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City Attorney Zach Klein says his office intends to object to renewal of liquor permits for half dozen businesses plagued by crime and violence

City Council okays plan to object to liquor license renewal for six local businesses when they go before state liquor board early next year

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced his office will object to the liquor licenses of six local businesses when they come before the state liquor board for renewal in early 2026. The City Attorney’s Property Action Team identified these six businesses as nuisances in their neighborhoods with histories of violent crime. City Council approved the plan to object to the license renewals at their meeting Monday.

“We want to see businesses succeed, but not at the expense of public safety. Objecting to a liquor license is a significant penalty and often a last resort for businesses that show no regard for the law or the safety of customers or the surrounding neighborhood,” said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein. **“We remain willing to work with any business owner to find ways to improve safety and ensure compliance with the law.”**

The City Attorney’s Property Action Team presented evidence for each business at a City Council Public Safety Committee hearing last week. The following businesses are currently on the permit renewal objection list:

- Speedway located at 2875 Stelzer Road,
- Speedway at 1165 S High Street,
- Marathon at 2805 W Broad Street
- BP at 2800 Sullivant Ave,
- Buckeye Supermarket at 4432 Walford Street,
- Shell at 2441 Lockbourne Road.

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