

# CITY COUNCIL REPORT



Meeting Date: *July 1, 2026*  
General Plan Element: *Land Use*  
General Plan Goal: *Support a diversity of businesses.*

## **ACTION**

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**Liquor License Request for LL-0029-2026 Above All Else (397915).** To consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for a New Application Restaurant (Series 12) State liquor license for an existing location and new owner.

## **OWNER**

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AAE Scottsdale LLC

## **APPLICANT CONTACT**

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Jeffrey Craig Miller

## **LOCATION**

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7134 E Stetson Drive #B300

## **REQUEST**

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The applicant is seeking a favorable recommendation on a Series 12 (Restaurant) liquor license for an existing location with new owner. This has been a licensed location most recently operating with liquor since 2010 as a Restaurant.

This liquor license allows the licensee to sell and serve spirituous liquor solely for consumption on the premises of an establishment which derives at least forty percent (40%) of its total revenue from the sale of food.

The applicant has indicated that this establishment will serve liquor Monday through Friday 5pm to 11pm and Saturday and Sunday between the hours of 5pm and 12am; however,

due to state liquor license processing requirements, they are not required to notify the city or the state if they change their hours of operation.

## **IMPACT ANALYSIS**

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### **Reliability and Location**

#### **A.R.S. Section 4.-203.A and R19-1-702 Granting a License for a New Owner for a Certain Location.**

The capability, qualifications and reliability of the applicant has been shown.

### **Restaurant**

#### **A.R.S. Section 4-205.02 and R19-1-206 Criteria for Restaurant Operations.**

This owner intends to operate this location as a restaurant. This establishment is 4,460 sq. ft. The bar service area is 400 sq. ft. or 11% of gross floor area, and the kitchen area is 670 sq. ft. or 15% of the gross floor area. The operational characteristics and floor plan qualify as a restaurant.

### **Zoning**

This site is zoned C-2 DO (Central Business with Downtown Overlay). The C-2 district allows restaurants as a permitted use. The applicant has been notified of the city's expectation that the business will operate as a restaurant.

### **Public Safety**

Police Department: No Opposition  
Major life safety issues: None noted

### **Public Notice and Proximity**

#### **A.R.S. Section 4-201.B. Petitions from Persons in Close Proximity.**

The applicant has maintained the required posting notice for the State mandated 20-day period. No petitions or protests were received during the 20 (twenty) day posting period.

## **COUNCIL OPTIONS & STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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### **Council Options**

The City Council has the option of recommending approval, disapproval or no recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff advises that the license request meets the criteria imposed for determining the capability, qualifications, and reliability of the applicant.

**Next Steps**

The City Council's recommendation will be forwarded to the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for their consideration. If the application is approved by the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control, the applicant should receive their license from the State within 105 days of original application.

**RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT(S)**

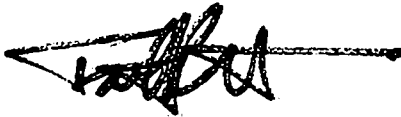
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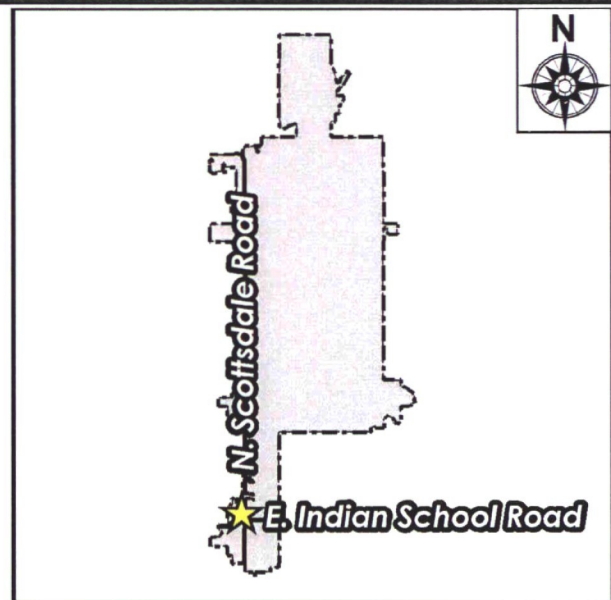
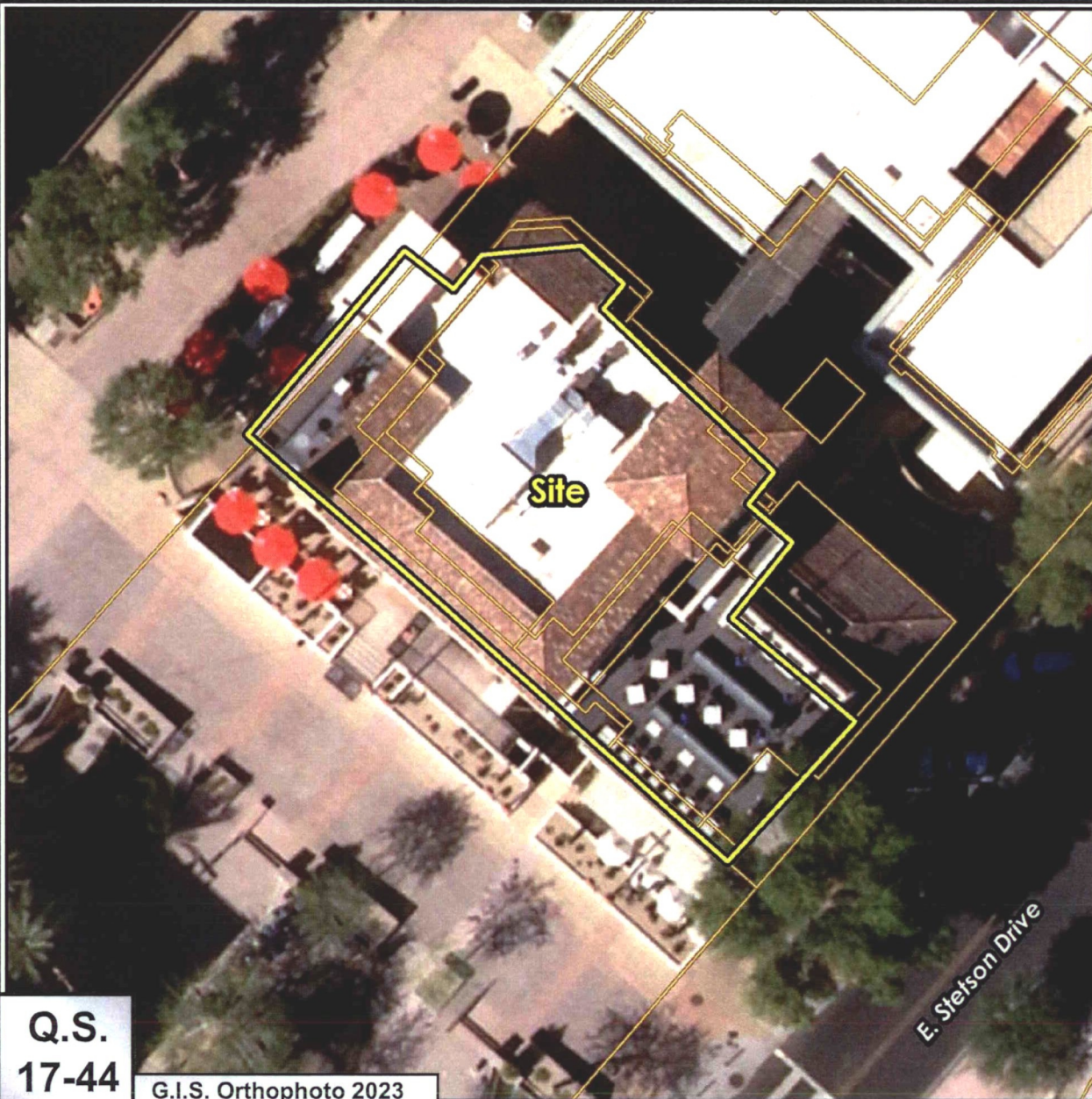
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**ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Map
2. City of Scottsdale Applicant Questionnaire
3. State Application (Front Page, including menu)
4. Floor Plan



