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The owners of Tequilas Mexican Grill in Imperial hope to have the new restaurant open by the end of February or first week of March.

Miguel Esparza and Gabriella Henandez own a Tequilas in McCook. They purchased the former Smokin' Leroy's 12th Street Cafe at 140 E. 12th Street in Imperial to convert to a second restaurant.

Remodeling is being completed inside, and the couple is waiting for the delivery of furniture from Mexico.

Esparza said the reason he and his wife decided to open a Tequilas in Imperial is "because of the customers who come here (McCook) and say you should open one there."