



City of Fort Lupton
Liquor Licensing Authority
Agenda
Tuesday, September 16, 2025
6:00 PM
130 South McKinley Avenue

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

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Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Consent Agenda

a. July 15, 2025 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 2025-004 Consideration of the Renewal Application for a Hotel & Restaurant License Submitted by Carnitas Estilo Michoacán

Adjourn

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
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The Liquor Licensing Authority of the City of Fort Lupton met at the City Complex, 130 South McKinley Avenue, on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. 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, Claud Hanes, Michael Sanchez, Bruce Fitzgerald, David Crespín, Chris Ceretto and Valerie Blackston.

Also present were City Administrator, Chris Cross, City Clerk, Mari Peña, City Attorney, Andy Ausmus, Finance Director, Leann Perino, Planning Director, Todd Hodges and Chief of Police, William Carnes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Valerie Blackston and seconded by Bruce Fitzgerald to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the following items:

- July 15, 2025 Liquor Licensing Authority Meeting Minutes

Motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

AM 2025-004 Consideration of the Renewal Application for a Hotel & Restaurant License Submitted by Carnitas Estilo Michoacán

Mayor Hubbard opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m.

Mari Peña, City Clerk presented the renewal application to City Council. She stated the City Clerk's Office received the liquor license renewal application from Carnitas Estilo Michoacán located at 20 S. Grand Ave. As part of the renewal process, an inspection of the licensed premise was conducted on July 25, 2025. During the inspection, it was revealed:

- The State Liquor License was not posted,
- No receipts to indicate where the alcohol was purchased, and
- A 750 ml bottle of Roscato Sweet Red wine was open and partially empty.

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A subsequent inspection with the owner and licensee, Roberto Naranjo, conducted on August 1, 2025, revealed:

- the State liquor license was found posted behind the City license,
- receipts were not provided for the alcohol purchased, and
- the bottle of Roscato was being used for cooking only.

Pursuant to the Colorado Code of Regulations 1 C.C.R. 203-2, Regulation 47-700, entitled Inspection of the Licensed Premises, all receipts for the purchase of the alcohol must be maintained to show fully the business transactions. Mr. Naranjo indicated he was purchasing alcohol from Sam's Club.

Pursuant to the Colorado Code of Regulations 1 C.C.R. 203-2, Regulation 47-408 entitled Purchases by Retailers, a Hotel and Restaurant Licensee may purchase not more than seven thousand dollars' worth of alcohol beverages during a calendar year from a retail liquor store (RLS), fermented malt beverage (FMB & wine) retailer, or a liquor licensed drugstore (LLDS).

Mr. Naranjo was provided the opportunity to submit receipts for his purchases of alcohol. He was unable to do so. This matter must now be referred to the Fort Lupton Liquor Licensing Authority ("Authority") due to violations of the Colorado Code of Regulations 1 C.C.R. 203-2, Regulations 47-700, related to the inability of the licensee to provide the necessary documentation.

The Clerk's Office requested the State of Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division conduct an investigation into violations of Colorado Code of Regulations.

During a meeting with Mr. Naranjo and the State investigator, on September 2, 2025, Mr. Naranjo agreed to

- start purchasing alcohol from Restaurant Depot, a wholesaler. It was determined that the purchases from Restaurant Depot would meet compliance with the liquor regulations.
- It was noted that Mr. Naranjo was now maintaining receipts for his alcohol purchases.

Notice of the hearing was posted on the licensed premises for ten days and notice of the hearing was provided to the applicant at the meeting of September 2, 2025, at least ten days before the hearing in person, meeting the statutory requirements of CRS 44-3-305(c).

The City Clerk's Office recommended approval of the application with the condition that quarterly inspections be conducted.

Mr. Naranjo addressed Council with translator, Juan Arellano, Mr. Naranjo stated that he

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understands his mistake and will keep all his receipts moving forward.

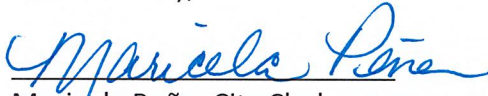
Mayor Hubbard asked if anyone from the public wished to speak for or against the matter. Hearing none, Mayor Hubbard closed the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

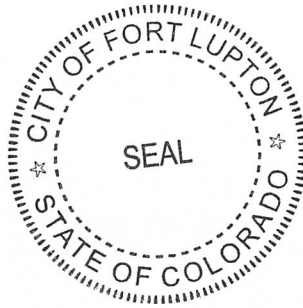
It was moved by Michael Sanchez and seconded by Bruce Fitzgerald to Approve the Renewal Application for a Hotel & Restaurant License Submitted by Carnitas Estilo Michoacán with Inspection Conditions. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Submitted by,


Maricela Peña, City Clerk



Approved by Liquor Licensing Authority,


Chris Ceretto, Mayor