





DATE: May 21, 2026

TO: Renee Barela-Gutierrez, Liquor Hearing Officer

VIA: Geralyn F. Cardenas, City Clerk/Director of Community Engagement 

FROM: Emily Aragon, Constituent Services Specialist 

ITEM & ISSUE:

Request from Raices y Sazon, LLC regarding a Restaurant A (Beer & Wine) Liquor License with on-premises consumption only to be located at Raices y Sazon, 3565 Cerrillos Rd., Santa Fe, NM 87507. The proposed location is within 300 feet of Iglesia del Evangelio Church, 3575 Cerrillos Rd., Santa Fe, NM 87507.

Attached are staff reports regarding litter, noise, and traffic. Staff does not anticipate a substantial change in litter and noise, or any unacceptable traffic impacts due to the approval of this request.

Additionally, as a condition of doing business in the city, staff recommends that it be noted that the applicant is required to comply with all city ordinances.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Consideration of the above request

Attachments:

Alcoholic Beverage Control Application
Notice of Public Hearing and Publications
Reminder Letter to Applicant
Staff Reports

CITY OF SANTA FE

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Xavier Vigil
Assistant City Clerk
(On Behalf of City Clerk: GERALYN F. CARDENAS)

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Michael J. Garcia, Mayor

05/21/2026

VIA EMAIL:

melanymenendez84@gmail.com

Raices y Sazon, LLC
3565 Cerrillos Rd.
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87507

RE: Request from Raices y Sazon, LLC for a Restaurant A (Beer & Wine) Liquor License with on premises consumption to be located at Raices y Sazon, 3565 Cerrillos Rd., Santa Fe, NM 87507.

Good day,

The public hearing before the City of Santa Fe's Liquor Hearing Officer for the above referenced request has been scheduled for **Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.** This will be a virtual hearing via Zoom. You will be provided with the meeting invite on the morning of the hearing.

The City of Santa Fe's Governing Body will consider the Liquor Hearing Officer's recommendation at their June 10, 2026, meeting.

Attached is a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing.

Should you have any questions, or require anything further from our office, please do not hesitate to call me at 505-955-6521.

Sincerely,

Geralyn F. Cardenas
City Clerk

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City Council

Alma G. Castro, District 1
Patricia Feghali, District 1

Elizabeth "Liz" Barrett, District 2
Paul C. Bustamante, District 2

Lee Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem, District 3
Pilar F.H. Faulkner, District 3

Jamie Cassutt, District 4
Amanda Chavez, District 4

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Based on the information provided and review of City Reports, staff has found the following in accordance with Ordinance (4-4.3):

Geographic Information System Mapping (GIS) Department

- Yes, this business is located within three hundred (300) feet of a church and/or school. A waiver of the 300 foot location restriction will be requested.
- No, this business is not located within three hundred (300) feet of a church and/or school.

(Please see attached map indicating whether the proposed licensed premise is within three hundred (300) feet of a church and/or school.)

Business Licensing Department

- Yes, the requesting business has a business license issued by the City of Santa Fe. License #1006409.
- No, the requesting business does not have a business license issued by the City of Santa Fe.

Code Enforcement Department

- Yes, the applicant is in compliance with all Land Use Codes.
- No, the applicant is not in compliance with Land Use Code(s).

*Note: N/A

*(Please also provide a Code Enforcement Report related to Litter and Noise of the requesting business location.)

Verification Completed By: Jason D. Sena

Title: Enforcement Manager

Date: May 5, 2026

Traffic Engineering Department

- Yes, it appears that the approval of this request will create unacceptable traffic impacts.

*Note: N/A

- No, it does not appear that this request will create any unacceptable traffic impacts.

Verification Completed By: MARCOS ESQUIBEL

Title: Interim Complete Streets Division Director

Date: May 5, 2026

City of Santa Fe Fire Department

- Yes, the applicant is in compliance with all Fire Codes.

- No, the applicant is not in compliance with Fire Code(s).

*Note: No violation for the property confirmed by DFM Jason Tapia on 05/04/2026.

