m.

1. Applicant (Name of Organization):
Franklin Tomorrow Inc.
2. Please indicate under which of the following categories you are applying and include supporting documentation of your eligibility status:
Charitable _____ Nonprofit Political Organization _____
3. Name of the event: Franklin Tomorrow Summer Celebration
4. Name of venue (if applicable) and address(es) of the event:
Bicentennial Park Pavilion, 400 5th Ave. N., Franklin, TN 37064
5. If the event encompasses multiple addresses or streets, please specify where beer will be served (*this location will be listed on the beer permit*):
Beer will be served under the pavilion at the intersection of Third Ave. N. and N. Margin Street.
6. Applicant Phone number: 615-794-0998

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7. Please give the following information on the person who will be managing the special event.

Name Mindy Tate

Driver's license # [REDACTED] State [REDACTED]

Date of birth [REDACTED] Soc. Sec. # [REDACTED]

Home phone # [REDACTED] Daytime phone # [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

8. Do you own the premises on which you will operate? No

If no, please give the name and address of the property owner.

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9. Has any person having at least 5% ownership interest, managers, or employees of the organization been convicted of any violation of beer or alcoholic beverage laws or any crime (other than minor traffic violations) within last six (6) years? No If so, give particulars of each charge, court, and date convicted.

10. Has this owner or the owner's organization had a beer permit revoked, suspended, or denied in the State of Tennessee? Yes ___ No X If so, please give date, place, and cause of said revocation.

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- 11. Give applicant's history of involvement with special events where beer has been served, if any.**

Franklin Tomorrow has held numerous events over its 25-year history in the City of Franklin.

Ms. Tate has been ED/CEO since 2011 and overseen those events.

- 12. Give applicant's employment record for the past 10 years.**

Ms. Tate has been ED/CEO of Franklin Tomorrow since 2011.

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Please read the following and upon signature of this application acknowledge your understanding of, and agreement to comply if you are granted a permit.

- (a) You will not sell beer or similar beverages except at the place or places for which the beer board has issued your permit.
- (b) You will not sell beer or any like beverage except in accordance with the terms of said permit.
- (c) If this application is made for permit to sell and not for consumption on the premises, you will not sell for consumption on the premises and not allow consumption on the premises.
- (d) You will rigidly enforce the law against sales to minors.
- (e) You will prohibit gambling at your establishment and understand that the conduct of such activities on the premises will result in revocation of your permit.
- (f) You will secure a certificate or statement from the health department or health officer that the premises covered by the application meet the requirements of the ordinances of the City of Franklin and the laws of the State of Tennessee.
- (g) You will not attempt to transfer this permit to anyone else.
- (h) You will display this permit in a prominent place during your event.
- (i) You will not sell or distribute beer between the hours of 3:00 AM and 6:00 AM (8:00 AM for on premises consumption) during the week and between the hours of 3:00 AM Sunday and 12:00 Noon Sunday (10:00 AM for on premises consumption).
- (j) You will prohibit the congregation at your event of those who reasonably appear to be intoxicated, lawless, rowdy, or prostitutes.
- (k) You will not allow any beer with alcoholic content of eight percent (8%) or greater to be consumed on the premises at your event.
- (l) You will not allow any sale or delivery of beer for consumption on the premises outside of the building, it being the intention to prohibit the sale of beer by what is commonly known as "curb service" or "curb sales" of beer.
- (m) You will comply with all requirements of section 2-201 et. seq. of the municipal code of the City of Franklin.

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CITY OF FRANKLIN TENNESSEE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BEER BOARD MEETING

This is to acknowledge that I, Mundy Tate, representing

Printed name of representative

Franklin Tomorrow have been notified that the meeting of the

Name of business

Beer Board will be held in the Auditorium at the Williamson County Administration Complex at 1320 W. Main St, Franklin, TN 37064 on Tuesday, July 9 at 4:30 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the application for a beer permit for the above stated business. Presence of a representative is imperative to receive a permit.

Mundy D. Tate
Signature

6/18/202
Date

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Application Signature Page

I hereby make application to the City of Franklin Beer Board for a special event beer permit.

The signing of this application acknowledges that I am aware of the laws prohibiting the sale of beer to minors.

I hereby certify that no person having at least a 5% ownership interest, nor any person to be employed in the distribution or sale of beer in my organization has been convicted of any violation of the beer or alcoholic beverage laws or any crime involving moral turpitude within the past 10 years.

I understand that making false statement in this application shall precipitate forfeiture of permit and holder shall not be eligible to receive any permit for a period of ten years.

I am also aware that I shall not be issued a permit or my permit shall be revoked if my event causes traffic congestion or interferes with schools, churches, or other public places of public gathering, or otherwise interferes with public health, safety and morals.

Mindy J. Tate

Signature of Applicant/Owner (or Authorized Officer)

On behalf of: Franklin Tomorrow
Name of Charitable, Nonprofit, or Political Organization

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of June, 20 25

Stephanie Turm

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 10/25/26



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BEER APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed Beer Application with Signature Notarized
- Documentation showing evidence of status as a charitable, nonprofit, or political organization
- Application Fee

Official Use Only

Application Fee \$ 250 Date Paid 6-18-25

Board Meeting Date 7/8/25