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Above All Else (397915)

**Liquor License Questionnaire****(Existing Location)****Restaurants & Bars (Series 3, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13)**

Please complete all questions and return within 3 business days.

Name of Business: Above all ElseBusiness Address: 7134 E. Stetson Dr. Suite B300 Scottsdale AZ 85251Total Gross Square Footage of Establishment (Minus the Patio): 4,460 SFIs this business under construction or being remodeled? Yes  No Does this business have an existing patio? Yes  No  Dimensions of patio: Does this business have a proposed patio? Yes  No  Dimensions of patio: Was liquor sold at this location prior to this application? Yes  No If yes, what type of license? Is this business currently open? Yes  No If yes, is this business operating with an interim license? Yes  No If no, what is the proposed opening date? 08/2026**For Restaurants, Bars and Restaurants/Bars:**Will the bar service area be less than 15% of the gross floor area? Yes  No\* Gross square footage of the bar service area? 400 SF*(includes the floor area under indoor and outdoor bars and the floor area behind the bars used for storage, prep and serving of food or drinks. NOT kitchen/backroom storage)*Will the kitchen be less than 15% of the gross floor area? Yes\*  No Gross square footage of kitchen: 596 SFWill the kitchen close before 9:00 p.m.? Yes\*  No Will less than 40% of gross revenues be derived from the sale of prepared food? Yes\*  No During what hours will the establishment offer liquor sales? 5pm - 11pm Midnight on weekends**For admittance:**Will age verification be required/requested at any time during business operations? Yes\*  No **For admittance:**Is a cover charge required at any time during business operations? Yes\*  No **\*May require a Conditional Use Permit**

Please check one of the following that best describes the primary business operation:

- Packaged Retail     Restaurant     Bar     Personal Service     Education Service  
 Manufacturing     Hotel/Tourist Accomodation     Residential Facility     Sports/Theater

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# Liquor License Questionnaire

## (Existing Location)

### Restaurants & Bars (Series 3, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13)



Please complete all questions and return within 3 business days.

**Will this business feature any of the following:**

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|----------------------|--|---------------------------|--|
| Patrons Dancing?     | Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Karaoke?                  | Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Live Bands?          | Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | DJ?                       | Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Amplified Music?     | Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Games?                    | Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Adult Entertainment? | Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Four or more pool tables? | Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| After Hours?         | Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                           |  |

**\*May require a Conditional Use Permit**  
*Definition of [Live Entertainment](#)*

**Applicant Narrative:**

ARS 4-201-G: Except for a person to person transfer of a transferable license for use at the same location and as otherwise provided in section 4-203, subsection A, in all proceedings before the governing body of a city or town, the board of supervisors of a county or the board, the applicant bears the burden of showing that the public convenience requires and that the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance of a license.

- I have the capability, qualifications and reliability to hold a liquor license because:

- Please describe your business:

The City's forwarding of a recommendation to the AZ Department of Liquor Licenses and Control does not waive and is not a substitute for the Licensee's obligation to comply with all state, local and federal laws, policies and regulations applicable to the license. The Recommendation is not a permit or regulatory approval to hold any events or construct or demolish any improvements. Zoning processes, building permit processes, and similar regulatory requirements may apply to Licensee's contemplated improvements and are completely separate from the Recommendation. Licensee shall be responsible to, separate and apart from this Recommendation, directly obtain all necessary permits and approvals from any and all governmental or other entities including the City's having standing or jurisdiction over the subject areas. For more information regarding zoning processes, building permit processes, and similar regulatory requirements and approvals please call 480-312-2611.