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Verification Completed By: GERONIMO GRIEGO (May 5, 2026 08:28:29 MDT)

Title: Fire Marshal

Date: May 5, 2026

Applicant Supplemental Information Form

1. Name of Applicant: Melany Menendez
D/B/A Name to be used: Raices y Sazon
Proposed License Location: 3565 Cerrillos Rd
Telephone number: 505 - 930 - 5433
Email: Melany menendez 84 @ gmail . com

2. Type of liquor license request:

- New License (indicate type: Restaurant A (Beer and wine))
- Transfer of location (indicate type: _____)
- Transfer of ownership (indicate type: _____)
- Transfer of ownership and location (indicate type: _____)

3. Are alcoholic beverages currently being dispensed at the proposed location?

- Yes (If yes, License # and Type: _____)
- No

4. Were alcoholic beverages previously dispensed by the requesting business?

- Yes (If yes, License # and address where alcohol was being dispensed: _____)
- No

5. Does this business have any record of violation?

- Yes (If yes, please explain: _____)
- No

6. What are the current/previous and proposed hours of operation of this business?

Current/Previous Hours of Operation: Mon, Tues, Thurs - 10am - 9pm. Friday + Sat 10am - 10pm
Sun: 9am - 9pm
Proposed Hours of Operation: stays the same

7. Is an outdoor seating/patio area included in the licenses premise?

- Yes (If yes, is the area fully enclosed? Yes No)
- No

8. What, if any, are the anticipated peak days and times at the proposed business location?

What days? Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

What times? Thurs: evening, Friday evening, Sat + Sun - all day

9. Do you have a business license with the City of Santa Fe?

Yes (If yes, what is your License #? 2025-45229-cert)

No (Please contact the Business Licensing Department at 505-955-6551 to obtain a business license.)

10. Do you have a posted occupant load issued by the City of Santa Fe Fire Department?

Yes (If yes, what is your occupant load issued for your business? 90)

No (Please contact the City of Santa Fe Fire Department - 505-955-3310 to schedule your inspection)

11. Have you been issued a Certificate of Compliance from the City of Santa Fe Fire Department?

Yes (If yes, what is the date the Certificate was issued? 9/11/25)

No (Please contact the City of Santa Fe Fire Department - 505-955-3310 to schedule your inspection)

12. Please indicate the anticipated daily occupant load due to the sale of alcohol at this location:

13. Please indicate the anticipated change in business volume due to the sale of alcohol and explain:

Business is expected to increase (additional number of customers per day: _____).

Business is expected to decrease (loss of customers per day: _____).

Business is expected to remain the same.

* Please explain your answer: _____

14. Indicate which of the following statements best reflects your opinion regarding traffic impacts if this request is approved and explain:

Traffic can be expected to increase on adjacent streets.

Traffic will not increase on adjacent streets.

* Please explain your answer: _____

Name of person completing this form: Melany Menendez

Telephone number: 505-603-7642

Date: 4/27/26



Michael J. Garcia, Mayor

DATE: May 11, 2026

TO: Maggie Moore
Maggie R. Moore, Assistant Planning & Land
Use Department Director

VIA: *Jason D. Sena*

FROM: Jason D. Sena, Enforcement Manager

ITEM & ISSUE : Litter and noise impact assessment, due to a request from Raices y Sazon, for the following:

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BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

It is not anticipated that there will be a substantial change in litter and noise because of this request.

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Raices y Sazon

Final Audit Report

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Bar, cocktail lounge, nightclub, no outdoor entertainment								S ^{3,10}	S ³		P+			P	P	P		P+	P+	P+	P ²	
Bar, cocktail lounge, nightclub, with outdoor entertainment								S ^{3,10}	S ³		P+			P+	P+	P+		P+	P+	P+	P+ ²	
Restaurant - full service, with or without incidental alcohol service								S ^{3,10}	S ³		P			P	P	P	S	P	P	P	P	
Restaurant with bar, cocktail lounge or nightclub comprising more than 25% of total serving area.								S ^{3,10}	S+ ³		P+			P+	P	P		P+	P+	P+	P+ ²	
Restaurant - Fast service/take-out, no drive-through/drive-up								S ^{3,10}		P ⁴	P	P ⁴		P	P	P	S	P	P	P	P	
Restaurant - with drive-through/drive-up											P+			P+	P+	P+	S	P+	P+	P+	P+ ²	