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# IN THE 41<sup>st</sup> DISTRICT COURT IN EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

THE STATE OF TEXAS, ex rel. EL PASO COUNTY ATTORNEY CHRISTINA SANCHEZ,

Plaintiff,

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No. 2024DCV0821

JAGUARS GOLD CLUB, A.K.A JAGUARS, \$
THE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 11377
GATEWAY BLVD., EL PASO, TX 79936 (IN REM), RCI HOSPITALITY HOLDINGS, INC., AKA RCI HOLDINGS, INC. (REAL PROPERTY OWNER AND BUSINESS OWNER), ANGEL RICHARD TORRES (MANAGER), DONNELL LEE JAMES (MANAGER), JAVIER DIAZ (MANAGER), JAI DINING SERVICES (EL PASO), INC., d/b/a JAGUARS GOLD CLUB, RCI HOLDINGS, INC. (REAL PROPERTY OWNER)

Defendants.

## NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF COURT'S AGREED ORDER OF SETTLEMENT AND SUIT ON BOND

Comes now the El Paso County Attorney Christina Sanchez and brings this suit on behalf of the State of Texas, and files this Notice of Violation of Court's Agreed Order of Settlement and Suit on Bond against Defendants JAI Dining Services (El Paso), Inc. d/b/a Jaguars Gold Club (Jaguars) and the Real Property known as 11377 Gateway Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79936 (*in rem*).

#### **SUMMARY**

 An Agreed Order of Settlement (order) was entered upon agreement and request of the Parties, namely the Plaintiff, State of Texas (the State) and Defendants JAI Dining Services (El Paso), Inc. d/b/a Jaguars Gold Club (Jaguars) and the Real Property known as 11377 Gateway Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79936 (*in rem*) (Defendants) on March 19, 2024. Defendants were to cease operating a business known as Jaguars Gold Club a.k.a. Jaguars and meet certain conditions of the order before operating any business at 11377 Gateway Blvd. ("the property" where appropriate). The State learned through social media posts that a business called "Chicas Locas" would have a "grand opening" on September 19, 2024, and that such a business would be operating without meeting the conditions set out by this court. **Exhibit 1 – social media posts.** The State asks this court to forfeit the \$5,000.00 bond and close any business operating at 11377 Gateway Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79936 for one year from the date the bond is forfeited.

#### PROCEDURAL HISTORY

- 2. The State filed for an Application for Temporary Restraining Order, Temporary Injunction, and Permanent Injunction, and Request for Initial Disclosures on February 21, 2024, for violations of the Texas Alcoholic Beverages Code (TABC) and the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code (CPRC).
- 3. The remaining Parties entered an agreed order of settlement that was approved and signed by this court on March 19, 2024.

#### **FACTS**

In its order, the court ordered, adjudged and decreed (in part) that "Defendants, its officers, agents, servants, employees, and those persons in active concert or participation with them, would abide by the reasonable restrictions named in this Agreed Order." The following paragraphs are those included in the order that the State alleges were violated.

- 4. The order states: "Defendants will not operate a business known as "Jaguars Gold Club" or use a variation of that name at 11377 Gateway Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79936." However, a business known as Chicas Locas operated at the property on September 19, 2024 while the property continued to use the Jaguars name, as the building itself maintains a sign that reads "Jaguars CLUB #1 AFTER HOURS SPOT" and also maintains a free-standing sign that reads "Jaguars CLUB". Exhibits 2-3, pictures of Jaguars signage at the property.
- 5. The court ordered that before Defendants operated any business at 11377 Gateway Blvd.,
  Defendants would:
  - a. "Apply for a license and/or permit to sell and serve alcohol from the Texas Alcoholic Beverages Commission." Defendants submitted "First Amended Compliance Report" (Report) and an affidavit from Dean Reardon¹ (Affidavit) that stated "JAI Dining Services (El Paso) Inc., applied for a license and/or permit to serve alcohol from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission on May 31, 2024."
    Exhibit 4 Defendants Compliance Report and Exhibit 5 Affidavit of Dean Reardon. As of the filing of this motion, Defendants have not supplied a copy of their application.
  - b. "Hire an appropriate number of off-duty licensed peace officers who will work for at least six months." The Report and the Affidavit do not mention this requirement, and no other evidence has been provided. See **exhibits 4 and 5.** It is unknown how many, if any, off-duty licensed peace officers are employed at the property.
  - c. "Identify existing security cameras located within or outside the premises and the view they produce and ensure they are in working order. Operate enough cameras