Miranda Bustamante

Print Name



Agent/Applicant Signature

5/14/2026

Date

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**1. I have the capability, qualifications and reliability to hold a liquor license because:**

**We are committed to operating the business in compliance with all state and local liquor laws and regulations. We understand the responsibilities associated with holding a liquor license, including maintaining proper oversight of alcohol service, ensuring employees are properly trained, and promoting a safe and lawful environment for patrons and staff. We are financially and professionally capable of managing the licensed premises responsibly and will ensure the establishment operates with integrity and in accordance with the requirements of the City of Scottsdale and the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.**

**Please describe your business:**

**Above All Else Restaurant is a full-service restaurant located in Scottsdale. The establishment is designed to provide a welcoming, comfortable dining experience offering high-quality food and attentive customer service in a casual yet professional atmosphere.**

**The restaurant will serve a diverse menu intended to appeal to a wide range of guests, including lunch and dinner offerings. The business will also provide responsible alcohol service in compliance with all applicable regulations set forth by the City of Scottsdale and the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control, with a focus on maintaining a safe, family-friendly, and well-managed environment.**

**The goal of Above All Else Restaurant is to create a reliable neighborhood dining destination known for consistent food quality, excellent service, and a strong commitment to operational compliance and community standards.**

**State of Arizona**  
**Department of Liquor Licenses and Control**

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**Local Governing Body Report**

**LICENSE**

Number: Type: 012 RESTAURANT  
Name: ABOVE ALL ELSE  
State: Pending  
Issue Date: Expiration Date:  
Original Issue Date:  
Location: 7134 E STETSON DRIVE  
#B300  
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251  
USA  
Mailing Address:  
Phone: (480)730-2675  
Alt. Phone: (928)200-1889  
Email: LIQUORLICENSE@AZLIC.COM

**AGENT**

Name: JEFFREY CRAIG MILLER  
Gender: Male  
Correspondence Address: PO BOX 2502  
CHANDLER, AZ 85244  
USA  
Phone: (480)730-2675  
Alt. Phone: (928)200-1889  
Email: LIQUORLICENSE@AZLIC.COM

**OWNER**

Name: AAE SCOTTSDALE LLC  
Contact Name: JEFFREY CRAIG MILLER  
Type: LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
AZ CC File Number: 23852483 State of Incorporation:  
Incorporation Date: 07/14/2025  
Correspondence Address: PO BOX 2502  
CHANDLER, AZ 85244  
USA  
Phone: (480)730-2675  
Alt. Phone: (928)200-1889  
Email: LIQUORLICENSE@AZLIC.COM

60<sup>th</sup> Day -  
7/6/26

**Officers / Stockholders**

Name: Title: % Interest:

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**APPITIZERS**

**Deviled Eggs Flight (rectangle) \$18**

*house sambal, Bacon Jam, Hollandaise, caviar, gold leaf, Pickled egg with crispy chicharron.*

**Pork belly burnt ends (Round with sides) \$22**

*Braised Pork belly, pomegranate agave bourbon, escabeche*

**Confit Drumsticks (8in round) \$26**

*Confit drums, carrot-celery escabeche salad, white BBQ.*

**Hamachi Crudo (oval/10 in rectangle) \$30**

*White shoyu, candied cashew, radish sprouts, jalapeño, Asian pear.*

**Lobster Tostada (rectangle) \$38**

*Butter-poached lobster, avocado crema, pico de gallo, caviar, micro cilantro.*

**Wagyu Beef Tartare (8in round) \$40**

*Cornichon, confit shallot, truffle, togarashi, cured yolk, sweet potato and Beet Chips.*

**Wagyu Carpaccio (11 in round/ Rectangle) \$44**

*Truffle aioli, puffed caper, spicy greens, Maldon, chili oil, cured egg yolk, parmesan*

