



City of Fort Lupton
Liquor Licensing Authority
Agenda
Tuesday, January 21, 2025
6:00 PM
130 South McKinley Avenue

Zo Hubbard, Mayor
Valerie Blackston, Ward 1
Chris Ceretto, Ward 2
Carlos Barron, Ward 3
David Crespín, Ward 1
Claud Hanes, Ward 2
Bruce Fitzgerald, Ward 3

You may join in person or join remotely by clicking on:
<https://meet.goto.com/793699389>

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Consent Agenda - Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and vote. There will be no separate discussion of Consent Agenda items unless a Councilmember so requests, in which case the item may be removed/moved from the Consent Agenda.

a. December 17, 2024, Liquor Licensing Authority Meeting Minutes

Public Hearings - Public Hearings allow members of the audience to present comments and questions to the City Council on the item being presented. Comments and questions may be limited to three (3) minutes- Mayor Hubbard

a. AM 2025-001 Seeking Consideration by the Liquor Licensing Authority for an Application Submitted by Taqueria La Sierra 1, Inc. dba Taqueria La Sierra for a Hotel and Restaurant License at 720 Denver Avenue

Adjourn

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY
December 17, 2024**

The Liquor Licensing Authority of the City of Fort Lupton met at the City Complex, 130 South McKinley Avenue, on Tuesday, December 17, 2024. Mayor Zo Hubbard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and invited everyone to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mari Peña, City Clerk, called the roll. Those present were Mayor Zo Hubbard, Councilmembers, Chris Ceretto, Bruce Fitzgerald, Valerie Blackston, Carlos Barron, and Claud Hanes. Councilmember David Crespín participated remotely.

Also present were City Administrator, Chris Cross, City Clerk, Mari Peña, Chief of Police, William Carnes, and City Attorney, Andy Ausmus.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Carlos Barron and seconded by Chris Ceretto to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Carlos Barron and seconded by Chris Ceretto to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the following item:

- November 19, 2024, Liquor Licensing Authority Meeting Minutes

Motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

ACTION MEMORANDUM

AM 2024-200 Accepting an Application and Approving a Resolution Establishing All of the City of Fort Lupton as the Neighborhood for the Application Submitted by Taqueria La Sierra 1, Inc. dba Taqueria La Sierra for a Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License at 720 Denver Ave. and Setting a Public Hearing for January 21, 2024, for Consideration of the Application

It was moved by Carlos Barron and seconded by Valerie Blackston to approve Resolution 2024R070 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FORT LUPTON LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY ACCEPTING THE APPLICATION FROM TAQUERIA LA SIERRA 1, INC. DBA TAQUERIA LA SIERRA FOR A HOTEL AND RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE, ESTABLISHING ALL OF THE CITY OF FORT LUPTON AS THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JANUARY 21, 2025, FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION. Motion passed unanimously on roll call vote.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Submitted by,

Maricela Peña, City Clerk

Approved by Liquor Licensing Authority,

Zo Hubbard, Mayor

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SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION

Seeking Consideration by the Liquor Licensing Authority for an Application Submitted by Taqueria La Sierra 1, Inc. dba Taqueria La Sierra for a Hotel and Restaurant License at 720 Denver Avenue

SUMMARY STATEMENT/BACKGROUND DISCUSSION

Taqueria La Sierra 1, Inc. dba Taqueria La Sierra has submitted an application for a Hotel and Restaurant at 720 Denver Avenue. The application was received November 22, 2024, and deemed complete December 2, 2025.

At the December 17, 2024, the Liquor Licensing Authority meeting, staff presented the application to the City Council, acting as the Local Licensing Authority, with Resolution 2024R070, "Establishing the Neighborhood" as the entire City of Fort Lupton city limits. The resolution also set the Public Hearing for January 21, 2025, which meets the statutory requirements. All public notification requirements including posting of the premises have been met. The deadline for the public to submit comments regarding this application was January 20, 2025. As of January 17, 2025, no comments were filed with the City Clerk regarding the application.

The application is under concurrent review which means that the Colorado Department of Revenue Liquor Enforcement Division will review the application while it is under review with the City. All fees have been paid by the applicant.

The Statute also states that the applicant is to produce evidence supporting the "needs and desire" of the neighborhood (city limits). The applicant has submitted signatures from residents/business owners regarding the license. On January 14, 2025, the applicant submitted a petition with results as followed:

Total door knocks:	N/A
Persons who signed the petition:	30
Persons who declined to sign the petition:	N/A
Ineligible contacts: (younger than 21; Nonresident; non-English speaking; not a business owner or manager)	N/A
No answer at the door knock:	N/A

The Local Liquor License Authority needs to consider the character, reputation and record of the applicant(s) prior to granting a liquor license.

The Local Liquor Licensing Authority shall consider the facts and evidence presented as well the reasonable requirements of the neighborhood for the Hotel and Restaurant License, the desires of the adult inhabitants, the number, type and availability of alcohol beverage outlets located in or near the neighborhood, and any other pertinent matters affecting the qualifications of the applicant for the conduct of the type of business proposed.

Certification of Council Approval:

Ordinance No. _____

Resolution No. _____

City Clerk

Date

The applicant's Representative, Lawrence Lucero with Lucero's Liquor Licensing Services may be in attendance to address any concerns or answer any question the Local Licensing Authority or citizens may have.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

LEGAL/POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

1. Approve the application based on facts and evidence presented
2. Table the decision for 30 days.
3. Deny the application stating the reason(s) for denial.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff seeks recommendation.