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Although the relationship of Dean Reardon to the Defendants is not stated in his Affidavit, the State is aware that Mr. Reardon is part of the management team of Defendants.

to show each part of the business where the public is entertained, and enough to show the space where the customers of the business park vehicles. Cooperate with law enforcement by preserving video evidence for thirty (30) days and make it available to law enforcement for investigations of criminal conduct that relates to the premises upon request to management or a designated representative of the business." Both the Report and the Affidavit aver that this condition has been met; however, there is no evidence to support any of the statements, such as pictures of what the security cameras show, a description of the location of the cameras or an explanation that the camera locations were shown to an employee of the County Attorney's Office or the El Paso Police Department. See exhibits 4 and 5.

- d. "Within thirty days from the date of this Order, provide proof of compliance with the City of El Paso's fire code." The Report and the Affidavit stated that JAI Dining Services is in compliance with the City of El Paso's fire code and adds: "but during the time in which the business has been closed JAI Dining Services (El Paso), Inc. has been making improvements to the fire suppression system." See exhibits 4 and
  5. No evidence of this claim was provided. There is; however, an El Paso Fire Department Inspection Form from September 5, 2024 that states, "we found your facility to be non-compliant with the International Fire Code 2021 edition" and eight (8) violations are enumerated on the official notice, to include the absence of a required "assembly operational permit". Exhibit 6 El Paso Fire Department Fire Prevention Division Official Notice Inspection Form.
- e. "Submit a report to the court and the State with evidence to show all conditions are met." The evidence submitted in Defendant's Report and Affidavit did not show all

conditions of the court's order were met before operating a business on the property. See exhibits 4 and 5.

- 6. In addition, once a business operates at 11377 Gateway Blvd., the order states: Defendants would not use the word "strip" in any advertisements and/or promotions of the business on the premises. Defendant's report and affidavit says that "in the general advertisements for the Chicas Locas brand, the brand itself has been advertised as the '#1 Rated Latin Strip Club' and promoted that the El Paso Chicas Locas is 'coming soon,' but reference to the El Paso location has been removed." See exhibits 4 and 5. Advertisement on the Chicas Locas website on September 19, 2024 when the business was operating and on the date of this filing says Chicas Locas is the "#1 Rated Strip Club" and El Paso is listed as one of the locations "coming soon." Exhibit 7 Chicas Locas advertisement.
- 7. The State is aware that El Paso City inspectors were at the business and property on September 19, 2024. The State reserves the right to amend and/or supplement this pleading should evidence of additional violations comes to the State's attention.

#### **REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

#### **THEREFORE**, the State requests:

- 8. A hearing on this matter as soon as possible to show violations of the order, as the Defendants are specifically prohibited from operating under the conditions of the order.
- 9. That pursuant to Sec. 125.003 and upon proof that a condition of the injunctive order has been violated, the whole sum of the bond posted be forfeited as a penalty to the El Paso County Attorney's Office and the property where the nuisance exists, specifically 11377 Gateway Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79936 be ordered closed for one year from the date of the order of bond forfeiture.

10. Consideration of the State's request for fines, fees, and court costs against the Defendants,

as the Court may award the State any additional investigative costs, court costs, reasonable

attorney's fees, witness fees, and deposition fees incurred when a suit on bond is filed.<sup>2</sup>

11. If further violations of the order occur, the State may ask the court to prohibit the furnishing

of utility service to the location or locations in violation of the order <sup>3</sup>;

a. Revoke the certificate of occupancy for the location or locations in violation of this

Agreed Order <sup>4</sup>;

b. Any other legal remedy available under the laws of the State of Texas CPRC §

125.045(b).

12. WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the State prays that the Court grant

judgment in favor of the State for the Defendant's violation of the Agreed Order of

Settlement, forfeit the bond to the County Attorney's Office and close the property for one

year.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>2</sup> TEX. CIV. PRAC. & REM. CODE §125.003(a) and (b).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* §125.045(b).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* The State recognizes this remedy is moot, as the building does not currently have a certificate of occupancy or assembly issued by the City.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on September 20, 2024, delivery of a copy of the foregoing motion to the Defendant via eserve.

