



FINDINGS OF THE LIQUOR COMMISSION
ISSUANCE OF A LIQUOR LICENSE

Based on a public hearing that took place on Thursday, May 28, 2026, 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:** Love's Travel Stop & Country Stores, Inc.
d/b/a: Love's Travel Stop #777

(b) **Address of premises:** 1501 New Lenox Road

2. **Class of liquor license applied:** Class C – Packaged Goods

3. **Past Performance:** 2 years of experience with 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:** 15%

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:	1
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:	
Class "E" Restaurant or Hotel:	
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:	1

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 Love’s Travel Stop located at the northwest corner of New Lenox Road and Briggs Street. The travel center contains a convenience store and restaurant building, as well as passenger vehicle and truck fueling stations and parking. The site is zoned B-3 (general business), which permits the sale of liquor. The travel center use was established prior to the requirement for a special use permit for fueling stations in the B-3 zoning district.

The surrounding zoning and land uses include:

North: County C-3 (general commercial), tent rental service; and County R-4 (single-family residence), residential

East: County C-2 (local commercial), gas station; and Interstate 80 interchange

South: County C-2 (local commercial), bank; and County R-4 (single-family residence), agricultural

West: City R-1 (single-family residential), detention area; and County R-4 (single-family residence), residential

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

Joliet Police Department does not foresee any special law enforcement problems associated with the issuance of this liquor license.

13. Comments at the hearing:

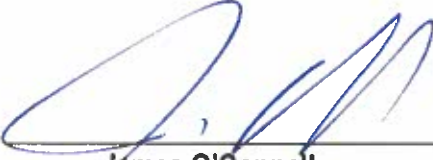
The liquor hearing was conducted by Deputy Liquor Commissioners James O'Connell and Kevin Kelley, Interim Corporation Counsel Todd Lenzie, and Detective TJ Gruber.

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 license.



Terry D'Arcy
Mayor and Liquor Commissioner



James O'Connell
Deputy Liquor Commissioner