

**GRAND JUNCTION LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY**  
**MINUTES**  
**August 3, 2022**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Those present were Hearing Officer Sam D. Starritt, City Attorney John Shaver and Deputy City Clerk Janet Harrell.

**II. License Renewal Applications**

1. Thai Smile, LLC dba Thai Smile, 2692 Highway 50, Suite E, Grand Junction, CO 81503, Beer & Wine
2. Rosco's, Inc. dba Kannah Creek Brewing Company, 1960 N 12th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Brew Pub
3. Orange Coast Investments, Inc. dba Grand Vista Hotel, 2790 Crossroads Blvd, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Hotel & Restaurant
4. 314 Main, LLC dba Dream Cafe, 314 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel & Restaurant and Outdoor Dining Lease
5. Fisher's Liquor Barn, Inc. dba Fisher's Liquor Barn, 2438 Patterson Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Liquor Store and Tasting Permit

Hearing Officer Starritt read renewals 1 – 5 into the record and verified with Ms. Harrell the applications were in order. Hearing Officer Starritt asked if anyone was present to speak against the applications; there was no one. Renewals 1 – 5 were approved.

**III. License Renewal and Change of Manager Applications**

1. Old Chicago Taproom II, LLC dba Old Chicago #27, 120 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel & Restaurant

Registered Manager Shane Dixon, 624 Silver Mountain Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81504 Replaces Tyler London

Hearing Officer Starritt read the renewal and change of manager into the record and verified with Ms. Harrell the applications were in order. Hearing Officer Starritt asked if anyone was present to speak against the applications; there was no one. The renewal was approved.

**IV. License Renewal Applications with Late Filing**

1. JJ's Cruisers, LLC dba Cruisers, 715 Horizon Drive, Suite 100, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Tavern - *15 days late*

Hearing Officer Starritt read a letter explaining the late filing into the record

(attached) and verified with Ms. Harrell the application was in order. Cruisers owner Jon U-Ren was present and further explained the reason for the late filing. Hearing Officer Starritt found good cause for the late filing and approved the renewal.

2. El Tapatio, LLC dba El Tapatio, 1145 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel & Restaurant - *38 days late*

Hearing Officer Starritt read a letter explaining the late filing into the record (attached) and verified with Ms. Harrell the application was in order. Applicant representative Ashley Espinoza was present and further explained the reason for the late filing. Hearing Officer Starritt found good cause for the late filing and approved the renewal.

## **V. Special Event Permit Applications**

1. Hilltop Health Services Corporation, 1331 Hermosa Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81506, "The Beacon & Hilltop Senior Living Garden Party – 2022," Located at 625 27 ½ Road *and* 1331 Hermosa Avenue on September 9, 2022 from 6 to 10 p.m.

CEO: Michael Stahl, 2599 Kayden Court, Grand Junction, CO 81505  
Event Manager: Paige Cadman, 636 Courtney Way, Grand Junction, CO 81504

Hilltop Special Events Coordinator Paige Cadman was present and explained the application was submitted for two locations due to concern regarding possible changes in COVID protocols. Ms. Cadman then answered a series of questions regarding the event locations, security and how it will be conducted lawfully.

Hearing Officer Starritt asked if there was anyone present in opposition of this special event permit being issued. There was no one. Hearing Officer Starritt entered Exhibits "A", "B" and "C" (attached) into the record.

Hearing Officer Starritt found that pursuant to Colorado State Statute 44-5-106, there are no grounds to deny the special event permit; it would not be injurious to the public welfare because of the nature of the special event, its location within the community, or the failure of the applicant in a past special event to conduct the event in compliance with applicable laws. The application for special event permit submitted by Hilltop Health Services Corporation for "The Beacon & Hilltop Senior Living Garden Party – 2022" was in order and approved.

## **VI. Other Business**

There was none.

## **VII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

My name is Jon U-Ren, I own 20% of JJ'S CRUISERS LLC - (CRUISERS Bar on Horizon)

I just received an e-mail that we had not paid our renewal fee of \$175 that was due on 7/3/22. My partner James Hadrath usually takes care of those things but last year he had a liver transplant so for the most part I have been running the day to day business. For whatever reason the bill went to James' home address and I never saw the bill. I am including the payment to the City & to the State. Please let me know what else that I need to do to be up to date on my liquor License. Thanks & have a great day.

Jon U-Ren  
cruisersbar@yahoo.com  
970-589-3002.

Araceli Espinoza

2615 Partridge Court

Grand Junction, Colorado, 81506

Your Honor,

The following letter will include an explanation as to why there was a late submission for the renewal of the Liquor License for El Tapatio Family Mexican Restaurant located on 1145 North Ave, Grand Junction, 81501.

On the morning of July 25<sup>th</sup>, I, Araceli Espinoza and my father, Francisco Espinoza, went to speak to the city clerk and explained our situation. We did not receive the renewal form in the mail and there were only a few days left until our license expired. We at this point do realize that we could've contacted our City Clerk's office sooner.