Amy Monsivais
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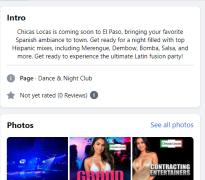






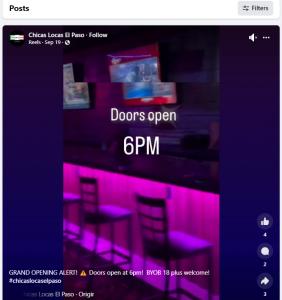


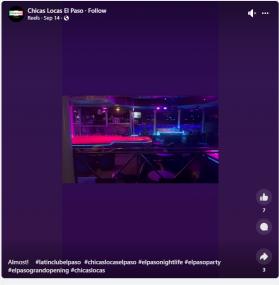




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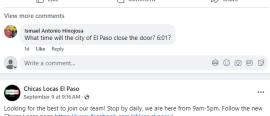
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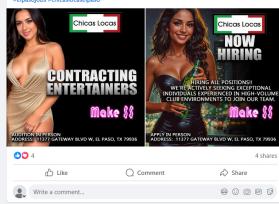








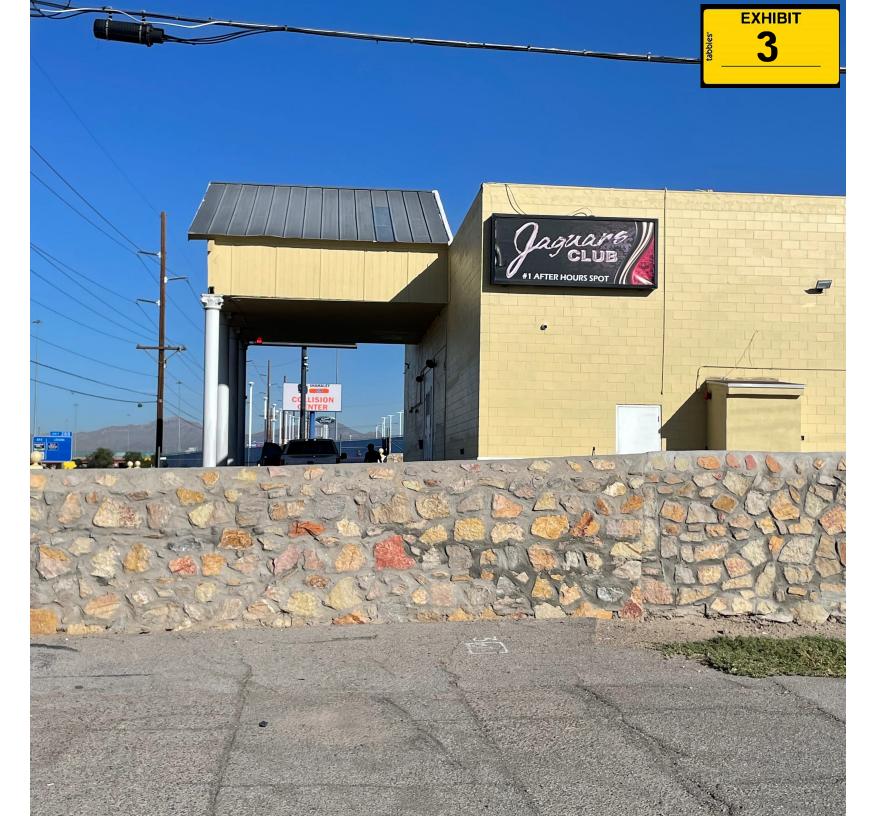
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CLUB, RCI HOLDINGS, INC. (REAL	§	
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Defendants.	§	

#### FIRST AMENDED COMPLIANCE REPORT

In conformance with this Court's Agreed Order of Settlement, Defendants, JAI Dining Services (El Paso), Inc., RCI Holdings, Inc. and the Real Property known as 11377 Gateway Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79936 (*in rem*), make this report:

- 1. The Defendants have not and will not operate a business known as "Jaguars Gold Club" or any variation of that name at 11377 Gateway Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79936. *See* Exhibit A, "Affidavit of Dean Reardon"
- 2. JAI Dining Services (El Paso), Inc. applied for a license and/or permit to serve alcohol from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission on May 31, 2024. *See Id*.

