

Brewvies, fighting the DABC, will show free movies about civil-rights battles

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FILE - This Monday, April 18, 2016, file photo shows the Brewvies Cinema Pub in Salt Lake City. Utah's liquor commissioners sidest

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Brewvies Cinema Pub has decided that fighting the power should be fun.

The booze-serving movie theater — now embroiled in a legal battle with Utah's Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control — will present "Brewvies Fights for Civil Rights!" for its weekly Film Buff Night series on Mondays during the month of May.

Brewvies was cited by the DABC earlier this month for violating obscenity laws, for showing the R-rated "Deadpool" — which contains nudity and sexual situations — in a place that serves alcohol. The theater and its lawyer, civil-rights attorney and former Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson, have filed a federal lawsuit against the DABC, alleging the law violates the theater's First Amendment rights. Brewvies has launched a crowd-funding campaign to pay its legal bills — a campaign that has so far raised more than \$20,000 in donations, including a \$5,000 donation from "Deadpool" star Ryan Reynolds.