

# LLA

City of Aurora, Illinois

## 2024 Initial Liquor License Application



Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Completed applications may be submitted to: City Clerk's Office, 44 E. Downer Pl. Aurora, IL 60505

APPLICANT: Braden T. Smith

License Year: 2025 to 2026

License Class D - Downtown Core  
Onsite Consumption

### Official Use Only

- ☒ Date Complete Application Received 4-4-25
- ☒ Application Fee \$250.00
- ☒ Business Information Sheet and Probationary Agreement/Management Plan Complete (in application)
- ☒ Proof of Background Check for all Managers/Assistant Managers, Owners and Officers (receipts)
- ☒ Certificate of Good Standing from the State of Illinois
- ☒ Certificate of Registration for Aurora Food & Beverage Tax (contact Revenue & Collections at (630) 256-3564) will transfer ☒
- ☒ Certificate of Occupancy at the Applicant's Business Location Same
- ☒ Maximum Occupancy Sign from City of Aurora Fire Marshal Same
- ☒ Copy of Articles of Incorporation or ~~Articles of Organization~~
- ☒ Copy of Most Recent Annual Report Filed with the Illinois Secretary of State OK Inc. 3/21/25
- ☒ Floor Plan/Seating Chart—Drawn to scale, must include outdoor seating (If applicable)
- ☒ Copy of Lease/Proof of Ownership—Lease Expiration assigned ☒
- ☐ Copy of Dram Shop Insurance Policy (Liquor Liability Insurance)- Insurance Expiration \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Copy of County Health Department Certificate
- ☐ Copy of State Liquor License (after local license is granted)
- ☒ Copy of State-Certified Beverage Alcohol Sellers/Servers Training Certificates for all employees (BASSET)
- ☒ Copy of Menu (if applicable)
- ☒ City of Aurora Business Registration Complete—Registration #BUSR- 40422
- ☒ Appropriate Liquor Classification and Endorsement (if applicable) CL. D Downtown Core
- ☒ Yearly Fee (per license classification) \$ 2070 pay @ issuance Onsite Cons.

☐ Approved

☐ Denied

Date Approved/Denied: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Liquor Control Commissioner

Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

## Applicant Information

**Applicant/Corporate Name:** Braden T Smith / French 75 Gallery and Lounge

**d/b/a Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Address:** 115 W Galena Blvd. #306 Aurora IL 60506  
Street City/State Zip

**Business Telephone#:** 530-412-3433 **Fax #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner or Manager Contact:** Braden T Smith

**Telephone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** french75gallery@gmail.com

**Additional Business Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Business Location Information

**Business Name (dba):** French 75 Gallery and Lounge

**Business Address:** 56 E. Galena Blvd. Aurora IL 60505 Kane  
Street City/State Zip County

**Telephone #:** 630-340-5675

**Website:** www.french75gallery.com

**Are the premises owned or leased? Proof of ownership or lease must be provided.**

☐ I hereby certify that the property is owned by the applicant.

☒ I hereby certify that the property is leased from the landlord.

☐ I hereby certify that the property is managed via an operating or management agreement.

**Landlord name:** Harish Ananthapadmanabhan

**Address:** 105 E. Galena Blvd Aurora IL 60505  
Street City State Zip

**Telephone #:** 312-560-4654 **Email Address:** harishananthapadmanabhan@jhrealestatepartnersllc.com

| Total Building Square Footage | Entertainment Area (Square Footage) | Kitchen Area (Square Footage) | Total Number of Seats (Booths & Tables) | Number of Parking Spaces |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
|                               | -                                   | -                             | 46                                      | -                        |

## Previous Liquor Licenses

Starting with the most recent, list any businesses owned or operated by the applicant within the past ten (10) years that held a liquor license. If more space is needed, please attach an additional sheet of paper.

**Business Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/State Zip

**Business Telephone#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Held: (mm/yy)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Liquor License Number and State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/State Zip

**Business Telephone#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Held: (mm/yy)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Liquor License Number and State:** \_\_\_\_\_

Have any liquor licenses issued to the applicant been revoked or suspended? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If yes, please fill out the area below.