- 3. JAI Dining Services (El Paso), Inc. has obtained a "Garrett" metal detector wand to use on all persons that enter the club. *See Id*.
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- 5. JAI Dining Services (El Paso), Inc. has maintained a noise level that is never more than 80 decibels. *See Id*.
- 6. JAI Dining Services (El Paso), Inc. is in compliance with the applicable City of El Paso's fire code, but during the time in which the business has been closed JAI Dining Services (El Paso), Inc. has been making improvements to the fire suppression system. *See Id*.
- 7. Defendants have remitted a payment of \$446.00 in court costs to the El Paso County Financial Recovery Division. *See Id.*
- 8. Defendants have remitted a payment of \$5,000.00 to the El Paso County District Clerk for payment of the required bond. *See Id*.
- 9. Angel Richard Torres, Donnell Lee James, and Javier Diaz are no longer employed with any Defendant. *See Id*.
- 10. No Defendant has knowingly used a promoter that is a gang member or has a gang affiliation. *See Id*.

11. No Defendant or person working on the premises has operated as a sexually

oriented business as that term is defined in the City of El Paso Code of Ordinances and will not

violate the City's sexually oriented business ordinance. See Id.

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"strip". In the general advertisement for the Chicas Locas brand, the brand itself has been

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14. JAI Dining Services (El Paso), Inc. and its management team have already had one

meeting with representatives of the El Paso Police Department's Pebble Hills Regional Command

Center and a second meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. See Id.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on September 10, 2024, I served this document on all counsel of record.

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# **EXHIBIT A**

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF DEAN REARDON

My name is Dean Reardon. I am over the age of twenty-one, fully competent to make this affidavit, and the facts stated herein are true and correct, based on my personal knowledge.

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Dean Reardon

Before me, the undersigned notary public in and for the State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Dean Reardon, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

VALERIE BAKER
Notary Public, State of Texas
Comm. Expires 02-25-2026
Notary ID 129725270

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Valerie Baker, Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



# \*\*OFFICIAL NOTICE\*\* INSPECTION FORM

FIRE DEPARTMENT

416 N. Stanton Ste: 300 El Paso, TX 79901 (915) 212 - 5699 Fax (915) 212-5634 FD-FPDPermits@elpasotexas.gov

Name/Title: EDGAR CARAVEO ENFD24-00302

Business: Chicas Locas Date: 9/5/2024

**Address:** 11377 GATEWAY WEST BLVD, EL PASO, TX 79936 **Phone:** 9153312178

We found your facility to be non-complaint with the International Fire Code 2021 edition. The following violations were found and require your immediate attention and correction:

- 1. Fire Riser incomplete, required to submit plans and permits for completion of fire protection system to COEP, non-compliant system (FOLLOW UP 9/13/2024)
- 2. Fire alarm panel incomplete, required to submit plans and permits for completion of fire protection system to COEP, non-compliant system
- 3. Places of assembly operational permit required.
- 4. MISSING/EXPIRED FIRE EXTINGUISHERS THROUGHOUT
- 5. EXPOSED ELECTRICAL WIRING IN VARIOUS AREAS, JUNCTION BOXES AND OUTLETS
- 6. MAINTAIN FIRE LANE WITH STENCIL AND SIGNAGE, EAST, WEST AND SOUTH SIDE OF BUILDING
- 7. REMOVE DEADBOLT FROM 4 SECONDARY MEANS OF EGRESS
- 8. SERVICE ALL EXIT/EMERGENCY LIGHTING , REQUIRES 1 ADDITIONAL EXIT SIGN AT BACK ROOM EXIT

A re-inspection will be conducted to assure that these items are corrected. If you have any questions, please contact us.

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SIGNATURE	DATE
	9/5/2024
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This is not a citation. Signing of this Official Notice is not an admission of guilt.

Payments: Development Services Cashier // 811 Texas Ave. // El Paso, Texas 79901 // (915) 212-0104



#### #1 Rated Latin Strip Club

Chicas Locas is Texas's number one rated Latin Strip Club. Find us in any of our 3 locations! Chicas Locas feature over 30 beautiful entertainers performing daily, full liquor bars, full Bottle VIP service local sports and PPV events. Select a location below to find directions, hours, specials or to contact us.

Encuentre a las mujeres más hermosas de Texas en Chicas Locas, un club de Caballeros ubicado en Dallas, Houston y Arlington. Seleccione una de las ubicaciones a continuación para ponerse en contacto.

#### **5 LOCATIONS**











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