

RE: Hookah PEP Arabian Nights 3943 s 76th St

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Date Fri 1/2/2026 10:00 AM

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Jim and Carly,

I see that a new owner for Arabian Nights 3943 s 76<sup>th</sup> St is on the licensing agenda for Jan 6 new food dealer, PEP incl Hookah. When did the previous owner apply for Hookah? The previous owner indicated they sold the business in August. When did the last food license and PEP expire? The application shows a date of October 1 2025 and proposed opening date of 10/31/25, how can there be a food inspection 10/1/25? Was there a delay processing this application? Please add these photos to the licensing file.



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# ARABIAN NIGHT HOOKAH LOUNGE

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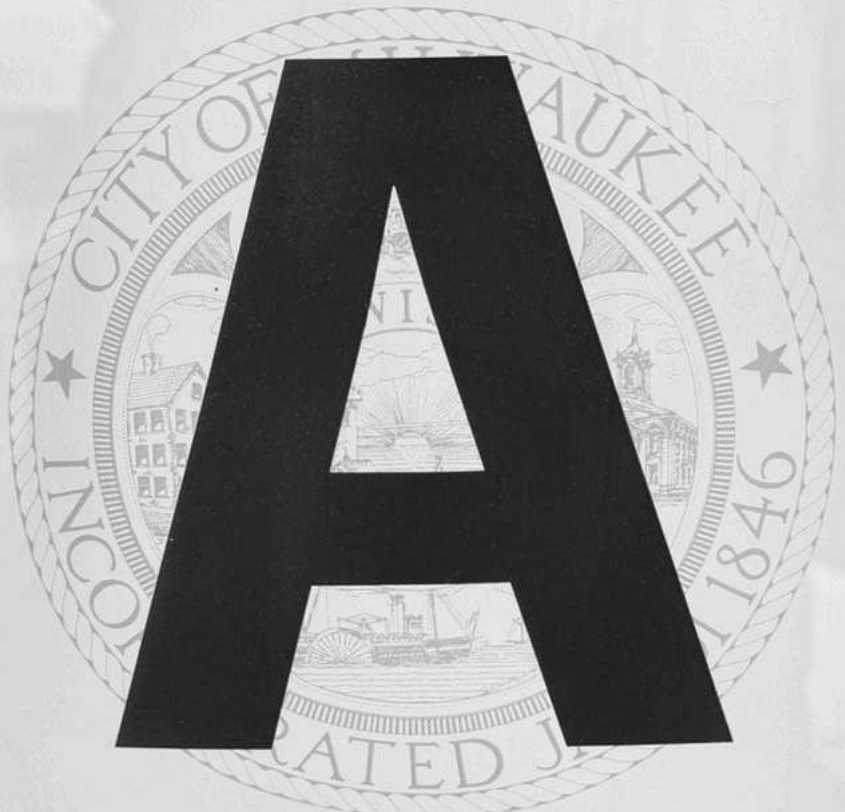
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Establishment Name: Arabian Nights Hookah Lounge  
Address: 3943 S 27th st  
Date Issued: 10/1/2025 Card Number: A-15008

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**From:** Cooney, Jim <Jim.Cooney@milwaukee.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2025 3:27 PM  
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**Cc:** Lopez, Faviola <Faviola.Martin@milwaukee.gov>; Zamarripa, JoCasta <JoCasta@milwaukee.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Hookah PEP and website FAQ updates needed

Good afternoon,

Attached are the updated new and renewal PEP applications, which now define hookah service and include it as an option. Also included are an FAQ and the letters we intend to send to businesses we believe offer hookah service. The mailing list is based on a combination of the list provided by the American Lung Association to the Public Safety and Health Committee and our own search for establishments currently offering hookah service within the city.

Including a question on the forms asking whether sales are made to individuals between the ages of 18 and 21 may inadvertently highlight the incongruity between state and federal regulations, potentially suggesting that we are unable to enforce the federal prohibition in that age range. Our FAQs already rely on the federal standard (21+), and I would prefer not to include this question—both to avoid telegraphing enforcement limitations and to spare staff from handling related inquiries. Please let me know if there are other considerations.

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Reminder to myself to discuss Tuesday

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On May 8, 2025, at 1:48 PM, Cooney, Jim <Jim.Cooney@milwaukee.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Providing an update:

We are in the process of updating new, renewal, and temporary public entertainment forms and the form to request a change to a previously approved PEP license.

We are drafting correspondence to businesses who, through publicly available information and the American Lung Association's list, will need to apply for or amend a PEP license.

We are creating an FAQ to make it clear to operators that having a PEP does not permit smoking tobacco indoors, parse through sales for off premises consumption, and parse through permitted age of use (leaning on the fed's regulation).

Everything will be ready for circulation within the next week. The FAQ below will be pulled from the web and replaced with the updated FAQ we are working on. I am struggling to see the upside of asking a business if they provide hookah to a person under 21. Can you give me a call to discuss when you have a moment?

Thanks  
-Jim

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**From:** Burgelis, Peter <[Peter.Burgelis@milwaukee.gov](mailto:Peter.Burgelis@milwaukee.gov)>

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Jim- Please circulate a draft of the updated Hookah-related PEP when you have it started. I think it will be important to ask if they intend to allow patrons under 21 to use it, if they hold a state-issued tobacco license, etc. Also, the lung association mentioned this on the city website. -Peter

<https://city.milwaukee.gov/cityclerk/license/FrequentlyAskedQuestions>

#### 9. Are nicotine-free hookahs allowed in bars and restaurants?

Tobacco-free and nicotine-free hookah can be "smoked" inside businesses as long as the management approves. An additional retail cigarette/tobacco license is not required if this is the only product sold on site. Persons under the age of 18 can purchase and "smoke" the product.



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