



FINDINGS OF THE LIQUOR COMMISSION
TRANSFER OF A LIQUOR LICENSE

Based on a public hearing that took place on Friday, April 11th, 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:** NIKO'S BANQUET INC.
d/b/a NIKO'S BANQUET

(b) **Address of premises:** 310 STRYKER AVENUE, JOLIET, 60436
2. **Class of liquor license applied:** Class F – Club
3. **Past Performance:** The applicant has 2 years' experience in 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:** 25%
7. **Nature of entertainment:** N/A
8. **Premise compliance with all ordinances of the city:**

Building Inspections Department states applicant is compliant.

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:	2
Class "A1" Brew Pub:	
Class "A2" Craft Brewery:	
Class "A3" Craft Distillery:	1
Class "B" Premises Only:	4
Class "C" Package Goods Only:	8
Class "C-D" Package Goods Only/ Beer & Wine Only:	1
Class "D" Premises/Beer & Wine Only:	3
Class "E" Restaurant or Hotel:	3
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:	1
Class "CG" Gas Station/Package:	
The total amount of liquor licenses within a one-mile radius of the proposed location:	24

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 on a 16-acre parcel that contains a church and social center surrounded by a large parking lot. The social center contains an existing banquet facility. The property is zoned R-2 (single-family residential). In 1990, City Council approved Ordinance #9450 which approved a Variation of Use to allow a banquet hall, a B-3 (general business) use, at this location. At that time, the organization operating the banquet hall was the American Serbian Social Club. The site has continued to have been used in this manner since the approval of the Variation of Use. The B-3 district allows banquet facilities and the sale and on-premises consumption of liquor.

The surrounding zoning and land uses include:

- North: R-2 (single-family residential), Lynne Thigpen Elementary School and Dirksen Junior High School
- East: R-2 (single-family residential), residences
- South: R-B (restricted business), vacant; and R-4 (multi-family residential), residences
- West: R-2A (single-family residential), residences

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

Joliet Police Department states they do not foresee any special law enforcement problems associated with the transfer of this liquor license.

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 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 transfer of the liquor license would be in the best interest of the city, and therefore, recommends approval of the license.



Terry D'Arcy
Mayor and Liquor Commissioner



James O'Connell
Deputy Liquor Commissioner