



**FINDINGS OF THE LIQUOR COMMISSION**  
**ISSUANCE OF A LIQUOR LICENSE**

Based on a public hearing that took place on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 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:** Mike Kelley  
d/b/a The Irish Corner Cantina  
  
**(b) Address of premises:** 2771 Black Road, Joliet, 60435
  
2. **Class of liquor license applied:** Class "B" – Premises Only
  
3. **Past Performance:** Applicant has 15 years of experience with sales/service of alcoholic liquor.
  
4. **Character and reputation of the applicant:** The applicant is of good character.
  
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:** 20%
  
7. **Nature of entertainment:** Music and karaoke
  
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:**

| <b>Class Type of Liquor License</b>  | <b>Total</b> |
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| Class "A" Premises & Package:  | 1            |
| Class "A1" Brew Pub:   |              |
| Class "A2" Craft Brewery:  |              |
| Class "A3" Craft Distillery:   |              |
| Class "B" Premises Only:   | 4            |
| 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:   | 3            |
| 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: | 11           |

**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 within the multi-tenant commercial building at the northeast corner of Black Road and 129<sup>th</sup> Infantry Drive. The location is the corner unit which was formerly occupied by Fireman Ted's Bar and Grill. Other tenants include various service, retail, and restaurant uses. The property is zoned B-1 (neighborhood business) which permits on-premises consumption.

The site is within the Campus Courtyards commercial subdivision. The surrounding zoning and land uses include:

North: B-1 (neighborhood business) and R-B (restricted business), commercial (professional offices)  
 East: B-1 (neighborhood business), commercial (restaurant)  
 South: R-2 (single-family residential), residential (Glenwood Manor Subdivision)  
 West: B-1 (neighborhood business), commercial (bank)

**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 James O'Connell, Assistant Corporation Counsel Chris Regis, and Detective Pat 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 liquor license.

  
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Mayor and Liquor Commissioner

  
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Deputy Liquor Commissioner