



FINDINGS OF THE LIQUOR COMMISSION
ISSUANCE OF A LIQUOR LICENSE

Based on a public hearing that took place on Wednesday, July 31st, 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:** Abdul Basit
d/b/a Riverboat Gas & Food

(b) **Address of premises:** 1411 Riverboat Center 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 states there 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:	1
Class "A1" Brew Pub:	
Class "A2" Craft Brewery:	
Class "A3" Craft Distillery:	
Class "B" Premises Only:	3
Class "C" Package Goods Only:	2
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:	9

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 an existing business at the northeast corner of Riverboat Center Drive and Houbolt Road. The site contains an existing gas station and convenience store. The property is zoned B-3 (General Business District), and package liquor sales are an allowable use in this district.

The property is entirely surrounded by fast-food, hotels and other service- based business establishments. Surrounding zoning is B-3 (General Business District).

The proposed premises is within a one-mile radius of nine (9) licensed premises and several hotels and businesses. The issuance of an additional liquor license at this location will likely have a negative impact on the surrounding neighborhood, businesses, and city as a whole.

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.

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.

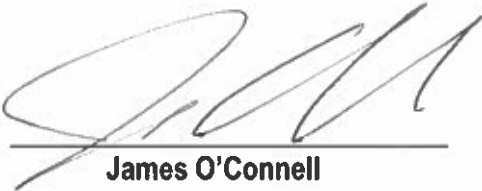
No one appeared in opposition to this liquor license.

14. Recommendation:

The proposed premise (1411 Riverboat Center Drive) is within a one (1) mile radius of nine (9) licensed premises. The proposed premise is also 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, as well as the city as a whole. Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Liquor Commission feels that the issuance of the liquor license would not be in the best interest of the city, and therefore, recommends denial of the liquor license.



Terry D'Arcy
Mayor and Liquor Commissioner



James O'Connell
Deputy Liquor Commissioner