**SALADS**

**House Salad (Lg Round) \$18**

*Spring mix, chili-dusted crispy chickpeas, pickled tomato, candied pecan, cucumber, turmeric vinaigrette.*

**Caramelized Peach & Beet Salad (lipped round plate) \$22**

*spicy greens, Whipped burrata, grilled pickled peach, roasted beets, Ciltepin vinaigrette.*

**Not your Daddies Tuna Salad (Rectangle) \$26**

*Field greens, Ahi tuna, radish, cucumber, mango, Avocado ginger vinaigrette*

**Raw Bar (Oyster ice rounds)**

**Caviar \$300**

*Crème fraiche, cured Egg yolks, Herbs de Fina, Bellini*

**Oyster on the Half Shell \$30**

*Chef's choice oyster, Blueberry habanero hot sauce, Mignonette, House Cocktail, Atomic Horseradish*

**Shimp Cocktail (round with sides) \$28**

*House made cocktail sauce, atomic horseradish, lemon*

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## HOUSE SPEALTIES

### **Cauliflower Steak (Lg oval) \$28**

*Chimichurri cauliflower, Romanesco, trumpet mushroom, lemon oil, tahini vinaigrette.*

### **Airline Chicken (Lg round) \$34**

*Mushroom, Caramelized cipolini onion, parsnip, micro salad.*

### **Pasta ala fresca (Lg Bowl) \$36**

*Mushroom bolognese, burrata, Basil oil, parmesan cheese*

### **Salmon (Lg Round) \$42**

*Togarashi-spiced salmon, spiced calabacita medley, salsa Verde, crispy parsnip.*

### **Duck à la Gatsby (Lg oval) \$54**

*Whipped potato, carrot & asparagus, cherry reduction, Herb oil.*

### **Braised Lamb Shank (handled metal oval) \$62**

*Celery root potato purée, pickled roasted globe carrots, gremolata, demi-glacé.*

### **Filet 8oz (Lg round) \$76**

*Whipped potato, asparagus, Cherry Bordelaise.*

### **Pork belly Tomahawk (Lg oval metal handle) \$125**

*Bourbon chili lacquer, chimichurri potatoes, pickled globe carrots*

### **Tomahawk (branded board) \$300**

*Confit parmesan crispy peewee potatoes, roasted asparagus, pickled jalapeño chimichurri.  
Flambéed tableside.*

