

Minutes – Family Dollar

License Review Board 10.24.19 @2pm

Board Attorney – Tamika West

County Attorney – Ken Green

Family Dollar Attorney – Samantha Mullis

- Meeting called to order by LRB Chairman Dr. Carol Braddy
- Motion to Amend the agenda – All agreed
- Amendment of agenda/minutes/preliminary issues/stipulated grievance, provided by Atty West
- Minutes from previous meeting tabled due to 2 board members absence
- 10.2.19 – Case details provided – County meeting set for 10.24.19 to suspend/revoke license of Family Dollar, 1765 Mundy's Mill and 2335 Hwy 138 both located in Jonesboro, GA 30236
- Attorney Mullis introduced Family Dollar District/Regional Manager/VP of Operations
- Ken Green stated the violations and presented witness and code enforcers Norman Dayton and Gerod Green and Olivia Johnson as Code Supervisor
- Family Dollar Counsel replied stating they are taking the fines seriously and have future plans in place to resolve and remain favorable with Clayton County.
- First witness – Norman Dayton called as first witness – Clayton County Code Enforcement recited on 10.19.19 he cited Family Dollar location at 1765 Mundy's Mill and presented charges, detailed reporting and pictures for Accumulation of rubble and trash citations 11665. Family Dollar was fined \$500 and told no more violations are to occur for 12 months.
- Second witness – Gerod Green was sworn in and stated Family Dollar had been cited for grass over 6 inches surrounding the retention pond (Reference citation 7767)
- Family Dollar Attorney again confirmed the issues are being taken seriously and addressed
- Gerod Green witnessed for Ken Green on citations
- Family Dollar attorney presented current pics which showed clean-up of all cited items
- Olivia Johnson was called to witness for Ken Green and she quoted multiple cases and citations and fine recommendations per the notations on the citations.
- Olivia Johnson stated there all unpaid citations for both locations total 28K which is approximately 40 cases.
- Attorney Tameka West stated the total amount on ledger is \$4500 and total fines equate to 28K. What is the difference? And how is Family Dollar being notified.
- Family Dollar Counsel stated the correct name is Family Dollar LLC.
- Family Dollar Counsel also spoke on the resolved citations included which were from the Code Board and did not know the resolved paid fines would be included in this board.
- Family Dollar Counsel spoke on 14 citations in a month were issued and the clean-up has taken place but within a couple of days, the public dumps mattresses or tires which are items Family Dollar does not sell.

- Family Dollar witness Andrew Edwards recited the internal process after a location is cited. Once cited, the managers enters the information in the system which routes to Andrew for notice and is then routed to the Executives.
- Attorney West asked how do they handle the need for extra pick-ups?
- Board Member Valerie Williams asked Andrews, How many work orders to incorporate for trash pickups? Reply – Once weekly since March
- Officer Norman Dayton called to testify of all issued citations written by himself and stated of today, the locations are clean.
- Family Dollar Counsel stated she had no rebuttal for cross examinations due to the board being able to see the improvements by the pictures presented and confirmation of installation of cameras.
- Attorney Ken Green presented exhibit I which is the docket which shows citation information and unpaid status – Reference dockets in front of binder – Total fines approximately \$4500.00 per citations which the Code Board members signed off
- LRB member Mr. Orsby asked if the property can be secured properly to avoid illegal dumping?
- Andrew Edwards responded stated the concern now is dumping by the side of the road.
- Chairman Braddy stated the evidence shows boxes not mattresses/tires are visible and asked who is their vendor for trash? Do you have a contract and procedures with your vendor?
- Mr. Edwards stated Waste Management is their vendor and yes there is a contract.
- Chairman Braddy who is responsible for keeping the grounds clean? Are you responsible for the cited locations and selecting the vendors?
- Mr. Edwards stated Family Dollar is responsible.
- LRB member Val Williams recited the citations and asked if the locations can be safeguarded?
- Mr. Edwards confirmed Yes – changes have been made and will continue.
- Family Dollar Attorney Mullis stated they are taking steps to correct all actions by installing cameras at 1765 Mundys Mill to try and catch anyone who illegally dumping trash and stated Major Daniel is partnering with Family Dollar in this initiative.
- Chairman Braddy asked about the unpaid fines. Why haven't they been handled?
- Attorney Mullis stated she has been in contact with Ms. Cornell who provided the invoices to get all invoices paid by the proper channels.
- Attorney Mullis also stated all Family Dollar stores in Clayton County supply customers a place to shop and are profitable to the county.
- Attorney Mullis requested to be fined instead of closing and all fines will be paid within 30 days.
- Family Dollar Counsel stated she has no additional questions
- Family Dollar Counsel asked for 30 days to pay all within 30 days.
- Ken Green confirmed businesses cannot operate with the county if there are more than 3 violations and asked to revoke their license based on testimony and code violations.
- Family Dollar Counsel stated the ruling is based on the decision of the board solely.
- Chairman Braddy stated the ruling will occur today and stated the board will debrief.
- After debriefing, the Chair stated there was an issue with the start time of the meeting. The county did not supply proper public notice. We must post the public notice at least 24 hours in advance and reschedule to 10.29.19.
- All adjourned at 5:16PM.

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License Review Board 10.29.19 @12pm
Board Attorney – Tamika West
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Family Dollar Attorney – Samantha Mullis

- All LRB members present with Attorney Tameka West
- Today's business: Revoke/Suspend License at Family Dollar locations of 2335 Hwy 138 and 1765 Mundy's Mill, Jonesboro, GA 30236- Case #LRB-2019-00003
- Motion to adopt the agenda- Motion accepted and all agreed
- Motion to amend agenda to include minutes from 08.29.19 LRB hearing – All in Favor
- Chairman asked all to refrain from questioning and allow attorney to speak
- Attorneys present – Tameka West – Ken Green and Samantha Mullis
- Ken Green presented signed stipulations of agreement received from Family Dollar.
- Case# LRB-2019-00003 - The evidence is sufficient for all charges per code 2.90.4C2 and stipulated agreement reached per the agreement. All fines will be paid in 30 days.
- Case# LRB-2019-00002 – The licensee has agreed to pay all fines within 30 days
- Chariman Braddy asked if Attorney Mullis would like to speak – Family Dollar attorney stated nothing additional other than terms in stipulated agreement
- Motion for executive session to discuss – held in conference room 2 at 12:30pm.
- Chairman Braddy and LRB members returned and he stated upon review of the stipulations – motion of agreement of stipulations – Motion to Accept Stipulations at 1765 Mundy's Mill and at 2335 Hwy 138, Jonesboro, GA 30236 – All members in favor of the motion – Granted – None Opposed
- Ken Green announced all fines previously submitted are not accurate – Comm Dev Code team will provide an updated list of fees to all attorney tomorrow 10.30.19.
- Chairman Braddy shared and thanked all for their time and state we are members of Clayton County, we live here and want respect for the county. Chairman stated all stipulations may not be accepted going forward. We will shut you down.
- Motion to Adjourn – All accepted.