



FINDINGS OF THE LIQUOR COMMISSION
ISSUANCE 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:** MACHETES PUEBLA CORP.
d/b/a MACHETES PUEBLA

(b) **Address of premises:** 324 COLLINS STREET, JOLIET, 60432
2. **Class of liquor license applied:** Class E – Restaurant or Hotel
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:** 10%
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:	8
Class "A1" Brew Pub:	
Class "A2" Craft Brewery:	
Class "A3" Craft Distillery:	
Class "B" Premises Only:	20
Class "C" Package Goods Only:	6
Class "C-D" Package Goods Only/ Beer & Wine Only:	1
Class "D" Premises/Beer & Wine Only:	
Class "E" Restaurant or Hotel:	11
Class "F" Club:	4
Class "J" Governmental & Non-for-profit:	
Class "K" Stadium:	1
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:	51

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 restaurant that recently opened within an existing building at the northeast corner of Collins Street and Catalpa Street. The site, which contains a 1,400-square-foot building and surrounding parking lot, has been used as a restaurant for many years. The property is zoned B-3 (general business) district, which permits a restaurant use and the sales and on-premises consumption of liquor.

The surrounding zoning and land uses include:

North: B-3 (general business), commercial (gas station)
 East: B-3 (general business), residential
 South: B-3 (general business), commercial (retail – auto parts)
 West: B-3 (general business), commercial (auto dealership; multi-tenant commercial building with retail and service uses)

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 Patrick 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 license.



Terry D'Arcy
Mayor and Liquor Commissioner



James O'Connell
Deputy Liquor Commissioner