

Police Department Liquor License Disapproval Recommendation

Application Information

Business Name	Coyote Mexican Cuisine	District	6
Business Location	7822 N. 12th Street, Suite B		
Applicant Name	Andrews Samuka	Series Type	12

The Police Department recommends disapproval of this liquor license application for the following reasons:

Establishment operating as a nightclub/bar

This liquor license application is for a Series 12 restaurant license; however, The Police Department have found significant indications Coyote Mexican Cuisine, formerly known as Santo Coyote, is operating as a nightclub/bar (Exhibit A). The Phoenix Police Department found discrepancies between what is conveyed as being a nightclub while manifestly still in operation as Santo Coyote, when application suggests a restaurant under the name Coyote Mexican Cuisine.

Examples of these significant indications operating as a nightclub/bar include: 1. Hours of operation (3pm-2am) with no lunch service, 2. Promotions include bottle table service, VIP and cover charges, and party bus references, 3. Establishment provides DJ's, 21+ and ID at the door, bouncers, and 4. Advertising includes Club Zola, African Experience, admission fees (males \$20, females \$10), and entry tickets for purchase (Exhibit B).

Inconsistent Findings on Application

The application lists a seating capacity of 185 while promotional materials state 300. Of the 185, it states 160 seats are for dining, and 25 seats for the bar; yet only 10% of the space is used for dining while 80% is designated as the bar. The assembly permit nor certificate of occupancy was provided or posted in the facility. Information from neighboring businesses and social media postings suggest the facility is often over capacity. And social media indicates dining table are moved or removed to allow for dancing and DJ's as the questionnaire states.

An interview between the Phoenix Police Department and the applicant, Mr. Andrews Samuka, the Chef, Cesar Cruz and a representative from Arizona Liquor Industry Consultants was conducted at the premises on September 23, 2021. Prior to the interview Mr. Samuka was asked to provide bank statements to source the funds, the purchase agreement and operating agreement or operations plan. Mr. Samuka at the time of the interview provided a copy of the lease agreement and purchase agreement which came with the original application and did not provided a copy of bank statements or operating agreements or, information gathered from the interview process supports the assertion that this facility is not operating as a restaurant (Exhibit C).

Hidden Ownership

Hidden ownership is a concern at this establishment. The applicant, Mr. Andrews Samuka, either has assimilated or has a vested interest with former Santo Coyote Applicant Lorena Carbajal of the same location with the same business model which is focused on alcohol service rather than food service. This business, although in the application is named Coyote Mexican Cuisine, still appears to be in full operation as the previous name, Santo Coyote and using PIFF Entertainment, owned by Mr. Samuka, for advertising. Mr. Samuka denies knowing the former applicant Ms. Carbajal, yet PIFF entertainment appears to be

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connected through numerous large-scale events such as Club Zola at various locations owned and operated by Ms. Carbajal.

Ms. Carbajal has ownership in the following three active liquor licensed businesses in the state of Arizona, two of which have liquor license concerns: 1. Club Silverado at 6108 N. 27th Avenue, 2. Silverado Canto Bar at 4809 N. 27th Avenue, and 3. La Consentida Tacos and Sushi at 2647 W. Glendale Avenue.


- Club Silverado history includes two shootings on 01/16/21 and 02/12/21. The shooting on 02/12/21 resulted in, an underage patron (20) suffering a gunshot wound, and in the arrest of another underage patron (18). Both patrons were reported to have been served in the club. There was also a vehicle collision as a result of the shooting.

In addition, on 03/20/21, the Department of liquor conducted an inspection of Club Silverado and found four (4) underage patrons in the club.

- La Consentida Tacos and Sushi was found to be in violation of Title 4 on two separate occasions: 02/28/20, (4-241.A Failure to request ID of underage patron, and 4-244.9 Sell, give, furnish underage patron), and on 07/23/20 (4.210.A.10 Failure to protect safety of patrons), (4-210.A.2 Failure to maintain Capable, Qualified, and reliable), and (4-210.A.9- failure to comply with Title 4).

The Phoenix Police Department believes that the applicant is operating Coyote Mexican Cuisine as a bar/nightclub and not as a restaurant. The department also believes Mr. Samuka has a personal stake, hidden ownership or involvement in this undertaking with Ms. Carbajal who has demonstrated that she is not capable, qualified, and reliable, to hold a liquor license, based on past history of liquor license violations at establishments owned by Ms. Carbajal. Based on the aforementioned reasons, the applicant has failed to show that they are reliable, capable, or qualified and the issuance of a liquor license for this establishment would not be in the best interest of the community and is therefore recommending disapproval of the Coyote Mexican Cuisine liquor license application.

This recommendation for disapproval is submitted by: Officer Rebecca Rees 10016

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