



FINDINGS OF THE LIQUOR COMMISSION
TRANSFER OF A LIQUOR LICENSE

Based on a public hearing that took place on Tuesday, February 4, 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:** Imad Mosbah
d/b/a Tony Bar & Grill

(b) Address of premises: 926 Gardner Street, Joliet
2. **Class of liquor license applied:** Class B – Premises Only
3. **Past Performance:** Applicant has 15 yrs of experience in sales and/or service of alcoholic liquor
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:** 80%
7. **Nature of entertainment:** Music
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:	1
Class "C-D" Package Goods Only/ Beer & Wine Only:	
Class "D" Premises/Beer & Wine Only:	
Class "E" Restaurant or Hotel:	
Class "F" Club:	1
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:	2

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 located in a standalone building at the northeast corner of Gardner Street and Doris Avenue. It was most recently occupied by Eden Bar & Grill and has contained a restaurant use for many years. The property is zoned B-3 (general business) which permits the sale of liquor and on-premises consumption.

The surrounding zoning and land uses include:

North: R-2A (single-family residential), detached garage (under same ownership as subject site)
 East: R-2A (single-family residential), parking lot for subject business
 South: B-3 (general business), commercial (convenience store); and R-2A (single-family residential), residence
 West: I-1 (light industrial), commercial (tire shop)

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

Joliet Police Department states that in the past 12 months, there have been 22 calls for service to this location, including several serious crimes. Based on this information, the transfer of a liquor license at this location would exacerbate existing law enforcement problems in this area. Joliet Police Department asks that this application be denied.

13. Comments at the hearing:

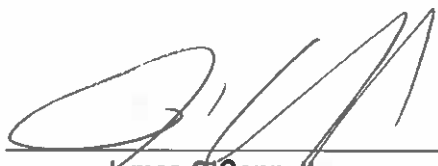
The liquor hearing was conducted by Deputy Liquor Commissioners James O'Connell, Assistant Corporation Counsel Stephanie Silkey, and Detective Patrick Schumacher.

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

14. Recommendation:

Based on the liquor hearing, the Liquor Commission feels that the issuance of the liquor license would not be in the best interest of the city, and therefore, recommends denial of the license.



Terry D'Arcy
Mayor and Liquor Commissioner

James O'Connell
Deputy Liquor Commissioner