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City Attorney Zach Klein Provides Update on Jack's Corner Pub Nuisance Property Lawsuit

City finalizes agreement to shutter problem property indefinitely

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced the City of Columbus and the owners of Jack's Corner Pub located at 2480 Summit Street north of the Ohio State campus signed a final agreed order in Environmental Court.

Under the terms of the agreement, Jack's will remain closed indefinitely, owners will place the establishment's liquor permit in safekeeping with the state, the City will withdraw its liquor permit renewal objection, and owners will have to maintain the property until it is sold. Additionally, the City will have the option to object to the transfer of the liquor permit should a new ownership group come in and request to use the permit.

"Today's order officially ends the safety threat Jack's posed to the neighborhood and allows the City to have a hand in what comes next for this property. We want to see a business come in and be safe and successful. It's what the neighborhood deserves," said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein.

The agreement follows a spate of violence and nuisance behavior at the bar, with dozens of police runs and calls for service over the past two years, including for a reported homicide in March 2022 and repeated reports of shots fired, brawls erupting both inside and outside the establishment, overdoses, vehicle theft. On July 28, 2023, a number of suspects were involved in a fight at the premises, which saw one suspect obtain a firearm and shoot an individual multiple times. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

"Thank you to community members and neighbors who reached out to the City Attorney's office to abate this nuisance. We all want safe and vibrant neighborhoods in Columbus. With this order, the bar is shut down for good, future use of the liquor permit is under the City's watch, and families no longer have to worry about the violence that unfortunately became the norm at Jack's," said Assistant City Attorney Christopher Clark, the City's lead attorney on the case.