



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Council Session

## Item E-1

**Public Hearing on Request from 4th St Banquet, LLC dba 4th St Banquet, 108 East 4th Street for a Class "CK" Liquor License**

*Council action will take place under Consent item G-4.*

Staff Contact: RaNae Edwards

# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

**Meeting:** September 27, 2022

**Subject:** Public Hearing on Request from 4<sup>th</sup> St Banquet, LLC dba 4<sup>th</sup> St Banquet, 108 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street for a Class “CK” Liquor License

**Presenter(s):** RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

## Background

Section 4-2 of the Grand Island City Code declares the intent of the City Council regarding liquor licenses and the sale of alcohol.

### **Declared Legislative Intent**

- It is hereby declared to be the intent and purpose of the city council in adopting and administering the provisions of this chapter:
- (A) To express the community sentiment that the control of availability of alcoholic liquor to the public in general and to minors in particular promotes the public health, safety, and welfare;
  - (B) To encourage temperance in the consumption of alcoholic liquor by sound and careful control and regulation of the sale and distribution thereof; and
  - (C) To ensure that the number of retail outlets and the manner in which they are operated is such that they can be adequately policed by local law enforcement agencies so that the abuse of alcohol and the occurrence of alcohol-related crimes and offenses is kept to a minimum.

## Discussion

4<sup>th</sup> St Banquet, LLC dba 4<sup>th</sup> St Banquet, 108 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street has submitted an application for a Class “CK” Liquor License. A Class “C” Liquor License allows for the sale of alcohol on and off sale inside the corporate limits of the city. A Class “K” Liquor License allows for catering one day events.

City Council action is required and forwarded to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for issuance of all licenses. This application has been reviewed by the Clerk, Building, Fire, Health, and Police Departments. See attached Police Department report.

Also submitted was a request for Liquor Manager Designation for Reyna Romero, 5419 W. Old Potash Highway, Grand Island, Nebraska. Ms. Romero has completed a state approved alcohol server/seller training program. Staff recommends approval of the liquor license contingent upon final inspections and liquor manager designation for Reyna Romero, 5419 W. Old Potash Highway, Grand Island, Nebraska.

### **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve the application.
2. Forward to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission with no recommendation.
3. Forward to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission with recommendations.
4. Deny the application.

### **Recommendation**

Based on the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission's criteria for the approval of Liquor Licenses, City Administration recommends that the Council approve this application.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the application for 4<sup>th</sup> St Banquet, LLC dba 4<sup>th</sup> St Banquet, 108 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street for a Class "CK" Liquor License contingent upon final inspections and Liquor Manager Designation for Reyna Romero, 5419 W. Old Potash Highway, Grand Island, Nebraska.



# Grand Island Police Department

## Officer Report for Incident L22090912

**Nature:** Liquor Lic Inv  
**Location:** PCID

**Address:** 108 4TH ST E  
Grand Island NE 68801

### Offense Codes:

<b>Received By:</b> Dvorak T	<b>How Received:</b> T	<b>Agency:</b> GIPD
<b>Responding Officers:</b> Dvorak T		
<b>Responsible Officer:</b> Dvorak T	<b>Disposition:</b> CLO 09/13/22	
<b>When Reported:</b> 10:00:04 09/13/22	<b>Occurred Between:</b> 10:00:04 09/13/22 and 10:00:04 09/13/22	

<b>Assigned To:</b>	<b>Detail:</b>	<b>Date Assigned:</b> **/**/**
<b>Status:</b>	<b>Status Date:</b> **/**/**	<b>Due Date:</b> **/**/**

### Complainant:

<b>Last:</b>	<b>First:</b>	<b>Mid:</b>
<b>DOB:</b> **/**/**	<b>Dr Lic:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
<b>Race:</b>	<b>Sex:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
		<b>City:</b> ,

### Offense Codes

<b>Reported:</b>	<b>Observed:</b>
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### Circumstances

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<b>Responding Officers:</b>	<b>Unit :</b>
Dvorak T	309

<b>Responsible Officer:</b> Dvorak T	<b>Agency:</b> GIPD
<b>Received By:</b> Dvorak T	<b>Last Radio Log:</b> **.**.** **/**/**
<b>How Received:</b> T Telephone	<b>Clearance:</b> CL CL Case Closed
<b>When Reported:</b> 10:00:04 09/13/22	<b>Disposition:</b> CLO <b>Date:</b> 09/13/22
<b>Judicial Status:</b>	<b>Occurred between:</b> 10:00:04 09/13/22
<b>Misc Entry:</b>	<b>and:</b> 10:00:04 09/13/22

