

Fill in this information to identify your case:

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Case number *(if known)* _____ Chapter 11

Check if this an amended filing

Official Form 201

Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write the debtor's name and case number (if known). For more information, a separate document, *Instructions for Bankruptcy Forms for Non-Individuals*, is available.

1. Debtor's name Ignite Restaurant Group, Inc.

2. All other names debtor used in the last 8 years
 Include any assumed names, trade names and *doing business as* names
Joe's Crab Shack Holdings, Inc.
Ignite Restaurant Group
Ignite Restaurants
Ignite
Ignite Group
IRG

3. Debtor's federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-3421359

4. Debtor's address	Principal place of business	Mailing address, if different from principal place of business
	<u>10555 Richmond Avenue</u> <u>Houston, TX 77042</u> Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code	_____ P.O. Box, Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code
	<u>Harris</u> County	Location of principal assets, if different from principal place of business _____ Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

5. Debtor's website (URL) www.igniterestaurants.com

6. Type of debtor
 Corporation (including Limited Liability Company (LLC) and Limited Liability Partnership (LLP))
 Partnership (excluding LLP)
 Other. Specify: _____

Debtor Ignite Restaurant Group, Inc.
Name

Case number (if known) _____

7. Describe debtor's business A. Check one:

- Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))
- Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))
- Railroad (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(44))
- Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))
- Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))
- Clearing Bank (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 781(3))
- None of the above

B. Check all that apply

- Tax-exempt entity (as described in 26 U.S.C. §501)
- Investment company, including hedge fund or pooled investment vehicle (as defined in 15 U.S.C. §80a-3)
- Investment advisor (as defined in 15 U.S.C. §80b-2(a)(11))

C. NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) 4-digit code that best describes debtor.
See <http://www.uscourts.gov/four-digit-national-association-naics-codes>.7225

8. Under which chapter of the Bankruptcy Code is the debtor filing? Check one:

- Chapter 7
- Chapter 9
- Chapter 11. Check all that apply:
- Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$2,566,050 (amount subject to adjustment on 4/01/19 and every 3 years after that).
- The debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). If the debtor is a small business debtor, attach the most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if all of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. § 1116(1)(B).
- A plan is being filed with this petition.
- Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).
- The debtor is required to file periodic reports (for example, 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission according to § 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. File the attachment to Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy under Chapter 11 (Official Form 201A) with this form.
- The debtor is a shell company as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 12b-2.
- Chapter 12

9. Were prior bankruptcy cases filed by or against the debtor within the last 8 years?

- No.
- Yes.

If more than 2 cases, attach a separate list.

District _____	When _____	Case number _____
District _____	When _____	Case number _____

10. Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a business partner or an affiliate of the debtor?

- No
- Yes.

List all cases. If more than 1, attach a separate list

Debtor	Relationship	Affiliate
See Schedule 1 attached hereto		
District Southern District of Texas	When 6/6/17	Case number, if known _____

Debtor Ignite Restaurant Group, Inc.
Name

Case number (if known) _____

11. Why is the case filed in this district? *Check all that apply:*
- Debtor has had its domicile, principal place of business, or principal assets in this district for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other district.
 - A bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership is pending in this district.

12. Does the debtor own or have possession of any real property or personal property that needs immediate attention?
- No
- Yes. Answer below for each property that needs immediate attention. Attach additional sheets if needed.
- Why does the property need immediate attention? (Check all that apply.)**
- It poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety.
What is the hazard? _____
 - It needs to be physically secured or protected from the weather.
 - It includes perishable goods or assets that could quickly deteriorate or lose value without attention (for example, livestock, seasonal goods, meat, dairy, produce, or securities-related assets or other options).
 - Other _____
- Where is the property?** _____
Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code
- Is the property insured?**
- No
 - Yes. Insurance agency _____
Contact name _____
Phone _____

Statistical and administrative information

13. Debtor's estimation of available funds *Check one:*
- Funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.
 - After any administrative expenses are paid, no funds will be available to unsecured creditors.

