

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

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

Lic. No./Appl. No.: PAR-0000394966
Name of Applicant: Dinner for Two, LLC
Doing Business As: Dinner For Two, LLC
Proposed Location: 106 N. Guadalupe St. Santa Fe, NM 87501

THIS MATTER came before the Liquor License Hearing Officer for public hearing on **February 2, 2026** at 4:00 PM by video hearing, on the application of **Dinner For Two, LLC** (Applicant) for:

1. Waiver of the 300 Foot Location Restriction and Approval to Allow the Dispensing/Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at La Casa Sena, 125 East Palace Avenue, which is within 300 feet of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi for Valentine’s Day at La Casa Sena, to be held February 14, 2026 with alcohol service from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

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. January 29, 2026 memo from Assistant City Clerk, Xavier Vigil.
 - b. New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department, Alcohol and Gaming Division (NMRLD/AGD) Special Dispenser Permit Intake Application from Dinner For Two, LLC.
 - c. Liquor License use Agreement dated January 20, 2026.
 - d. List of Servers
 - e. Site Map
2. City Clerk staff member Xavier Vigil presented the application.
3. Applicant was represented by Andy Barnes.

4. The Application is for a Special Dispenser Permit for an event to be held on February 14, 2026 Day at La Casa Sena, to be held February 14, 2026 with alcohol service from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.
5. Applicant was offered the opportunity to present testimony or evidence.
6. The proposed location is within 300 feet of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.
7. No members of the public appeared to testify and no letters were received commenting on the application.
8. Issuance or transfer will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or morals of the residents of the local option district.
9. 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 is required to comply with all City of Santa Fe 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: February 3, 2026