



STAFF REPORT

Report To: Liquor and Entertainment Board **Meeting Date:** January 16, 2025

Staff Contact: Hope Sullivan, AICP, Community Development Director

Agenda Title: For Discussion Only: Presentation and discussion regarding the Liquor Hearings Officer’s 2024 Annual Report. (Hope Sullivan, hsullivan@carson.org)

Staff Summary: Carson City Municipal Code (“CCMC”) Chapter 4.13, the Liquor Board and Liquor Licensing and Sales ordinance, allows the Liquor Board to appoint a hearings officer who has the authority to review, approve, approve with conditions or disapprove liquor license applications. CCMC 4.13.150 requires the hearings officer to prepare and present an annual activity report to the Liquor and Entertainment Board. The report must include the disciplinary actions and penalties resulting from the hearings officer’s decisions as well as the Administrative Citation process. This item includes a report on liquor licenses approved in 2024 as well as compliance checks.

Agenda Action: Other / Presentation **Time Requested:** 5 Minutes

Proposed Motion

Discussion only.

Board's Strategic Goal

Safety

Previous Action

N/A

Background/Issues & Analysis

The Liquor Board granted liquor license approval authority to a Liquor Hearings Officer in 2017. The Liquor Hearings Officer schedules and conducts an administrative hearing when the Business License Division of the Community Development Department receives a liquor license application. Liquor license administrative hearings are scheduled as needed to accommodate applicants. Community Development Director Hope Sullivan and Planning Manager Heather Ferris are the appointed Liquor Hearings Officers.

Hearings Officer Annual Report 2024:

In 2024, the Hearings Officer held seven meetings in which 29 applications were considered. Of those applications, 26 were approved, 17 were new licenses, 8 were existing licenses with a new/additional liquor manager, 1 application was to add a classification to an existing license and 3 applications were denied or referred to the Liquor and Entertainment Board. The applications were as follows.

New licenses:

- Panda Kitchen II, 208 E. William St., Beer/Wine License
- El Billar, 208 E. Winnie Ln., Catering License
- Flavors of India, 240 E. Winnie Ln., Beer/Wine License
- Bella Vita Bistro & Catering, 1304 S. Stewart St., Dining Room w/ Hard Liquor and Catering
- Yangs Kitchen, 111 E. Telegraph St., Beer/Wine License
- The Golf Lodge, 4530 S. Carson St. #2, Tavern/Bar Liquor License
- Chiku Enterprises dba Lucky Market 22, 262 W. Winnie Ln., Package Liquor License
- Pancho's Tacos, 1004 Stanford Dr., Catering Liquor License
- Don Chepe Mexican Restaurant, 1200 S. Stewart St., Beer/Wine Liquor License
- Saltwater Tavern, 306 E. William St., Tavern/Bar Liquor License
- Heidi's Family Restaurant, 1020 N. Carson St., Beer/Wine
- Bully's Sports Bar and Grill, 3530 N. Carson St., Tavern/Bar, change in ownership
- Mulligan's Indoor Golf Center, 151 Clearview Dr., Dining Room with Hard Liquor
- L&N Party Rentals, 1770 Dori Way #110, Tavern/Bar Liquor License
- Maani Enterprise LLC, 262 W. Winnie Ln., Package Liquor License
- VP Racing Fuels, 705 N. Carson St., Package Liquor License
- Carson Gas, 1600 N. Carson St., Package Liquor License

New/ additional liquor manager:

- Chipotle Mexican Grill, 1457 S. Carson St. #102, change in liquor manager
- Breakthru Beverages Nevada, LLC, 100 Distribution Dr., Sparks, change in liquor manager
- La Jefa LLC, 1701 N. Carson St., change in liquor manager
- Hampton Inn and Suites Carson City, 10 Hospitality Way, change in liquor manager
- Galaxy Fandango 10, 4000 S. Curry St., change in liquor manager
- Costco Wholesale, 700 Old Clear Creek Rd., change in liquor manager
- CVS Pharmacy, 220 Fairview Dr., change in liquor manager
- Save Mart #552, 3620 N. Carson St., additional liquor manager

Other:

- Cucina Lupa / Park Home Ranch Catering, 308 N. Curry St., add Catering License to existing Dining Room with Hard Liquor License

The Hearings Officer did not conduct any hearings related to revocation but denied one application for a new license as follows:

- A new Wholesale Distributer License application for Lakeshore Premium Wines (Michael Cox) at 3188 N. Carson St. was denied because the applicant decided not to pursue the business.

There were two instances where the Hearings Officer referred the application to the Liquor and Entertainment Board; both were with the concurrence of the applicant:

- A new Package Liquor License application for Janu Enterprises dba Lucky Market 2 at 262 W. Winnie Ln. was referred to the Liquor and Entertainment Board. The Liquor and Entertainment Board considered the application at its meeting of March 21, 2024, and approved the application for a Package Liquor License.
- A new Tavern/Bar application for M&M FROGS LLC dba Remedy Bar at 306 E. William St. was referred to the Liquor and Entertainment Board. The Liquor and Entertainment Board considered the

application at its meeting of April 4, 2024, and denied the liquor license application.

Alcohol Server Compliance Checks:

A total of 30 alcohol server compliance checks were conducted by the Cason City Sheriff’s Office in 2024. Of the 30 total, 23 passed while 7 of the checks failed and were issued citations. The checks were conducted throughout the year in April, June and December. For comparison, in 2023, there were 66 compliance checks, and 13 failed and were issued citations.

In addition to a misdemeanor citation for the violating server, four of those citations resulted in an administrative citation, a \$100 fine that is imposed on the business for a first offense. Two of the criminal citations were the result of a repeated failure of the compliance checks. These businesses were given a second offense administrative citation and a \$500 fine. One of the checks that failed did not receive an administrative citation due to a delay in receiving the information from the Sheriff’s Office which precluded compliance with the due process time frame.

First Offense Administration Citations were issued for the following businesses:

- Extra Mile #139, 1615 E 5th. (4/12/2024)
- The Blue Bull, 107 E. Telegraph St.
- Jimmy G’s Cigar Bar, 301 N. Carson St.
- Eagle Valley Market, 933 Woodside Dr. #105

Second Offense Administrative Citations were issued for the following businesses:

- Ben’s Fine Wine & Spirits, 3777 N. Carson St., Suite 105
- Extra Mile #128, 1400 Rand Ave (6/28/2024)

No Administrative Citation issued based on due process:

- Lucky Strike Casino, 2811 South Carson St. (12/19/24)

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

CCMC Chapter 4.13

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted? No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives

N/A

Motion: _____

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)
