

RESOLUTION NO. 11-87

OF DECISION ON APPLICATION FOR A HOTEL-RESTAURANT LIQUOR  
LICENSE BY SPORTS PAGE, INC. FOR THE SPORTS PAGE II  
1810 NORTH AVENUE, GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO.

A public hearing having been held on November 4, 1987, on the application of Sports Page, Inc. for a hotel-restaurant liquor license for The Sports Page II at 1810 North Avenue, Grand Junction, and the Local Licensing Authority having considered the evidence adduced at said hearing, FINDS:

1. The hearing held on November 4, 1987, on the application was held after proper notice thereof under the Liquor Code.

2. Since a hotel-restaurant liquor license has existed at this location for most of the period from 1974 to present, no survey of the neighborhood, to determine the needs of the neighborhood and the desires of inhabitants, was conducted. The premises were posted to advise of the hearing and notice of the hearing was published in the Daily Sentinel, the official newspaper of the City. No petitions in support of the application were presented by the applicant.

3. No one appeared at the hearing in opposition to the granting of the license and no petitions of disapproval were received by the Local Licensing Authority.

4. The character of the applicant is good as determined by a check done by the Police Department of the officers of the corporation applying for the license.

5. The Liquor Code provides that upon the change of ownership of a license the only matter to be considered is the character of the applicant. Desires of the inhabitants and needs of the neighborhood are not factors to be determined. While this application is not strictly a change of ownership, as the former licensee is not selling to the applicant, the transaction is more like a change of ownership than it is unlike it. The fact of the existence of a hotel-restaurant liquor license at this premises almost continuously since 1974 would seem to provide any necessary evidence that the needs of the neighborhood are not being provided solely by other outlets and that is the desire of the inhabitants that the license remain at this location to bridge any gap between this application and an application for change of ownership.

