
**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2020-019**

**A RESOLUTION RELATED TO PROVIDING ADDITIONAL
OUTDOOR SPACE TO ASSIST BARS AND RESTAURANTS IN THE
CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor J.B. Pritzker declared all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency concerning the novel COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 public health crisis and attendant measures taken to protect the public health have created an economic challenge to our local businesses including bars and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, since March 16, 2020 at 9:00 p.m., local bars and restaurants have been prohibited from providing on-premises consumption of food and alcohol; and

WHEREAS, since March 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., local businesses have been prohibited from operating or have operated on a restricted basis; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2020 Governor Pritzker announced updates to Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois Plan to allow bars and restaurants to resume operations for outdoor seating only; and

WHEREAS, to assist local bars, restaurants, and businesses in the short-term and provide relief with economic challenges while protecting the health and safety of its residents,

the City is taking initiatives to adapt government resources and provisionally amend its Municipal Code, for the current conditions; and

WHEREAS, such assistance shall follow the phasing in of Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois Plan; and

WHEREAS, when the Restore Illinois Plan requires limited capacity and social distancing in bars and restaurants, the City shall provide additional outdoor space to assist bars and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, exercising the powers granted as the City's Liquor Commissioner, and following the advice of the City Council, has determined that it is appropriate and in the best interest of the welfare of City businesses, owners, employees, and patrons to provide additional outdoor space to assist bars and restaurants.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: RECITALS. The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated as findings of fact as if said recitals were fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2: The following provisions for use by bars and restaurants of outdoor areas will be permitted:

A. USE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR OUTDOOR SEATING.

The City shall permit use of designated portions of the right-of-way as set forth and depicted in writing by agreement with the owner of the bar or restaurant for additional outdoor seating areas for bar and restaurant use subject to the terms of an agreement, the form of which is substantially set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by the reference, a permit

application depicting the designated portions of the right-of way to be used, and an appropriate safety plan.

B. USE OF PARKING LOTS FOR OUTDOOR SEATING. The City shall provisionally waive off-street parking requirements as set forth in the Municipal Code to allow bars and restaurants to utilize designated portions of their parking lots for additional outdoor seating areas.

C. EXPANSION OF LIQUOR LICENSES. The Mayor when acting in his capacity as Local Liquor Commissioner may expand local liquor licenses to include those portions of the municipal right-of-way and private parking lots being used for outdoor seating areas to allow for serving alcoholic liquor.

D. DESIGNATED AREAS. The portion of the right-of-way designated for outdoor seating will be marked and cordoned off with markings and barriers approved by the City and provided by the owner.

SECTION 3: SAFETY AND ECONOMY. The City recognizes the need to revitalize the economy in a safe and health manner for its residents. Therefore, these initiatives may need to be postponed and/or revised for health and safety reasons. In addition, the initiatives may need to be withdrawn if they are abused, if violations of the Governor's Executive Order 2020-32 occur (social distancing is not maintained, facemasks are not worn, etc.), or if violations of the Rules and Regulations implemented by the Mayor in his capacity as Liquor Commissioner regulating the hours of operation, conduct of operations, and conduct of employees of the establishment occur.

SECTION 4: TERMINATION OR REVISION. This Resolution and the privileges granted herein for use of the right-of-way may be revised or terminated at such time as

the Mayor or City Council determines whichever is sooner. The provisions of this Resolution will terminate upon the first to occur of the passage of 120 days from May 26, 2020, or the date upon which Phase 5 of Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois Plan becomes effective in Cook County, Illinois.

SECTION 5: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED this 26th day of May, 2020, pursuant to roll call as follows:

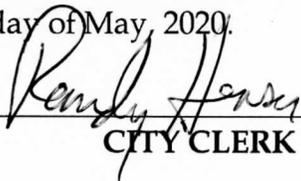
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Alderman JOHNSON	X				
Alderman ALEXANDER	X				
Alderman BILOTTO	X				
Alderman CAZARES	X				
Alderman RITA	X				
Alderman DONAHUE			X		
Alderman HAWLEY	X				
Alderman FAHRENWALD	X				
Alderman MECH	X				
Alderman HILL	X				
Alderman CANTELO-ZYLMAN	X				
Alderman CARR	X				
Alderman STEVO	X				
Alderman KLINKER	X				
Mayor DOMINGO F. VARGAS					
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APPROVED: this 26th day of May, 2020.



**MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

ATTESTED and Filed in my office this
26th day of May, 2020.


CITY CLERK