



Liquor Licensing Authority Regular Meeting
March 12, 2026 - 9:00 AM
Town Board Chambers, 301 Walnut Street, Windsor, CO 80550

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Hearing Officer Ablao called the meeting to order at 9:01am on Thursday, March 12, 2026.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the January 8, 2026, Liquor Licensing Authority Regular Hearing Minutes - K. Bernhoft, Deputy Town Clerk

Hearing Officer Ablao approved the January 8, 2026, Liquor Licensing Authority Regular Meeting Minutes as written, with no additions requested from town staff.

C. ACTION ITEMS

1. **RENEWAL - Hotel & Restaurant License (City)**
Shohey's Pizza LLC
DBA Shohey's Pizza
1180 Main St. Unit 9, Windsor, CO 80550

Hearing Officer Ablao opened the public hearing for Shohey's Pizza LLC, doing business as Shohey's Pizza, for a Hotel & Restaurant license renewal.

John Wilson, owner of Shohey's Pizza, appeared before the Authority for a renewal hearing.

Wilson explained that the renewal application was incomplete and submitted late due to financial complications that arose when he discovered a missed tax payment from the summer. This created an unexpected financial burden, which made it difficult to gather the necessary funds during the challenging holiday season when the business closes and revenue is inconsistent.

Officer Ablao inquired about any changes to the corporate structure or property, to which Wilson confirmed there were no modifications. The business remains a fifty-fifty partnership, though his business partner is essentially retired and Wilson runs the daily operations. Wilson confirmed there have been no violations and that the property itself has undergone no changes.

Regarding the lease status, Wilson explained they are currently operating under a temporary lease that expires on December 1st and will be renegotiating a new lease agreement at that time, likely transitioning to Wilson as the sole leaseholder given his partner's retirement. The Authority emphasized the importance of submitting the new lease once finalized.

Wilson confirmed that required signage has been posted, inspections have been completed without issues, and all taxes are current. He expressed his appreciation for doing business in Windsor, mentioning that his company operates three properties and always prefers working in Weld County.

Hearing Officer Ablao opened the meeting for public comment, to which there was none.

Officer Ablao asked if Town Prosecutor Amy Penfold or Officer Josh Burrell had any comments or concerns, to which there were none.

The Authority approved the renewal application for Shopey's Pizza LLC, contingent upon continued compliance with liquor code rules, regulations, both state and local.

2. **NEW - Hotel & Restaurant License (City)**

G.O.A.T. II, LLC

DBA The Goat Sports Bar

6567 Crossroads Blvd. Windsor, CO 80550

Conditional approval was rescinded by the Authority and this is a final hearing.

Hearing Officer Ablao opened the public hearing for G.O.A.T. II, LLC, doing business as The Goat Sports Bar, for a New Hotel & Restaurant license.

Matt Larson, partner and manager of G.O.A.T. II, LLC, appeared for a final hearing on their new license application. The Authority noted this was a resubmitted application designed to address previous concerns and fill in gaps regarding ownership and financing information that had been raised in earlier hearings.

Mr. Larson along with his attorney, Timothy Brynteson, were sworn in by the Authority. Mr. Brynteson confirmed that the new application addressed the ownership issues and provided the requested financing details that had been missing from previous submissions. The Authority expressed satisfaction that all ownership concerns had been resolved and thanked the applicant for the comprehensive resubmission.

Mr. Larson updated the Authority on progress toward opening, confirming they are addressing conditional requirements from previous hearings, particularly the alcohol server training program. He explained they are currently in the hiring process, with his partner and son Alex is conducting interviews for staff positions. Mr. Larson anticipated receiving their Certificate of Occupancy and being ready to open by the last week of March, approximately within the next couple of weeks, pending completion of ongoing inspections.

The applicant inquired about the timeline for actually receiving the liquor license, expressing concern about ordering product. Deputy Town Clerk Bernhoft explained the licensing process: local authority approval cannot be granted until the CO is received, police department inspection is completed, and all other contingencies outlined by the Authority are satisfied. Once local approval is obtained, the application goes to the state for their approval process. After state approval, both state and local licenses are issued, as Colorado operates under a dual licensing system requiring both approvals.

The Authority confirmed that background checks had been completed and emphasized the importance of submitting server and manager certifications to Ms. Bernhoft once staff training is completed.

Hearing Officer Ablao opened the meeting for public comment, to which there was none.

Officer Ablao asked if Town Prosecutor Amy Penfold or Officer Josh Burrell had any comments or concerns, to which there were none.

The Authority finds that the application, together with all previous submissions, and the evidence presented today supports:

- the adult inhabitants of the neighborhood desire the issuance of the license;
- the responsible requirements of the neighborhood for the type of license being sought are not currently being met;
- the number, type and availability of liquor outlets located in or near the neighborhood do not preclude the issuance of the license;
- all other statutory requirements and ordinance requirements have been met;
- that the granting of this license would not restrain competition;
- and the applicant, at this time, is qualified to conduct the type of business proposed.

The Authority approved the application for a New Hotel & Restaurant license at The Goat Sports Bar with the following conditions:

- satisfactory inspection of the premises by police to determine whether the finished premises comport with the diagram submitted,
- provide proof of Responsible Vendors Training or its equivalent for alcohol servers,
- issuance of a certificate of occupancy by the Building Department,
- and compliance with the liquor code, rules, regulations and municipal ordinances.

The license will not actually issue until such time as the State has approved the application, and the premises has been inspected by the Police Department to determine compliance with the diagram submitted with this application.

D. COMMUNICATIONS

No communications were presented.

E. ADJOURN

Having no further business, the hearing was adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Kaitlyn Bernhoft

Kaitlyn Bernhoft, Deputy Town Clerk