

Based on a public hearing that took place on Tuesday, September 30, 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:** Segun Adeyemi – Spicy Larry Café LLC
d/b/a Spicy Larry Café

(b) Address of premises: 3111 Theodore Street, Joliet
2. **Class of liquor license applied:** Class B – Premises Only
3. **Past Performance:** Applicant has no 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:** 20%
7. **Nature of entertainment:** Music
8. **Premise compliance with all ordinances of the city:**

Building Inspections Department approval pending final inspection.

Joliet Fire Department approval pending Building Inspections Department final inspection.
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:	8
Class "C" Package Goods Only:	2
Class "C-D" Package Goods Only/ Beer & Wine Only:	
Class "D" Premises/Beer & Wine Only:	1
Class "E" Restaurant or Hotel:	2
Class "F" Club:	1
Class "J" Governmental & Non-for-profit:	
Class "K" Stadium:	
Class "L" Riverboat-Related Facility:	
Class "N" Business Site	1
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:	16

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 restaurant in the multi-tenant commercial building in the Duck Creek Plaza at 3101 – 3111 Theodore Street. The unit was previously used as a restaurant space. The property is zoned B-3 (general business) which permits on-premises consumption and the sale of liquor.

The surrounding zoning and land uses include:

North: R-2 (single-family residential), residential (Warwick Sub)
 East: B-3 (general business), commercial (Parker Square center)
 South: B-3 (general business), commercial (bank)
 West: B-3 (general business), undeveloped

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

Joliet Police Department does not recommend the issuance of this liquor license due to pending criminal felony charges for Mr. Jelili Olaniyan, who holds the original lease for this property.

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 Deanna Donnelly, and Detective T.J. Gruber.

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 not be in the best interest of the city, and therefore, recommends denial of the license.



Terry D'Arcy
Mayor and Liquor Commissioner



Kevin Kelley
Deputy Liquor Commissioner