



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:** ROCHELLE SAENZ
d/b/a FAMILY DOLLAR #21442

(b) **Address of premises:** 454 E. CASS STREET, JOLIET, 60432
2. **Class of liquor license applied:** Class C – Package Goods Only
3. **Past Performance:** Applicant has no 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:	8
Class "A1" Brew Pub:	
Class "A2" Craft Brewery:	
Class "A3" Craft Distillery:	
Class "B" Premises Only:	20
Class "C" Package Goods Only:	3
Class "C-D" Package Goods Only/ Beer & Wine Only:	2
Class "D" Premises/Beer & Wine Only:	
Class "E" Restaurant or Hotel:	10
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:	49

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 Family Dollar store located at the southwest corner of Cass Street and Parks Avenue. The store is in the eastern unit of a two-tenant building; Advance Auto Parts occupies the western unit. The property is zoned B-3 (general business district), and package liquor sales are an allowable use in this zoning district.

All surrounding properties are zoned B-3 (general business district). Surrounding land uses include:

North: Commercial strip center (Dollar Tree, T Mobile, Mimi's Liquors)
East: Restaurant (Taquerias Atotonilco)
South: Residential
West: Retail (Advance Auto Parts)

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

In consideration of the application for a liquor license to be issued at 454 E. Cass Street, we have reviewed the calls for service at this location. Our records reveal that, in the past 12 months, there have been 219 calls for service to this location, including several serious crimes.

Based on the above, we foresee that the issuance of a liquor license at this location would exacerbate existing law enforcement problems in this area. We ask that this application be denied.

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



Terry D'Arcy
Mayor and Liquor Commissioner

James O'Connell
Deputy Liquor Commissioner