## Family Style Add on (Metal handle side plates)

### **Whipped Mashed Potatoes \$16**

*Yukon potatoes, cream,*

### **Seasonal Veggies \$16**

*Chef's selections of seasonal vegetables*

### **Asparagus \$18**

*Evo, herb butter, herbs de fina*

### **Roasted Mushrooms \$20**

*Baby portobello, oyster, cremini mushrooms, sherry, and herbs de fina*

### **Smoked Gouda Mac and Cheese \$22**

*Smoked gouda, aged white cheddar, gremolata Herbs de fina*

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**DESERTS**

**Crème Brulé (le creuset dishes) \$14**

*Vanilla custard, Sugar in the raw, and fresh berries*

**Seasonal Sorbets (Martini Glass) \$16**

*Sorbet, Chambord Berries, and mint*

**Jason's Chocolate Cake (8in round) \$18**

*Chocolate mousse, Chocolate Ganache, Chocolate shavings*

**Bananas foster for 2 (medium oval) \$20**

*Bourbon caramel bananas, butter pecan gelato, boozy cherries*

**Austin's Mud Pie (8in round) \$22**

*Oreo crust, macadamia nut ice cream, chocolate shell*

**Water \$4**

**Tea \$4**

**Soda \$4**



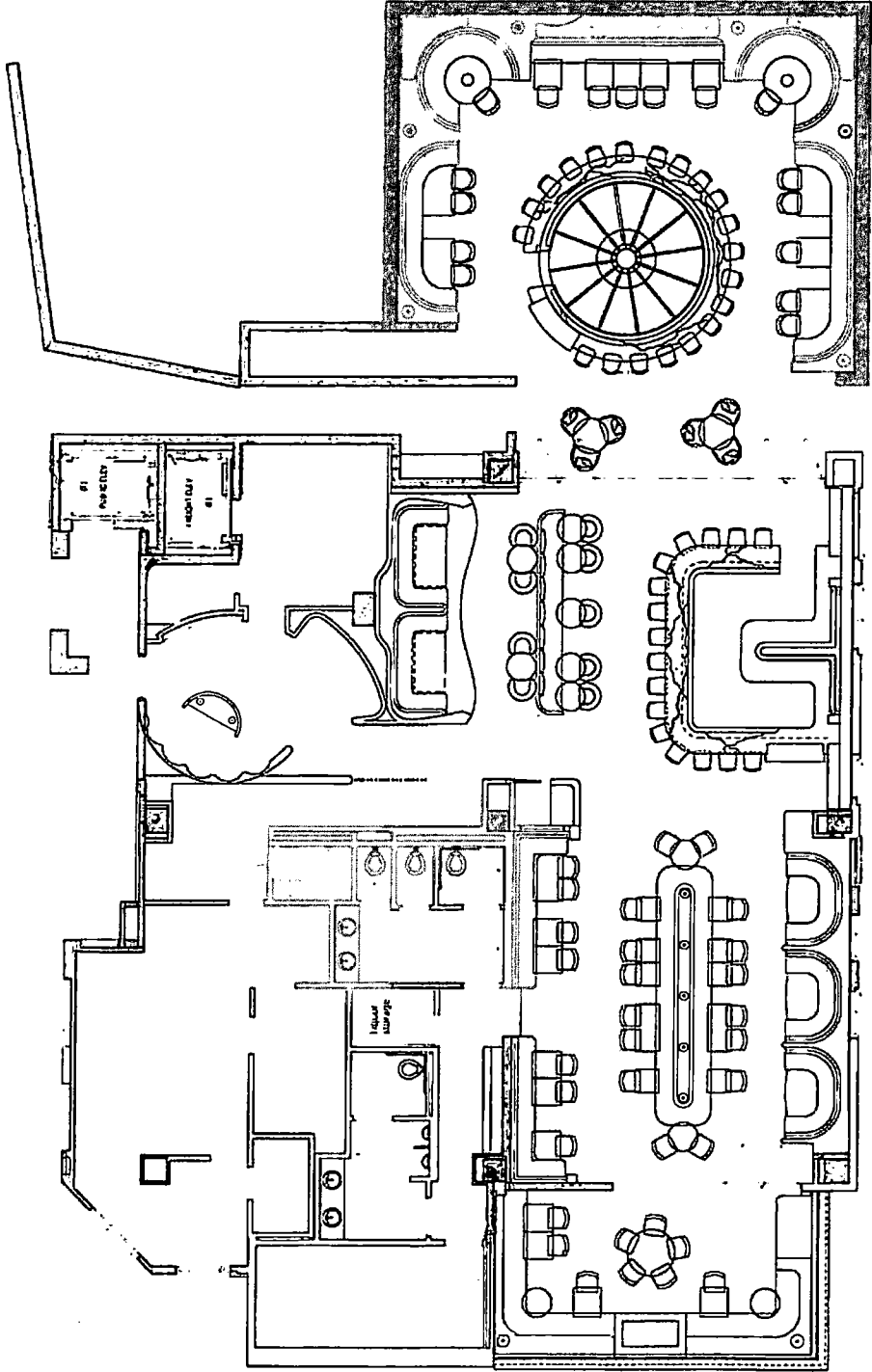
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ABOVE ALL ELSE

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4460sq/ft



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EQUIPMENT FLOOR PLAN