

**CITY OF SANTA FE
LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING OFFICER**

**Recommended
Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law**

Lic. No./Appl. No.: #BLA-13206
Name of Applicant: Nuckolls Brewing Company, LLC
Doing Business As: Nuckolls Brewing Co.
Proposed Location: 1611 Alcaldesa Street, Santa Fe, NM 87501

THIS MATTER came before the Liquor License Hearing Officer for public hearing on **January 5, 2026** at 4:00 PM by video hearing, on the application of **Nuckolls Brewing Company, LLC** (Applicant) for:

1. A Small Brewer Liquor License with on-premises consumption only and package sales with patio service to be located at Nuckolls Brewing Co., 1611 Alcaldesa Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The Hearing Officer recommends that the Governing Body adopt the following findings of fact and conclusions of law.

After reviewing the record, conducting a public hearing and having provided an opportunity to be heard from city staff, the Applicant and any interested persons, the Hearing Officer hereby proposes that the Governing Body find as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Staff submitted a packet containing the following, which was reviewed by the Hearing Officer and relied on in making these findings:
 - a. December 31, 2025 letter from GERALYN F. CARDENAS, Deputy City Clerk
 - b. October 27, 2025 letter from New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department, Alcohol and Gaming Division (NMRLD/AGD) Hearing Officer Charmaine Martinez to the City of Santa Fe granting preliminary approval and forwarding the application to the City for local option district approval or disapproval.
 - c. Small Brewer Intake application #BLA-13206 with Business, Premises, and Payment information
 - d. August 27, 2025 zoning verification from Land Use Planner Stephanie Perea, confirming that the property is BCD Business-Capitol District and is within the Redevelopment Subdistrict and is part of the Santa Fe Railyard Master Plan.

- e. Site plan
 - f. Notices of Public Hearing (*Santa Fe New Mexican*, City of Santa Fe website, letter to Applicant from City Clerk)
 - g. Staff Verification Plan
 - h. Applicant supplemental information
 - i. Santa Fe Land Development Code Table of Permitted Uses and zoning district map
 - j. December 9, 2025 letter from Jason Sena, Enforcement Manager, stating that it is not anticipated that there will be a substantial change in litter and noise due to this application.
2. City Clerk staff member Xavier Vigil presented the application.
 3. Applicant was represented by Jennifer True.
 4. Applicant was offered the opportunity to present testimony or evidence.
 5. No members of the public appeared to testify.
 6. Notice of the Application, including the date, time and place of the hearing, the name and address of the licensee, the action proposed to be taken by the department, the location of the licensee's premises and such other information as may be required by the department was published in the *Santa Fe New Mexican*, which is a newspaper of general circulation within the territorial limits of the governing body, on December 5, 2025 and December 12, 2025. and on the City's website.
 7. The Application is for a Small Brewer Liquor License with on-premises consumption only and package sales with patio service to be located at Nuckolls Brewing Co., 1611 Alcaldesa Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.
 8. There is no record of violations.
 9. The business is expected to be open Tuesday – Thursday 11:30am to 9:00pm; Friday – Saturday 11:30am to 11:00pm; Sunday 10:30am to 9:00pm.
 10. The business is expected to serve 45-75 customers per day.
 11. Traffic is not expected to significantly increase, and the Public Works Director has found that it does not appear that approval will create unacceptable traffic impacts.
 12. The proposed location is not expected to cause a substantial change in litter or noise.
 13. The proposed location is not within an area where sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited by the laws of New Mexico.
 14. The applicant is in compliance with all Land Use Codes, and issuance or transfer will not be in violation of a zoning or other ordinance of the governing body, once applicant complies with conditions of approval.
 15. Issuance or transfer will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or morals of the residents of the local option district.
 16. The hearing was recorded and a copy of the recording is made a part of the record.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Under the circumstances and given the evidence and testimony submitted during the hearing, the Hearing Officer CONCLUDES:

1. Notice of the Application was properly given by publication, mail and posting on the website pursuant to Section 60-6B-4(D).

2. The governing body may disapprove a transfer or issuance only if individuals opposing the transfer or issuance provide positive evidence showing that the transfer or issuance would be detrimental to the health, safety or morals of the community. This evidence must be based on authentic, relevant facts related to a specific prospective licensee and specific location. *The Southland Corporation v. Manzagol*, 1994-NMSC-099, 118 N.M. 423
3. The Applicant does not have the burden to prove that the transfer would not be detrimental to the health, safety or morals of the residents of the local option district. *Dick v. City of Portales*, 1994-NMSC-092, 118 N.M. 541.
4. The Application meets the requirements of §60-6B-4(F)(2).

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. Applicant will be required to obtain all necessary permits and licenses and comply with all Fire, Building and Land Use Code requirements prior to issuance of the City Liquor License.
2. Applicant is required to comply with all city ordinances.

WHEREFORE, the Liquor License Hearing Officer recommends to the Governing Body that the Application be **APPROVED**.

/s/ Renee Barela-Gutierrez
Renee Barela-Gutierrez

Date: 01/05/2026