<b>Modus Operandi:</b>	<b>Description :</b>	<b>Method :</b>
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### Involvements

Date	Type	Description
09/13/22	Law Incident	Disturbance L22021009 related

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09/13/22	Name	Romero, Anastacio	spouse
09/13/22	Name	Romero, Reyna G	owner/manager
09/13/22	Name	4th Street Banquet Hall,	location

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**Narrative**

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Reyna and Anastacio Romero started a LLC, 4th Street Banquet LLC, that has applied for a Class CK liquor license; beer, wine and liquor on and off sale; with a catering permit as well. The business is known as 4th Street Banquet Hall, and is located at 108 E 4th. They have already been renting the space for receptions of all sorts.

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Responsible LEO:

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Approved by:

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Date

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**Supplement**

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4th Street Banquet Licensing

Grand Island Police Department  
Supplemental Report

Date, Time: 9-12-22

Reporting Officer: Sgt Dvorak #309

Unit #: CID

Reyna Romero is the owner of a new LLC, called 4th Street Banquet LLC. Reyna's spouse is Anastacio Romero. They own the property at 108 E 4th, and intend to open a reception hall at that location, also called 4th Street Banquet. The LLC has applied for a class C/K liquor license. This would include on and off sale beer, wine and liquor, as well as the same accommodations for catering off site.

Reyna is listed as the sole owner of the LLC, and the proposed manager for the new reception hall. Anastacio signed the spousal non-participation portion of the licensing application. I performed standard background checks for the Romeros. I found neither have warrants for their arrest. I utilized our local Spillman databank, State NCJIS files, and a paid law enforcement only database to check backgrounds.

Locally I found some traffic violations, and status offenses like property code violations. I did note one entry L22021009 for a disturbance at their banquet hall. Please refer to that report, which raised questions (at that time) regarding alcohol sales for a large party. No other entries of concern were noted.

State NCJIS files listed several minor moving violations for both Reyna and Anastacio. All of these were from prior to or including 2019, and all were disclosed on the application. I noted nothing that would be disqualifying.

The paid law enforcement only database covers mostly items civil in nature. I observed no bankruptcies, liens or judgments for either individual.

On 9-13-22, at 1100, I met with Reyna Romero at the banquet hall location. The former bus depot is very spacious. The space has two walk through door points of ingress/egress with one overhead door on the south side as well. I observed an office space, kitchen area, stage for a band or DJ, and two bathrooms.

Reyna confirmed that she is the sole owner of the business. She said her husband owns his own electrical business, and they own several rental properties around town. Reyna said she plans to rent the space for quinceanera celebrations, weddings, anniversaries and birthdays. She was told that the building and fire department recommendations allow her a 500 person capacity. I asked about the catering portion of the application. Romero said that she has a large out building on her property west of Grand Island, and some customers prefer to have an outdoor reception. Reyna said she wanted to make sure she could cover that possibility with this licensing for her LLC.

Romero said she plans to be on site for every rental, at least initially. She said she will have two or three security personnel and a bartender in her employment. Reyna said she will post security on both entrances, and will have an ID station, with wristbands or stamps, off of the front kitchen space. She said her alcohol storage area will be behind a locked door in the storage room

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located over the kitchen, and the stairway is in full view so no one would be able to access it without her knowledge. Reyna said they don't have a surveillance system yet, but her husband will install one soon.

We discussed calling law enforcement for any problems. Reyna said she plans to have security cameras installed. She has taken the SafeServ online training. Romero was aware of the requirement to obtain her alcohol from licensed distributors. We talked about handling intoxicated customers and disturbances. We discussed possible compliance checks. I told Reyna that she is responsible for the actions of her staff, and to be careful with minors trying to obtain alcohol. Reyna said she would contact me if she had any other questions.

The Grand Island Police Department has no objections in Reyna Romero, as owner of 4th Street Banquet LLC, being issued a class C/K liquor license for her new reception/banquet hall at 108 E 4th Street.

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# Liquor License Application: Class "CK": 4th St Banquet, LLC dba 4th St Banquet

