



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:** NICOLAS LIAPPAS
d/b/a D'AMORE BANQUET HALL

(b) **Address of premises:** 113 REPUBLIC AVENUE, SUITE 105, JOLIET, 60435
2. **Class of liquor license applied:** Class B - Premises Only
3. **Past Performance:** Applicant has no prior experience in sales 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:	3
Class "A1" Brew Pub:	
Class "A2" Craft Brewery:	1
Class "A3" Craft Distillery:	1
Class "B" Premises Only:	9
Class "C" Package Goods Only:	7
Class "C-D" Package Goods Only/ Beer & Wine Only:	
Class "D" Premises/Beer & Wine Only:	5
Class "E" Restaurant or Hotel:	3
Class "F" Club:	1
Class "J" Governmental & Non-for-profit:	1
Class "K" Stadium:	
Class "L" Riverboat-Related Facility:	
Class "P" Bicentennial Park:	
Class "TH" Theater or Cinema:	
Class "BG" Gas Station/On-Site/Gaming:	1
Class "CG" Gas Station/Package:	
The total amount of liquor licenses within a one-mile radius of the proposed location:	32

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 an existing banquet hall located in the Republic Hall building on the west side of Republic Avenue, north of Jefferson Street. The commercial building contains several other tenants, including a catering business, a church, and an insurance business. The property is zoned I-1 (light industrial district), and a banquet hall with on-premises liquor consumption is permitted in this district.

All surrounding properties are zoned I-1 (light industrial district). The surrounding land uses include:

North: Medical / physical therapy office
 East: Auto repair business; daycare; church
 South: Contractor yard (Cedar Rustic Fence Co.)
 West: Joliet Junction trail; equipment rental business

A banquet hall has existed at this location for many years. 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.

Councilman Pat Mudron appeared in favor of 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