Attachments:

- a. Summary of Petitions by the Applicant
- b. Notice of Posting on the Premises
- c. Publication in the FL Press

Applicant: TAQUERIA LA SIERRA INC.
 Proposed Name of Establishment: TAQUERIA LA SIERRA
 Proposed Location: 720 DENVER AVENUE FORT LUTON, CO 80621
 Application Type: ☒ New License ☐ Modification of Premises ☐ Change of Location

INSTRUCTIONS:

To sign this petition, you must be 21 years of age, and (1) a resident (owner or tenant) of the neighborhood; or (2) the owner or manager of a business in the neighborhood (see attached map of approved defined neighborhood).

SIGN: Your name only (first and last names, middle initial), your address, and indicate your age. No person can sign for another.

ISSUE:

- If you feel that your needs are not being met by existing similar outlets and it is your desire that the license should be granted, indicate by placing an (X) or (v) in the "YES" column.
- If you feel that your needs are being met by existing similar outlets and it is your desire that the license should not be granted, indicate by placing an (X) or (v) in the "NO" column.
- If you have no opinion regarding this application, indicate by placing an (X) or (v) in the "NO OPINION" column.

BY SIGNING BELOW, YOU ARE INDICATING THAT YOU HAVE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS AND ARE QUALIFIED TO SIGN

PETITION SIGNER/SIGNATURE Please sign your name on the top line and print your name on the second line - must be legible	ADDRESS Please print clearly your house number and street name - apt # (as applicable) - address must be legible - List Business Name (as applicable)	AGE	DATE SIGNED	YES	NO	NO OPINION	RESIDENT	BUSINESS OWNER	WITHIN BOUNDARIES (Yes or No)
	804 DENVER AVE FORT LUTON CO	39	01-10-25	✓			✓	✓	
	735 N DENVER AVE FORT LUTON	72	01-10-25	✓			✓	✓	
	735 - N - denver ave ft luton co	36	01-10-25	✓			✓	✓	
Artemio Alvarez	733 denver AV	↑	↑	✓			✓	✓	
		65	01-10-25	✓					
Guadalupe S.	620 5th St.	63	1/10/25	✓			✓	✓	
	415 Glen Ave Fort	73	1/10/25	✓			✓	✓	
Guillermo J. Manuera	804 Denver Ave Ft Luton	36	1-12-2025	✓			✓	✓	
	510 Denver Ave Ft. Luton, CO		1-13-25	✓			✓	✓	
	816 4th St. Ft Luton, CO 80621	48	1-13-25	✓			✓	✓	
	333 Denver Ave Ft. Luton CO		1-13/25	✓			✓	✓	

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PETITION

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PETITION SIGNER/SIGNATURE Please sign your name on the top line and print your name on the second line - make be legible	ADDRESS Please print clearly your house number and street name + apt # (as applicable) - address must be legible - list business name (as applicable)	AGE	DATE SIGNED	YES	NO	NO OPINION	RESIDENT	OWNER/MANAGER	WITHIN BOUNDARIES	YES or NO
13 <i>[Signature]</i>	214 Denver Ave	54	1/13/25	X				X		
14 <i>[Signature]</i>	140 Denver Ave	45	1-13-25	✓			✓	✓		
15 <i>[Signature]</i>	165 Grand Ave	25	1-13-25	✓			✓	✓		
16 <i>[Signature]</i>	7504 Hwy 85	39	1-13-25	✓			✓	✓		
17 <i>[Signature]</i>	15369 CH 13	35	1-13-25	✓			✓	✓		
18 <i>[Signature]</i>	104 Denver Ave	45	1/13/25	X				X		
19 <i>[Signature]</i>	809 7th Fort Lupton CO	36	1/13/25	✓			✓	✓		
20 <i>[Signature]</i>	150 Main Fort Lupton	30	1/13/25	✓				✓		
21 <i>[Signature]</i>	150 Main Ft Lupton	32	1/13/25	✓				✓		
22 <i>[Signature]</i>	6022 1st St Ft Lupton	45	1/13/25	X				X		
23 <i>[Signature]</i>	156 First St. 80621	68	1/10/25	X				X		
24 <i>[Signature]</i>	25 South Grand Ave	38	1-13-25	X				X		
25 <i>[Signature]</i>	1st First Ave	55	1-12-25	X				X		
26 <i>[Signature]</i>	123 1st Street FTL	42	1-13-25	✓				✓		
27 <i>[Signature]</i>	201 1st Street	49	1/13/25	✓				✓		
28 <i>[Signature]</i>	232 1st St Ft Lupton CO 80621	57	1/13/25	✓				✓		
29 <i>[Signature]</i>	230 Park Ave Ft Lupton CO 80621	44	1-13-25	✓				✓		
30 <i>[Signature]</i>	315 Park Ave Ft Lupton 80621	65	1-13-25	✓				✓		
31 <i>[Signature]</i>	Martin McDermott MDR 327 N. Park Ave Ft Lupton, CO 80621	55	01-13-2025	X				X		

PUBLIC NOTICE

PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CO. AN APPLICATION FOR A HOTEL AND RESTAURANT LICENSE - **TAQUERIA LA SIERRA 1, INC.** DBA TAQUERIA LA SIERRA, 720 DENVER AVE., CLEMENTE FLORES MERAZ, 253 4TH ST. FORT LUPTON CO 80621, HAS APPLIED TO THE LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY TO GRANT A NEW HOTEL AND RESTAURANT LICENSE. THE APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON **JANUARY 21, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M.** 130 S. MCKINLEY AVE., FT. LUPTON CO. WRITTEN PROTEST MAY BE FILED DURING BUSINESS HRS. AT 130 S. MCKINLEY AVE. PRIOR TO 5 P.M. ON **JANUARY 20, 2025**

APP. FILED: 11-22-2024 POSTED: 1/10/2025

Posted 1/19/2025