After speaking with Janet Harrell, we assumed there was an error in our mailing address which the state has registered for El Tapatio. Instead of it being the location we have been located at for the past 16 years it was a P.O. Box in the city of Parachute. Hence why we did not receive the Liquor License Renewal Form in the mail explaining why our application is late. The Liquor License Form was completed and dropped off at the City Clerk's Office the morning of July 25, 2022.

We apologize for our tardiness to recognize this issue sooner and managing the situation in a better manner. We hope you understand our situation. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Araceli Espinoza

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT  
QUESTIONNAIRE AND AFFIDAVIT

A

1. Name of Event: The Beacon and Hilltop Senior Living Communities Garden Party

2. How many attendees are expected? Approx 100-150

3. Has the event been held in the past? If so, how many years? Four: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021

4. Have there ever been any violations or citations issued during the event in the past?

No

5. Describe the premises at which the event will take place (attach diagram).

This event is planned to be held in the outdoor courtyard of The Commons of Hilltop - 625 27 1/2 Road (Location A Diagram) If The Commons is in outbreak status, it will be at 1331 Hermosa (Location B Diagram)

6. What type of and how many security will be provided?

Two members of Hilltop's staff will provide security for this event and will wear badges to identify themselves as such.

7. Describe the Security Control Plan (use additional sheet if necessary).

Fisher's Liquor Barn will be ID'ing people as they serve drinks at the bar to ensure no underage drinking. Bartenders, as well as Hilltop staff, will observe attendee behavior to detect any inappropriate alcohol related behavior. Taxis will be called for anyone deemed unable to drive.

8. How will security personnel be identified?

All security will wear clearly identifiable badge marking them as the event's security.

9. If this event is an outdoor event, how will the exterior boundaries of the premises be marked (i.e., roped, fenced, etc.)?

The majority of the boundaries in both locations A & B are existing with the exterior of the permanent building and fencing. The additional control barriers will be marked with stakes and caution tape to clearly mark where the alcohol is allowed.

10. What method of age verification will be used (i.e., at the door, at the bar, etc.) and how will underage patrons be identified so as not to be served alcohol beverages (i.e., stamp or mark on the hand, etc.)? A

This event is marketed to those age 55 and older, and all staff will be over the age of 21. Fisher's Liquor Barn staff will be responsible for checking IDs at the bar as they are serving drinks. If someone does attend who appears to be underage, we will mark their hands with an "X" with a permanent marker.

11. How will the conduct and level of intoxication of attendees be monitored and by whom?

All staff will pay attention for any signs of intoxication. The bartenders, provided by The Liquor Barn, will be the ones who will stop serving to anyone who they believe to be intoxicated.

12. Have the volunteers or members of your organization been trained in the sale/service of alcohol beverages?

Two members of Hilltop's staff have completed the Alcohol Server Responsibility training provided by the City.

13. What other types of beverages and food/snacks will be available?

In addition to our cash bar, an array of hot and cold BBQ menu items will be served for an additional fee, as well as a range of non-alcoholic drinks and water stations (free)

14. Does this organization (applicant) have a State and City Sales Tax Number ? If so, provide those numbers below. If not, what is the application submission date?

State Sales Tax License: 04136961-0001; Sales/Use Tax License: 3360

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that the information provided to the Grand Junction Liquor Licensing Authority contained in this questionnaire/affidavit is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Applicant's Signature

7-5-22  
Date

STATE OF COLORADO     )  
COUNTY OF MESA        ) SS.  
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION )

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

Witness my hand and official Seal.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Notary Public

2/16/25  
My commission expires

KELLEE LYNN ECHAVE  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF COLORADO  
NOTARY ID 20214006224  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES FEBRUARY 16, 2025

HILLTOP SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES GARDEN PARTY - **LOCATION A** - 625 27 1/2 ROAD



EXISTING BUILDING  
625 27 1/2 ROAD

FOOD

ENTRANCE

BAND

BAR

EXISTING BUILDING  
625 27 1/2 ROAD

EXISTING SPLITRAIL FENCE

ENTRANCE

TEMPORARY FENCING WITH WOODEN STAKES AND NEON MARKING TAPE

TO 27 1/2 ROAD

TO HERMOSA AVE

APPROX 120 FT DEEP AND 140 FT WIDE EVENT AREA

B

HILLTOP SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES GARDEN PARTY - **LOCATION B** - 1331 HERMOSA AVE

**↑**  
TO HERMOSA AVE



EXISTING BUILDING - 1331 HREMOSA AVE

SECONDARY  
ENTERANCE

MAIN  
ENTRANCE

FOOD

BAR

BAND

TEMPORARY FENCING WITH WOODEN STAKES  
AND NEON MARKING TAPE

EXISTING HOUSE/FENCE



APPROX 100FT DEEP AND 125FT WIDE EVENT AREA

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