**Business Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/State Zip

**Date Held (mm/yy):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Revocation (mm/yy):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason for Revocation:** \_\_\_\_\_

Has any director, officer, shareholder, or any of your managers ever held a liquor license that was revoked by the local, state or federal government? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, please answer the questions below.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Business Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/State Zip

**Date Held (mm/yy):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Revocation (mm/yy):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position with Business:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason for Revocation:** \_\_\_\_\_

Has any director, officer, shareholder, or any of your managers ever been denied a liquor license from any jurisdiction? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, please answer the questions below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/State Zip

Position Held: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Denial (mm/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Denial: \_\_\_\_\_

## BUSINESS INFORMATION

Type of Business Organization (check one):

☐ Sole Proprietor ☐ Partnership ☒ Corporation ☐ LLC ☐ Non-Profit ☐ Government

If a Corporation or LLC:

Corporation or LLC Name: French 75 Gallery and Lounge

Corporate Registered Agent: David Vincent

Corporate Headquarters Address: 28W581 Stafford PL Warrenville, IL 60505

Corporate Telephone #: 630-901-1135

Corporate Contact Name and Cell #: Diane 630-901-1135

State of Incorporation: IL Date of Incorporation: 2/21/2025

B. Name (first and last) of all Partners: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

C. Name of Sole Proprietor: Braden T Smith

## Owner / Manager Information

For ALL businesses, list ALL persons or entities with ownership interest in the company as well as ALL persons serving as officers or managers of the company. For ALL businesses, list Managers of the business that will be licensed. Attach additional pages if needed. All owners, officers and managers must have a background check for the CITY OF AURORA (good for 3 years).

Name: Smith Braden Thomas  
Last First Middle

Position with Business: Owner % of Ownership 100

Email Address: french75gallery@gmail.com

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Date of Fingerprints for City of Aurora 04/09/24  
MO Day YYYY

Home Address: [REDACTED] Aurora IL [REDACTED]  
Street City State Zip

Home Telephone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: [REDACTED]

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Position with Business: \_\_\_\_\_ % of Ownership \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Fingerprints for City of Aurora \_\_\_\_\_  
MO Day YYYY

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Home Telephone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Position with Business: \_\_\_\_\_ % of Ownership \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Fingerprints for City of Aurora \_\_\_\_\_  
MO Day YYYY

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Home Telephone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Corporation Information

|    |  |
|----|--|
| 1. | <p>Has any director, officer, shareholder, or any of your managers ever been found guilty of a felony or misdemeanor, including but not limited to any gambling offense and any alcohol related traffic offense?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes, explain the charge, date, city, and state where the charge was brought, and the disposition. This must include all findings of guilt, whether subsequently vacated or not, whether expunged or not, and shall specifically include any orders of court supervision, whether satisfactorily completed or not.</p>  |
| 2. | <p>How long has the corporation been in the business of the retail sale of alcohol (years/months)?</p> <p>N/A</p>  |
| 3. | <p>Does the director, officer, shareholder, or any of your managers hold any law enforcement office?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, state the person's name, title and agency. _____</p>   |
| 4. | <p>Other than when making an initial application for a license, has your corporation or any predecessor to or subsidiary or parent of your corporation ever been subject to charges, hearing, or investigation by any jurisdiction with respect to a liquor license? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes, list each and every charge, the date of the charge, the eventual disposition of the charge, and the municipality or other jurisdiction bringing the charge. If no charges were filed, state the reason(s) for the investigation or hearing.</p>  |
| 5. | <p>Is the premises within 100 Feet of a church, grade school, middle school, alternative school or high school, hospital, or home for the indigent? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, attach a document that answers the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The type of activity to be conducted at the premises proposed to be licensed and the days and times during which such activity will take place;</li> <li>• The size of the applicant's business and the affected establishment;</li> <li>• The availability of adequate parking for patrons of both the applicant's business and the affected establishment;</li> <li>• Whether the applicant is seeking a license to permit consumption of liquor on premises or the sale of packaged goods;</li> <li>• Any police activity;</li> <li>• Relevant geography and location of applicant's business;</li> <li>• The legal nature and history of applicant;</li> <li>• Measures the applicant proposes to implement to maintain quiet and security in conjunction with the establishment.</li> </ul> |
| 6. | <p>Do you have security cameras on the premises? _____</p> <p>If yes, are they _____</p> <p>If yes, please provide a brief description of the location(s) _____</p>  |



