

STATE OF INDIANA

BEFORE THE INDIANA ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF	)	
THE PERMIT OF	)	
GEIST RETAIL INC.	)	TC16359001
11645 FOX ROAD	)	EX-25-003448
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46236	)	EX-25-003775

PERMITTEE

ORDER ON SHOW CAUSE HEARING

Comes now the Hearing Judge for the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC) and for the Order on Rule to Show Cause states as follows:

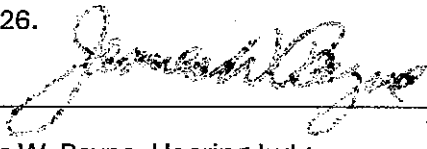
1. Andrew Wignall appears as prosecutor.
2. No appearance was filed, and no one appeared for the Show Cause Hearing on May 7, 2026, at 10:00 AM.
3. The Permittee had previously failed to appear, after appropriate notice was given, pursuant to 905 IAC 1-27-9, for a Notice of Violation and Settlement Offer.
4. This matter was then set for a Rule to Show Cause Hearing by the Hearing Judge, which order was sent to the Permittee by certified mail.
5. The Notice indicated that, if the Permittee failed to appear, a default judgment shall be issued against the permit and a sanction imposed which could include suspension or revocation of the permit.
6. The notice in the letter of the Order to Show Cause was sent by certified mail to the Permittee at the address stated above.
7. The Indiana State Excise Police reports of the incident number EX-25-003448 was offered and received into evidence as Exhibit #1 and incident number EX-25-003775 was also offered and received into evidence.
8. Evidence revealed in Exhibit #1, offered and received into evidence without objection, was that Excise Officers conducted a permit visit to the business on September 25, 2025, where they observed a minor male person purchase tobacco products and the clerk did not ask for ID. On inspection, the premises did not have a No Smoking sign posted, no Tobacco Sales Certificate was posted, allowing self-service of E-liquid and minor on the premises.

9. Evidence revealed in Exhibit #2, offered and received into evidence without objection, was that Excise Officers conducted a premises visit on October 8, 2025, which revealed a large quantity of smokeable hemp, loose and pre-rolled marijuana joints, and large quantities of other illegal substances were also located on the premises. In addition, the Tobacco Sales Certificate was not posted.
10. Since no one appeared on behalf of the Permittee for this Order to Show Cause Hearing, the Hearing Judge finds by a preponderance of the evidence contained in Exhibit #1, EX-25-003788 and Exhibit #2 EX-25-003775 that the violations filed in this matter are true.
11. Pursuant to IC 7.1-3-23-2 the Commission may: (a) (1) "...fine or suspend or revoke the permit or certificate ..." or (2) fine and suspend or revoke the permit or certificate "of a permittee for a violation of a provision of this title or of a rule or regulation of the commission
12. The hearing Judge therefore orders the above permit TC16359001, to be indefinitely suspended during which time the Permittee shall not sell or dispense, in any way, any tobacco or other related products that could be sold or dispensed under the above mentioned permit or certificate until hereafter authorized, in writing, by the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.
13. Any Indiana Excise Office in the state of Indiana is authorized to enter onto the premises of the Permittee for the purpose of inspecting and enforcing this indefinite order of suspension.
14. An Excise Officer of the State of Indiana may seize and/or confiscate any and all items of tobacco or other products subject to the laws of the State of Indiana and/or the rules and regulations of the Indiana Alcohol Commission which the officer believes in his own judgment are being held out for sale or dispensation- displaying those items in public view in a place open to the public shall constitute reasonable cause for seizure or confiscation.
15. In addition, pursuant to IC 7.1-3-23-2 (a) (2) the Permittee is fined \$1,000.00 for each of the violations, EX-25-003448 and EX-25-003775 as described above in paragraphs 8 and 9.
16. Pursuant to IC 7.1-3-23-6 the Commission shall give at least 10 days' notice to the holder of the permit proposed to be suspended, which notice was given and which notice also informed the Permittee of the time and place of the hearing to be held.
17. The hearing on May 7, 2026, was held in the manner prescribed under IC 7.1-3-23-6.

18. Under IC 7.1-3-23-9 the Permittee is hereby advised that it may seek judicial review of this action by following IC 4-21.5-5 and has 15 days to appeal this indefinite suspension.
19. Based upon the information and evidence presented at the hearing on May 7, 2026, the above-mentioned permit issued to Geist Retail Inc. under TC16359001 is hereby indefinitely suspended.
20. This order of indefinite suspension will be scheduled for a final hearing and approval before the ATC Commission.

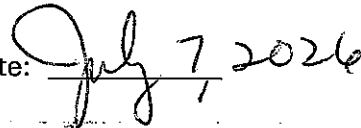
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the permit issued to Geist Retail Inc. under TC16359001 is hereby indefinitely suspended, and fined \$2,000.00 subject to a hearing before the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.

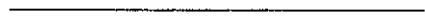
All of which is ordered this 7th day of May 2026.

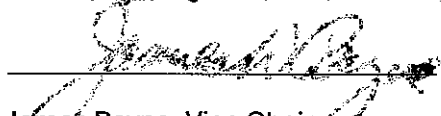

James W. Payne, Hearing Judge

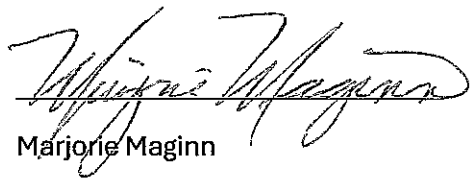
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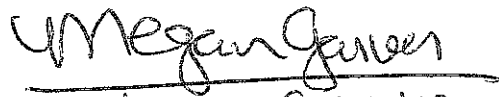
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