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## **Media Release**

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### **Anthony's Decision Released**

Today the City of Joliet have announced the steps they are taking in the wake of last week's shooting at Anthony's. The City of Joliet and Anthony's have reached an agreement pursuant to the Citation and Notice of Hearing issued by the City. Anthony's will be required to close for business no later than 2:00 a.m. on the business days of Friday and Saturday (Saturday and Sunday mornings). In addition, Anthony's will forfeit the Class M entertainment permit. A *Class M entertainment permit* allows a holder of a liquor license to provide live entertainment on the licensed premises. As such, Anthony's will no longer be allowed to provide live entertainment.

Mayor Bob O'Dekirk, who was out of town on a family vacation when the parties reached an agreement, concurs with the changes. "As I do with many business owners in Joliet, I have a professional relationship with the owners of Anthony's. I appreciate the amount of money they have invested into their establishment. I enjoy eating at Anthony's and genuinely hope that they can put their current troubles behind them. Having said that, the type of activity that has happened surrounding their establishment cannot, and will not, be tolerated. The rules apply to everyone, even citizens and business owners with a connection to elected officials. The people of Joliet need to know that their elected officials will respond to any situation that is putting people in danger. I think the City's actions here demonstrate our commitment to fighting violence in every corner of the City. I hope that the new rules the City is imposing on Anthony's will work and that they can continue to be a viable restaurant and bar in our community."

**Martin J. Shanahan, Jr.**  
**Interim City Manager**

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