



FINDINGS OF THE LIQUOR COMMISSION
ISSUANCE OF A LIQUOR LICENSE

Based on a public hearing that took place on Wednesday, October 16th, 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:** Hemendra Shah
d/b/a Joliet Gas & Food

(b) **Address of premises:** 91 Airport Drive, Joliet
2. **Class of liquor license applied:** Class CG – Package Goods Only
3. **Past Performance:** Applicant has 10 years' experience with sales and 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:** 1%
7. **Nature of entertainment:** N/A
8. **Premise compliance with all ordinances of the city:**

Building Inspections Department – approval is pending passing final inspection.

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:	1
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 site is located at the southwest corner of Jefferson Street and Airport Drive. The site has contained a gas station use since around 2005 and was most recently occupied by Citgo until around 2020. The property is zoned I-1 (light industrial district), and package liquor sales are an allowable use in this district.

The property is surrounded by the Joliet Regional Airport, zoned B-3 (general business), to the east; forest preserve, zoned County A-1 (agricultural), to the north; a professional office, zoned B-3 (general business), to the west, and undeveloped land, zoned I-1, to the south.

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

Joliet Police Department states they do not foresee any special law enforcement problems associated with the issuance of this liquor license at this time, however, the building has been vacant for approximately 4 years.

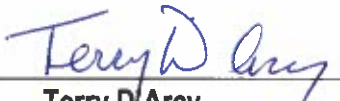
13. Comments at the hearing:

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

No one appeared in opposition to this liquor license.

14. Recommendation:

The proposed premise (91 Airport Drive) is in the vicinity of several hotels. The issuance of an additional liquor license at this location, will likely have a negative impact on the surrounding neighborhood. The issuance of this type of license will have a negative impact on the city as a whole. Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Commissioner hereby concludes that there exists just cause to deny the application for the issuance of a liquor license and therefore, recommends denial of the liquor license.


Terry D. Arcy
Mayor and Liquor Commissioner


James O'Connell
Deputy Liquor Commissioner