

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF WILL)

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL
COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF JOLIET**

IN RE: APPLICATION OF MATTHEW THOMAS)
FOR THE ISSUANCE)
OF A CLASS CG LIQUOR LICENSE)
AT 379 S. CHICAGO STREET)
JOLIET, ILLINOIS)

Case No. 21-01

ORDER

This matter comes on pursuant to the application of MATTHEW THOMAS, for the issuance of a Class C-D liquor license at Kal Petro, located at 379 S. Chicago Street. Public hearing on the application has been held pursuant to lawful notice and the application has been considered by the Mayor and City Council in accordance with the Joliet Liquor Code. Based on the foregoing, the Commissioner hereby makes the following findings of fact:

1. Matthew Thomas applied for the issuance of a Class C liquor license for the premises of Kal Petro, located at 379 S. Chicago Street; a public hearing was held on February 4, 2021

2. In the time that followed, the Applicant contacted the Office of the Liquor Commissioner and stated that he wished to amend his application in order to request a BG license, as the new class had been created. His request was honored, and it should be noted that the change in the class applied for does not affect or alter the findings contained herein.

3. The applicant has applied for the issuance of a Class BG liquor license. A Class BG liquor license authorizes the sale of beer and wine in its original package, not for consumption on the premises, the sale of beer and wine for consumption on the premises, as well as video gaming.

4. The proposed premise is located at 379 S. Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois. This property consists a brick structure which is used as a convenience store (proposed premise) which supports the sale of motor fuel from several fuel pumping islands.

5. The proposed premise is zoned for business, however immediately to the west is a large residential neighborhood.

6. A review of police department records from 7/1/20 to 6/30/21 reveals that there were 34 calls for police service on the actual property at 379 S. Chicago Street. When the same search is expanded to the area within 100 feet of the proposed premise, 120 additional calls for police service can be added.

7. The criteria used in determining whether the issuance of a new liquor license is in the best interest of the City include the following:

Section 4-13(c)(10): The zoning, general character of the surrounding neighborhood, and the projected impact of the premises upon the surrounding neighborhood and the city as a whole.

Section 4-13(c)(11): The law enforcement problems, if any, which would be created by the opening of the premises.

The proposed premise (379 S. Chicago Street) backs up to a residential area. The proposed premise, as well as its immediate vicinity is the locus of frequent calls for police service. The issuance of a liquor license at this location, regardless of class, will likely have a negative impact on the surrounding neighborhood, as well as the city as a whole. The issuance of a liquor license at this location will likely exacerbate the already existing law enforcement problems. 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.

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

That the application of Matthew Thomas for the premises of Kal Petro, located at 379 S. Chicago Street for the issuance of a Class BG liquor license be denied.

DATE: July 9, 2021

ENTER: _____

ROBERT O'DEKIRK
Local Liquor Control Commissioner
City of Joliet

PROOF OF SERVICE

I have duly served the foregoing Order on _____ by leaving a copy thereof with the said _____ personally on the ____ day of July 2021.

SERVING OFFICER

Received one (1) copy of the above Order and I hereby acknowledge receipt of same.

BY: _____