



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Council Session

Item E3

Public Hearing on Request of Myriam Ramos dba Latin American Grocery Store, 602 West 4th Street for a Class "D" Liquor License

Staff Contact: RaNae Edwards

Council Agenda Memo

From: RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Meeting: July 13, 2004

Subject: Public Hearing on Request of Myriam Ramos dba Latin American Grocery Store, 602 West 4th Street for a Class “D” Liquor License

Item #'s: E-3 & G-3

Presenter(s): RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Background

Myriam Ramos dba Latin American Grocery Store located at 602 West 4th Street has submitted an application with the City Clerk’s Office for a Class “D” Liquor License. The application for the Class “D” Liquor License has been filed with the Liquor Control Commission and received by the City on June 14, 2004. A Class “D” Liquor License allows for the sale of alcoholic beverages off sale only within the corporation limits of the city.

Discussion

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 Building, Fire, Health, and Police Departments. There have been several building and safety code violations for this business, as referred to in the attached letter to Latin American Grocery Store from the Building Department Director.

Alternatives

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

1. Approve the request of Myriam Ramos dba Latin American Grocery Store for a Class “D” Liquor License.
2. Disapprove or /Deny the request.

3. Forward to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission with no recommendation.
4. Table the issue.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council deny this request as set out in the attached letter from the Building Department.

Sample Motion

Deny the request of Myriam Ramos dba Latin American Grocery Store, 602 West 4th Street for a Class “D” Liquor License.



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July 2, 2004

Latin American Grocery Store
Attn: Myriam Ramos
602 West 4th Street
Grand Island, NE. 68801

RE: Request for Liquor License at 602 West 4th Street

Dear Ms. Ramos,


On June 29, 2004 a walk through inspection was made at the above referenced property to verify compliance with building and safety codes. Based upon that inspection and existing and ongoing code violations of the electrical and plumbing codes a recommendation to deny your request for a liquor license will be forwarded to the City Council.

A permit was issued to construct an apartment in the building on February 10, 2003 and of this writing that construction appears to be completed and occupied without all of the required inspections being completed. Additionally, a meat counter has been installed in the back partition of the building complete with a hand sink and a three compartment sink installed without any permits, licensed plumbers, and in violation of plumbing codes. The permit mentioned above for the construction of the apartment was also issued after an inspection had revealed you had begun construction and installed a dwelling unit in the building in violation of city codes.

This letter is to inform you that a favorable recommendation on your request for a liquor license will not be forwarded from this office and request that the existing code violation be corrected. Either obtain the required permits and inspection or remove the newly constructed meat counters and plumbing within thirty days or by August 6, 2004.

If you have any questions, comments, or need any additional information please contact me.

Sincerely


Craig A. Lewis
Building Department Director
385-5325