



FINDINGS OF THE LIQUOR COMMISSION
ISSUANCE OF A LIQUOR LICENSE

Based on a public hearing that took place on Tuesday, August 12, 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:** EL PARCHE COLOMBIANO COMPANY
d/b/a: El Parche Colombiano

(b) **Address of premises:** 805 Kelly Avenue, Joliet
2. **Class of liquor license applied:** Class "E" – Restaurant or Hotel
3. **Past Performance:** Applicant has no experience with sales and 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:** 30%
7. **Nature of entertainment:** N/A
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:	10
Class "A1" Brew Pub:	
Class "A2" Craft Brewery:	
Class "A3" Craft Distillery:	
Class "B" Premises Only:	5
Class "C" Package Goods Only:	3
Class "C-D" Package Goods Only/ Beer & Wine Only:	
Class "D" Premises/Beer & Wine Only:	
Class "E" Restaurant or Hotel:	5
Class "F" Club:	6
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:	29

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 a new restaurant located at 805 Kelly Avenue, which is at the northwest corner of Ruby Street and Kelly Avenue. The site contains a mixed-use building with several commercial tenants on the main floor and residential on the second floor. The tenant space at 805 has contained a restaurant for at least 10 years and was previously occupied by El Sabor De Mexico Tortilleria y Taqueria. The commercial tenant spaces in the west part of the building contain a restaurant and a bar. The property is zoned B-1 (neighborhood business) district, which permits a restaurant and the sales and on-premises consumption of liquor.

The subject site is located in the Ruby Street commercial corridor. The surrounding zoning and land uses include:

- North: B-1 (neighborhood business), residential
- East: B-1 (neighborhood business), parking lot for the subject site
- South: B-1 (neighborhood business), commercial (real estate office); and R-2 (single-family residential), City-owned parking lot
- West: B-1 (neighborhood business), commercial (restaurant)

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

Joliet Police Department does not foresee any 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 Commissioner Kevin Kelley, Assistant Corporation Counsel Stephanie Silkey, and Detective T.J. Gruber.

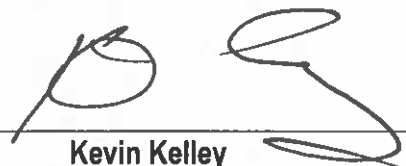
Margaet Gillespie, owner of Magpie's appeared in opposition to the liquor license because of alcohol sales and stated the neighborhood needs to be cleaned up.

Abigail Fugman, neighbor who lives above restaurant, attended for more information on the business hours. Not opposed to issuance of 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 liquor license.


Terry D'Arcy
Mayor and Liquor Commissioner


Kevin Kelley
Deputy Liquor Commissioner