



FINDINGS OF THE LIQUOR COMMISSION
ISSUANCE OF A LIQUOR LICENSE

Based on a public hearing that took place on Wednesday, February 28, 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:** RICARDO GARCIA
d/b/a EL GUERO FRESH MARKET

(b) **Address of premises:** 118 E. JACKSON STREET, JOLIET, 60432
2. **Class of liquor license applied:** Class C – Package Goods Only
3. **Past Performance:** Applicant has prior experience in sales and/or 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:** 10%
7. **Nature of entertainment:** N/A
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:

Class Type of Liquor License	Total
Class "A" Premises & Package:	10
Class "A1" Brew Pub:	
Class "A2" Craft Brewery:	
Class "A3" Craft Distillery:	
Class "B" Premises Only:	21
Class "C" Package Goods Only:	4
Class "C-D" Package Goods Only/ Beer & Wine Only:	
Class "D" Premises/Beer & Wine Only:	
Class "E" Restaurant or Hotel:	13
Class "F" Club:	4
Class "J" Governmental & Non-for-profit:	
Class "K" Stadium:	1
Class "L" Riverboat-Related Facility:	1
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:	54

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 a new grocery store located in a multi-tenant commercial building at the southwest corner of Jackson Street and Franklin Street. The property is zoned B-3 (general business district), and package liquor sales are an allowable use in this zoning district.

A church is located on the lot to the north across Jackson Street. The grocery store building and the church building are approximately 685 feet apart. Surrounding zoning and land uses include:

North: B-3 (general business), church (Our Lady of Mount Carmel)
 East: R-2 (single-family residential) and R-3 (one- and two-family residential), residences and rear yard / parking area for Spanish Community Center
 South: B-3 (general business), residences
 West: I-1 (light industrial), contractor supply store (ABC Supply Co.)

Approval of the requested liquor license should not alter the essential character of the area or the 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 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 issuance of the liquor license.


Terry D'Arcy
Mayor and Liquor Commissioner


James O'Connell
Deputy Liquor Commissioner