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## City of Aurora Probationary Agreement / Management Plan

**FORM REQUIRED: City of Aurora Liquor Ordinance Sec. 6-5. Application for License.**

Upon approval of the application and issuance of any new liquor license, the licensee will be placed on a one-year probation period unless an additional period of probation is recommended. During said probationary period, if the licensee violates any section of the liquor ordinance, as specified in a probationary agreement that includes a management plan put forth to the licensee prior to the issuance of a license, a liquor hearing will be called and the license may be revoked immediately, with no progressive discipline required.

### Probationary Agreement / Management Plan

Applicant /Corporate Name **Braden T Smith / French 75 Gallery and Lounge**

d/b/a Name

Location Address **56 E Galena Blvd Aurora IL 60505**

### Planned Days / Hours of Operation

|   |      |     |            |    |      |            |
|---|------|-----|------------|----|------|------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUNDAY    | FROM | 2pm | A.M. /P.M. | TO | 8pm  | A.M. /P.M. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MONDAY               | FROM |     | A.M. /P.M. | TO |      | A.M. /P.M. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TUESDAY   | FROM | 4pm | A.M. /P.M. | TO | 10pm | A.M. /P.M. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY | FROM | 4pm | A.M. /P.M. | TO | 11pm | A.M. /P.M. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THURSDAY  | FROM | 4pm | A.M. /P.M. | TO | 11pm | A.M. /P.M. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY    | FROM | 4pm | A.M. /P.M. | TO | 12pm | A.M. /P.M. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY  | FROM | 4pm | A.M. /P.M. | TO | 12pm | A.M. /P.M. |

### Entertainment

Entertainment will be held on the premises. Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, what type(s) of entertainment? (Please list) **Live Jazz Quartet on Wednesday evenings 6:30-9:30pm.**

Please specify the dates and times that entertainment is planned.

|   |      |        |            |    |        |            |
|---|------|--------|------------|----|--------|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SUNDAY               | FROM |        | A.M. /P.M. | TO |        | A.M. /P.M. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MONDAY               | FROM |        | A.M. /P.M. | TO |        | A.M. /P.M. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TUESDAY              | FROM |        | A.M. /P.M. | TO |        | A.M. /P.M. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY | FROM | 6:30pm | A.M. /P.M. | TO | 9:30pm | A.M. /P.M. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> THURSDAY             | FROM |        | A.M. /P.M. | TO |        | A.M. /P.M. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY               | FROM |        | A.M. /P.M. | TO |        | A.M. /P.M. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY             | FROM |        | A.M. /P.M. | TO |        | A.M. /P.M. |

## Security

Will private security be hired for your business? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, will private security only be hired when entertainment is offered? Yes ☐ No ☐

Name of Private Security Company to be Hired:

Address of Private Security Company:

Contact Person: for Security Company:

Security Contact Person's Phone Number: (Please provide two options)

## Affidavit

By signing this Probationary Agreement, the undersigned affirms that he/she understands if the business is found to be in violation of any section of the liquor ordinance within the first year of operation, a Liquor Hearing may be held and the Liquor License issued may be revoked without progressive discipline being instituted.

*Braden Smith*

\_\_\_\_\_  
President / Owner

*4/3/25*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary / Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Receipt

I have received a copy of the Probationary Agreement / Management Plan that has been signed by the President and Secretary / Owner(s) of the business. One copy of the agreement will be placed in the Licensee's file in the City Clerk's Office.

