

CITY OF ELY

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April 17, 2026

Cari Matyja
Club Rio
735 Aultman Street
Ely, NV 89301

SERVED BY CITY OF ELY STAFF

Re: Class III Liquor License

Dear Ms. Matyja:

On or about January 14, 2026, the City of Ely sent you a letter (the return receipt establishes that you received it) regarding the multiple criminal violations involving minors and the juvenile delinquency violation that occurred at Club Rio in 2025. The letter informed you that the offenses in question constituted violations of Title 3, Chapter 2, Section 8 of the Ely Municipal Code. The letter warned that the violations constituted grounds for the City of Ely to suspend or revoke your liquor licenses under Title 3, Chapter 2, Section 9 of the Ely Municipal Code. Such violations are also grounds to suspend or revoke your business license under Title 3, Chapter 1, Section 12 of the Ely Municipal Code.

On April 16, 2026 at approximately 1:50 a.m., the Sheriff's Office received a report of several minors drinking at the establishment. When deputies arrived the doors to the business were locked, but they observed minors in the bar drinking. The bartender looked at the deputies but refused to let them in by just ignoring their presence. The deputies stated that juveniles went to the back of the bar to conceal themselves. Deputies reported that later they checked the bar again and someone had placed black plastic over the windows of the bar so you could not look in. Through its conduct, Club Rio has demonstrated an unwillingness and/or inability to comply with the requirements of the Ely Municipal Code.

This letter is intended to provide formal written notice pursuant to NRS 241.033 that during the special **City Council meeting on April 27, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.**, there will be agenda items to consider Club Rio's numerous and ongoing violations of the Ely Municipal Code (EMC).

1. Council Members – City Attorney Arabia – Police Chief Henriod – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Consideration of complaint of numerous and ongoing violations of Title 3, Chapter 2, Section 8 of the Ely Municipal Code (EMC) by Club Rio located at 735 Aultman Street, with possible revocation of licensee's Class III Liquor License, or other possible options.
2. Council Members – City Attorney Arabia – Police Chief Henriod – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Consideration of complaint of numerous and ongoing violations of Title 3, Chapter 1, Section 12 of the Ely Municipal Code (EMC), with possible approval of Resolution 2026-04 revoking or suspending Club Rio's Business License, located at 735 Aultman Street.

The details of the meeting are as follows:

Date: April 27, 2026
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Location: Ely Volunteer Fire Hall, 499 Mill Street, Ely, Nevada 89301

You are entitled to be present during the agenda item. You are encouraged to attend via the following Zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/9771306332> Meeting ID: 977 130 6332; by phone 877-853-5247 or in person. You can also send written comments to the City of Ely no later than April 27, 2026; any correspondence received after 4:00 p.m. on April 27, 2026 will not be considered.

Sincerely,



Chris Arabia
City Attorney

Cc: City Clerk Jennifer Lee
Police Chief Scott Henriod

3-2-8: MINORS:**A. Prohibited Acts:**

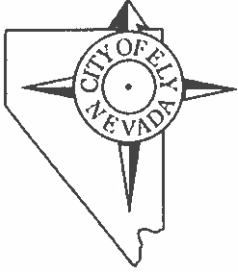
1. No person under the age of twenty one (21) years shall be allowed to be present or remain in any place of business where such liquors are sold at retail to be consumed on the premises unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, nor shall such person under any circumstances be allowed to purchase or to drink any liquor upon such premises, nor to purchase such liquor for consumption elsewhere, nor to be employed in connection with such liquor sales in any manner.
2. No person under twenty one (21) years of age shall be allowed to purchase any package or packages of liquor in any establishment where liquors are sold whether to be consumed on site or not.
3. It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of twenty one (21) years who has consumed any alcoholic beverage to be in a public place without direct supervision of a parent or legal guardian.

B. Violation/Penalty:

1. Misdemeanor: Any person under the age of twenty one (21) years violating any of the provisions of this section shall likewise be subject to prosecution for a misdemeanor as provided by the law of the state.
2. Exception: The furnishing to such person of alcoholic beverages by a physician or by a druggist under a physician's prescription therefor shall not be regarded as a violation of this section.
3. Possession: It shall, however, be considered a violation of this section for any person under the age of twenty one (21) years to have in his/her possession at any time any alcoholic beverage unless such possession is shown to have been legally initiated.
4. Identification; Defense: In any legal action for the violation of this section by a licensee, employee or agent, it shall be no defense for the licensee, employee or agent to prove that he asked such minor to show a driver's license or other official document purporting to show the bearer's age, and that such official document was produced. The alteration or falsification of such official document by a minor or by anyone shall be punishable as a misdemeanor. (Ord. 676, 1-14-2016)

3-1-12: REVOCATION; SUSPENSION:

The city council may suspend, revoke, withdraw or discontinue any license granted under the provisions of this title whenever the council has reason to believe that the business conducted thereunder by the licensee, his servants or employees, is a nuisance, a menace to public health or detrimental to the peace and morals of the city, or that violations of the laws of the state or of the ordinances of the city have been committed or are being permitted to be committed upon the premises where such business is being conducted. Such suspension, revocation, withdrawal or discontinuance shall be by resolution duly made and carried and spread upon the minutes of the council. (Prior code § 13-17)



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jennifer Lee, served a copy of the preceding notice pursuant to NRS 241.034 that during the special City Council meeting on April 27, 2026, there will be an agenda item to consider Resolution 2026-04 revoking your business license for the Club Rio on the 17th day of April, 2026 to

@ 4:45 PM R

Steven at the Club Rio.

Jennifer Lee
Signature

4-17-26
Date