14. Estimated number of creditors (consolidated basis)
- | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-49 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5001-10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199 | <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 100,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999 | | |

15. Estimated Assets (consolidated basis)
- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion |

16. Estimated liabilities (consolidated basis)
- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion |

Debtor Ignite Restaurant Group, Inc.
Name

Case number (if known) _____

Request for Relief, Declaration, and Signatures

WARNING -- Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime. Making a false statement in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

17. Declaration and signature of authorized representative of debtor

The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.
I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.
I have examined the information in this petition and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.
I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 06/06/2017
MM / DD / YYYY

X /s/ Jonathan Tibus
Signature of authorized representative of debtor

Title Chief Executive Officer

Jonathan Tibus
Printed name

18. Signature of attorney

X /s/ Edward Ripley
Signature of attorney for debtor

Date 06/06/2017
MM / DD / YYYY

Edward Ripley
Printed name

King & Spalding LLP
Firm name

1100 Louisiana Street
Suite 4000
Houston, TX 77002
Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Contact phone 713-751-3200 Email address eripley@kslaw.com

16935950 Texas
Bar number and State

SCHEDULE 1

Pending Bankruptcy Cases Filed by the Debtor and Affiliates of the Debtor

The following list identifies all of the affiliated entities, including the Debtor filing this petition (collectively, the “Debtors”), that filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, contemporaneously with the filing of this petition. The Debtors have moved for joint administration of these cases under the case number assigned to the chapter 11 case of Ignite Restaurant Group, Inc.

- Ignite Restaurant Group, Inc.
- Ignite Restaurant Group – RSC LLC
- Joe’s Crab Shack, LLC
- Joe’s Crab Shack – Maryland, LLC
- JCS Monmouth Mall – NJ, LLC
- JCS Development, LLC
- Joe’s Crab Shack – Redondo Beach, Inc.
- Joe’s Crab Shack – Anne Arundel MD, LLC
- BHTT Entertainment, LLC
- Brick House Development, LLC
- Ignite Restaurants – New Jersey, LLC

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[If debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g. forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, this Exhibit "A" shall be completed and attached to the petition.]

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Texas**

In re Ignite Restaurant Group, Inc. Debtor(s) Case No. _____ Chapter 11

**Attachment to Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for
Bankruptcy under Chapter 11**

1. If any of the debtor's securities are registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the SEC file number is 001-35549.

2. The following financial data is the latest available information and refers to the debtor's condition on April 30, 2017¹.

a. Total assets		\$	<u>153,373,811.20</u>
b. Total debts (including debts listed in 2.c., below)		\$	<u>197,364,502.36</u>
c. Debt securities held by more than 500 holders:			Approximate number of holders:
secured	<input type="checkbox"/>	unsecured	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	subordinated	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$	_____
secured	<input type="checkbox"/>	unsecured	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	subordinated	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$	_____
secured	<input type="checkbox"/>	unsecured	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	subordinated	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$	_____
secured	<input type="checkbox"/>	unsecured	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	subordinated	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$	_____
d. Number of shares of preferred stock			<u>0</u>
e. Number of shares common stock			<u>26,163,490</u>

Comments, if any:

3. Brief description of Debtor's business:
Restaurant company operating two restaurant brands

4. List the name of any person who directly or indirectly owns, controls, or holds, with power to vote, 5% or more of the voting securities of debtor:
J.H. Whitney VI, L.P.

¹Total assets and total debts reflect the latest available, unaudited information and are based solely on the Debtor's book value.

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Debtor name Ignite Restaurant Group, Inc.

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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Official Form 202

Declaration Under Penalty of Perjury for Non-Individual Debtors

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Declaration and signature

I am the president, another officer, or an authorized agent of the corporation; a member or an authorized agent of the partnership; or another individual serving as a representative of the debtor in this case.

I have examined the information in the documents checked below and I have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct:

- Schedule A/B: Assets—Real and Personal Property (Official Form 206A/B)
- Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property (Official Form 206D)
- Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims (Official Form 206E/F)
- Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases (Official Form 206G)
- Schedule H: Codebtors (Official Form 206H)
- Summary of Assets and Liabilities for Non-Individuals (Official Form 206Sum)
- Amended Schedule _____
- Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 Cases: List of Creditors Who Have the 20 Largest Unsecured Claims and Are Not Insiders (Official Form 204)
- Other document that requires a declaration Official Form 201A

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on June 6, 2017

X /s/ Jonathan Tibus
Signature of individual signing on behalf of debtor

Jonathan Tibus
Printed name

Chief Executive Officer
Position or relationship to debtor

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