*Braden Smith*

\_\_\_\_\_  
President / Owner

*4/3/25*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary / Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk's Office

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**BIS**

City of Aurora, Illinois

**Business Information Sheet****Business Entity Information**

**Type of Business** ☐ Sole Proprietor ☐ Partnership ☐ LLC ☒ Corporation ☐ Non-Profit

**Legal Name of Business**

The exact "legal name" as it appears in the official business formation documentation.

French 75 Gallery and Lounge Inc.

For Sole Proprietors, this is the full name of the business owner as it appears on the Sole proprietor's government-issued photo ID.

**"Doing Business As" Name**

The exact "Doing Business As" (DBA) Name as it appears in the official business formation documentation.

Sole Proprietors of Partnerships conducting business in Illinois under an assumed name (a name other than your own) are required to file for an Assumed Name Certificate with the Kane County Clerk's Office at 217 S. Batavia Avenue, Geneva, IL

- ☒ A State of Illinois File Number is **REQUIRED** for all (Illinois and Non-Illinois based) LPs, LLPs, LLCs, Corporations, and Non-Profit Corporations.

**State of Illinois File #**

Assigned by the Illinois Secretary of State at 69 W. Washington St., Suite 1240, 312.793-3380 or  
[www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/business\\_services/](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/business_services/)

- ☒ A Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) is **REQUIRED** for all business entity types except for Sole Proprietorships.

**Employer Identification #**

- ☒ An Account ID is **REQUIRED** for ALL business entity types that conduct business in the State of Illinois or with Illinois Customers.

**(formerly IBT #) IDOR Account #****Business Activity and Location****Business Activity**

List your business activities, including all products and/or services to be offered.

Art Gallery and Cocktail Lounge featuring handcrafted beverages, art, and light cold food.

**Business Activity**

List your business activities, including all products and/or services to be offered.

Cocktails, Artwork, Charcuterie, Mocktails, Beer, Wine

Square footage used by the business: 1200

SQ. FT.

Number of employees at this site: 5

**Primary Contact Person**

First Name

Braden

Middle Name

THOMAS

Last Name

Smith

Jr./Sr.

Contact Phone #

Fax #

E-Mail Address

french75gallery@gmail.com

## Affidavit

I, authorized agent(s) for the applicant, first being duly sworn, under oath, depose and state that the information contained in the foregoing application is true and correct.

I also understand that any untrue, inconsistent, incorrect or misleading information contained herein shall be cause for the refusal to grant, non-renewal, or the revocation of any license granted pursuant to this application.

I further state that I have read and understand all applicable laws, including, without limitation, statutory provisions set forth in the Illinois Liquor Control Act of 1934, 235 ILCS 5/1-1, et. seq. and Chapter 6 of the City of Aurora's Code of Ordinances and fully understand my obligations under said applicable local laws. ***By signing this application, I agree to cooperate fully with the Aurora Police Department in providing all video pursuant to any police investigation during the term of any liquor license granted.***

I swear and affirm not to violate any of the relevant laws of the United States, the State of Illinois or any of the ordinances of the City of Aurora in the conduct of the place of business described herein. I understand and agree that if I violate any local, state or federal laws regarding alcohol sales, consumption or possession, while I have a City of Aurora Liquor License, said license may be suspended or revoked.

I further authorize the City of Aurora or any of its designated agents to contact any agency or individual named or referred to in this Application for the purpose of verifying and/or clarifying any information I have provided herein.

I further certify that if any of the foregoing information changes during the course of the current license year, including, without limitation, changes to the status of the State liquor license, changes in the corporate stockholder shares or corporate officers, I will notify the City of Aurora, in writing, within seven (7) days of such change.

### Corporate/LLC Signatures

Braden Smith

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Signed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of  
April, 2025.

Notary Public

(NOTARY SEAL)

### Individual/Partnership Signatures

Signature

Signature

Signature

### Government Entity Signatures

Signature - Manager on Behalf of Government Entity

Signature - Governmental Officer