

GRAND JUNCTION LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY
MINUTES
June 25, 2025

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:58 p.m. Those present were Hearing Officer Sam D. Starritt, City Attorney John Shaver, Deputy City Clerk Krystle Koehler.

Hearing Officer Starritt requested that the meeting begin with a brief update from John Howe, attorney for Surf to Turf Inc., dba. Surf to Turf, regarding the status of their Certificate of Occupancy. Mr. Howe reported that the only remaining requirement is passing the fire suppression inspection, which they anticipate completing within the next two weeks.

II. License Renewal Applications

1. Cerca Trova Southwest Restaurant Group, LLC dba Outback Steakhouse, 2432 Hwy. 6 & 50, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel & Restaurant
2. Safeway Stores 46, Inc. dba Safeway Store #2625, 681 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506 - Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine
3. Safeway Stores 46, Inc. dba Safeway Store #897, 2512 Broadway, Grand Junction, CO 81503 - Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine
4. J & K Enterprises, Inc. dba. Citrolas, 759 Horizon Drive, Units M, N and O, Grand Junction, CO 81506 - Hotel & Restaurant
5. Famous Dave's Ribs, Inc. dba Famous Dave's, 2440 Highway 6 & 50, Grand Junction, CO 81505 - Hotel & Restaurant
6. The Platinum Cleaver, LLC. dba Ristorante Pantuso, 421 Brach Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81507 - Hotel & Restaurant
7. CST Metro, LLC dba Circle K #2744116, 1015 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501 - Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine
8. JJ's Cruisers, LLC dba Cruisers, 715 Horizon Drive, Suite 100, Grand Junction, CO 81506 - Tavern
9. Vin Hospitality, LLC dba 626 on Rood Modern American Cuisine & Wine Bar, 626 Rood Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501 - Hotel & Restaurant with Outdoor Dining Lease
10. Dillon Companies, LLC dba City Market #51, 630 24 Road, Grand

Junction, CO 81505 - Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine

Hearing Officer Starritt read renewals 1 – 10 into the record. He verified with Mrs. Koehler the applications were in order. Hearing Officer Starritt asked if anyone was present to speak against any of the applications; there was no one.

Renewals 1 – 10 were approved as requested.

III. Modification of Premises Applications

1. Walmart, Inc. dba Walmart #1280, 2881 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501 - Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine

Hearing Officer Starritt asked if there was a representative present; there was no one. Hearing Officer Starritt asked this item to be brought back on the July 23, 2025, Liquor Licensing Authority Meeting to have a representative present to answer questions about the modification.

IV. New Retail Establishment Permit Applications - Resolutions, Findings and Decision

1. Moody's Enterprises LLC dba Moody's Underground, 201 S. 6th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501 – Tavern

Member: Logan Moody, 2000 Gunnison Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501

Member: William Moody, 589 Heidel Street, Grand Junction, CO 81504

Representatives Logan and William Moody were present to answer questions regarding the new license application and how the needs and desires survey was conducted. Hearing Officer Starritt asked Mrs. Koehler to read the survey results into the record (attached).

Hearing Officer Starritt verified with Mrs. Koehler the application was in order. Mrs. Koehler reported that the Mesa County Building Department noted the applicant didn't have a Certificate of Occupancy for the proposed premises. He asked if anyone was present to speak against the application. There was no one.

Hearing Officer Starritt found the needs of the neighborhood are not being met and found no legal reason to deny the license. The new Tavern license application for Moody's Enterprises, LLC dba Moody's Underground, was approved contingent upon the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. The City Clerk's Office will prepare a resolution of findings for Hearing Officer Starritt's signature.

2. Munchies Burgers, LLC dba Munchies, 383 29 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81504 - Beer & Wine

Members: Kimberly & Michael Searcy, 1571 Powis Lane, Fruita, CO 81521

Representatives Kimberly and Michael Searcy were present to answer questions regarding the new license application and how the needs and desires survey was conducted. Hearing Officer Starritt asked Mrs. Koehler to read the survey results into the record (attached).

Hearing Officer Starritt found the needs of the neighborhood are not being met and found no legal reason to deny the license. The new Beer & Wine license application for Munchies Burgers, LLC dba Munchies was approved. The City Clerk's Office will prepare a resolution of findings for Hearing Officer Starritt's signature.

3. Conchitas Tamales, LLC dba Conchitas Authentic Mexican Tamales, 545 North Avenue, Unit A, Grand Junction, CO 81501 - Hotel & Restaurant

Member: Silvia Bravo Acevedo, 643 Pineneedle Court, Grand Junction, CO 81506

Representative Silva Bravo was present to answer questions regarding the new license application and how the needs and desires survey was conducted. Hearing Officer Starritt asked Mrs. Koehler to read the survey results into the record (attached).

Hearing Officer Starritt found the needs of the neighborhood are not being met and found no legal reason to deny the license. The new Hotel & Restaurant license application for Conchitas Tamales, LLC dba Conchitas Authentic Mexican Tamales was approved. The City Clerk's Office will prepare a resolution of findings for Hearing Officer Starritt's signature.

4. Surf To Turf INC, dba Surf to Turf, 1100 Independent Ave, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel & Restaurant

Member: Chengle Lin, 669 Alexia Ct, Grand Junction CO 81505 – **Update from Applicant – *Moved to Beginning of the Agenda.***

V. **Other Business**

There was none.

VI. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.