



Apache Junction Police Department Interdepartmental Memo



DATE: August 4, 2016

TO: Janet Mason

THROUGH: Chief Thomas E. Kelly

FROM: Captain T. R. Mullender

SUBJECT: Hitching Post Extension of Premises Application
Request

I have performed the requested inspection of the Hitching Post in regards to their new application for a liquor license extension of premises. The police department has the following concerns with the application:

- The ingress and egress into the rear parking area located off of Lost Dutchman may/could create a traffic safety hazard. The entrance gate appears narrow and will be difficult for two vehicles to travel through the gate at the same time. With a major event this will very likely create traffic backup issues on Lost Dutchman and State Route 88. Dimensions need to be referenced on a professionally prepared drawing not a hand written depiction.
- How is the applicant going to monitor and prevent parking along the west fence located along State Route 88? If customers are allowed to park at this location they will be backing out onto State Route 88 when then they leave. While this street is ADOT's responsibility, the Apache Junction Police Department will be the one called if there is an accident.
- The event area is not completely enclosed. It would make it very difficult to ensure alcohol is not being removed from the premises. This is a Liquor License issue but will become the police departments for open containers violations if drinking occurs off of the premises in public.
- What type of security and traffic control will be used at these large events? Who will be the responsible enforcement agent?

Until these issues are fully addressed and resolved to our satisfaction the Police Department recommends denial.