



FINDINGS OF THE LIQUOR COMMISSION
ISSUANCE OF A LIQUOR LICENSE

Based on a public hearing that took place on Tuesday, February 4th, 2025, the Liquor Commission of the City of Joliet hereby reports its findings based on Chapter 4, Section 5C of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joliet to the City Council. The findings are as follows:

1. (a) **Applicant:** HC JOLIET, LLC.
d/b/a Hollywood Joliet Casino

(b) **Address of premises:** 1401 Gateway Boulevard, Joliet
2. **Class of liquor license applied:** Class A – Premises & Package
3. **Past Performance:** Applicant has been in the service and sales of alcoholic liquor for 32 years.
4. **Character and reputation of the applicant:** The applicant is not a convicted felon.
5. **General design and layout of the premises:** On file in the Mayor's Office.
6. **Amount of anticipated gross revenue from sale of alcoholic beverages:** 35%
7. **Nature of entertainment:** Casino
8. **Premise compliance with all ordinances of the City:**

Building Inspections Department states there are no building code violations.

Joliet Fire Department states there are no fire code violations.
9. **Any outstanding monies owed to the City of Joliet:** There are no monies owed to this address.

10. The following are the class, type and number of licensed premises within a one (1) mile radius of the proposed premises:

Class Type of Liquor License	Total
Class "A" Premises & Package:	
Class "A1" Brew Pub:	
Class "A2" Craft Brewery:	
Class "A3" Craft Distillery:	
Class "B" Premises Only:	
Class "C" Package Goods Only:	
Class "C-D" Package Goods Only/ Beer & Wine Only:	
Class "D" Premises/Beer & Wine Only:	
Class "E" Restaurant or Hotel:	
Class "F" Club:	
Class "J" Governmental & Non-for-profit:	
Class "K" Stadium:	
Class "L" Riverboat-Related Facility:	
Class "P" Bicentennial Park:	
Class "TH" Theater or Cinema:	
Class "BG" Gas Station/On-Site/Gaming:	
Class "CG" Gas Station/Package:	
The total amount of liquor licenses within a one-mile radius of the proposed location:	0

11. Zoning, general character of the neighborhood and the impact of the premises of the surrounding neighborhood and the city as a whole:

The subject business is the new site of Hollywood Casino Joliet, formerly located on Hollywood Boulevard and now located within Rock Run Collection. The casino is a permitted use within the Rock Run Collection Planned Unit Development. The property is zoned B-2 (central business district), and package liquor sales and on-premises consumption are allowable uses in this zoning district.

The property is surrounded on the north, west, and east by commercial lots and a storm detention lot in Rock Run Collection, all zoned B-2. To the south are industrial warehouses, zoned I-1 (light industrial).

12. Any law enforcement problems created by the issuance of the liquor license:

Joliet Police Department states the see no special law enforcement problems associated with the issuance of this liquor license.

13. Comments at the hearing:

The liquor hearing was conducted by Deputy Liquor Commissioners James O'Connell, Assistant Corporation Counsel Stephanie Silkey, and Detective Patrick Schumacher.

No one appeared in opposition to the issuance of this liquor license.

14. Recommendation:

Based on the liquor hearing, the Liquor Commission feels that the issuance of the liquor license would be in the best interest of the city, and therefore, recommends approval of the license.


Terry D'Arcy
Mayor and Liquor Commissioner


James O'Connell
Deputy Liquor Commissioner