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Council split on support for future shared police facility

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Iowa City leaders opted to advance discussions around a joint law enforcement facility along thin margins, despite numerous concerns about the city's association with the jail and the county sheriff's office, the proposed

site, and the city's role and control over the facility's future.

The Iowa City City Council's resolution directs city staff to "further pursue a joint law enforcement facility concept with Johnson County." It also tells the city manager and city attorney to "collaboratively draft articles of incorporation" for a "joint authority" that will oversee the planning and site develop-

ment process and ultimately craft the ballot language that is expected to appear before voters in November 2026.

The resolution passed by a 4-3 vote. Councilors Laura Bergus, Oliver Weilein and Mazahir Salih voted "no."

Mayor Bruce Teague said he "is not interested in the location that was

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A preliminary rendering of the three-story, \$106 million Johnson County Jail, sheriff's office and Iowa City Police Department concept being considered near Riverside Drive and Highway 6. SHIVE-HATTERY VIA THE JOHNSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE



People walk past The Airliner as customers dine at an outdoor seating area amid the novel coronavirus pandemic on Sept. 26, 2020, in Iowa City. JOSEPH CRESS/IOWA CITY PRESS-CITIZEN

The Athletic ranks The Airliner as the top 'college bar'

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A longtime favorite sports bar in Iowa City has been called one of the best "college bars" in the United States by The Athletic.

The Airliner in downtown Iowa City ranked No. 1, according to The Athletic, the sports publication of The New York Times. The Airliner is the oldest bar in Iowa City, according to the Iowa City Downtown District.

The list crafted by the Athletic College Football Staff is based on staff voting, providing college students with a resource of places to take visitors. It leans toward dives with history that cater to a wide range of ages and offer more than just cheap beer.

"The point of doing a list of the 10 best college bars is to give the reader a guide of places to check out if he or she ends up in one of these college towns," the report notes. "It is not to identify the places in those towns that pack in the most college students."

The Airliner soars to the top of the list

The Airliner, 22 S. Clinton St., opened in 1944, according to its website, and serves drinks, burgers, thin-crust pizza and more.

Started by Joe Rinella in 1944, the bar continues to be a "cozy place to eat and drink for an eclectic crowd," according to The Athletic.

The spot is the place where Ashton Kutcher was discovered by a modeling agent in 1997. Still, before that, when the University of Iowa was a Navy pre-flight site during World War II, many airmen used to stop by after long days of training.

Best known for its thin-crust pizza, Athletic suggests the famous drink with a secret recipe, "The Hammer," and the "Stealth Bomber" burger as must-tries on the menu.

What are the top college bars across the country?

1. The Airliner, Iowa City, Iowa (Uni-

versity of Iowa)

1. The Boot, New Orleans, Louisiana (Tulane University)

1. Crunchy's, East Lansing, Michigan (Michigan State University)

1. The Esso Club, Clemson, South Carolina (Clemson University)

1. He's Not Here, Chapel Hill, North Carolina (University of North Carolina)

1. Jack and Dan's, Spokane, Washington (Gonzaga University)

1. The Library, Oxford, Mississippi (University of Mississippi)

1. Linebacker Lounge, South Bend, Indiana (University of Notre Dame)

1. Nick's English Hut, Bloomington, Indiana (Indiana University)

1. Wando's, Madison, Wisconsin (University of Wisconsin)

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Homeland Security appeals ruling for UI foreign students

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Lawyers for the Trump administration are appealing portions of a preliminary injunction granted to four University of Iowa international students that prevents them from being deported.

A federal judge previously denied the government's attempt to narrow the scope of the preliminary injunction. The government's motion claimed that the court created broad restrictions on federal law enforcement and intruded on its decision-making. The appeal also asks the higher court to reconsider that denied motion.

The government has since filed a second motion to modify the order, though the district court judge has not ruled on it yet.

The government filed the two-page notice of appeal on Monday, Sept. 15. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit will now decide whether to uphold or reverse the injunction and related court order. There is no timeline for a decision.

Students briefly lost SEVIS status, leading to lawsuit

The appeal is the latest development in a months-long saga for three current international students and one recent graduate of the University of Iowa. In early April, university officials discovered that the four students had lost their student statuses in the federal government's Student and Exchange Visitor Information System, or SEVIS.

The students sued the Department of Homeland Security, its Secretary Kristi Noem, and others in late April in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa, in an attempt to restore their status and avoid deportation. The lawsuit contended that the government was improperly using the SEVIS system as a "weapon" of immigration enforcement.

A judge first ordered intermittent protection and then granted the students' request for a preliminary injunction, a long-term form of relief that typically remains in effect until

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