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

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## **RESOLUTION 2020-019**

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

**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 business 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 Prizker'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 in writing 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, 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 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.

**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 or if violations of the Governor's Executive Order 2020-32 occur (social distancing is not maintained, facemasks are not worn, etc.)

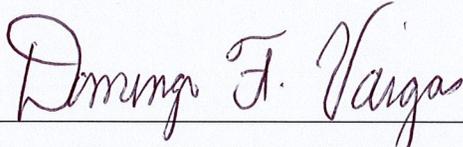
**SECTION 4: TERMINATION OR REVISION.** This Resolution and the privileges granted herein for use of the right-of-way may be revised or terminated at such time as the Mayor or City Council determines whichever is sooner.

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

**ADOPTED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020, pursuant to roll call as follows:

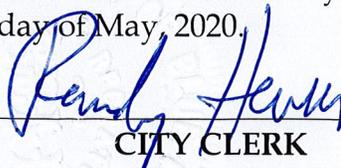
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Alderman JOHNSON	X				
Alderman ALEXANDER	X				
Alderman BILOTTO	X				
Alderman CAZARES	X				
Alderman RITA	X				
Alderman DONAHUE			X		
Alderman HAWLEY	X				
Alderman FAHRENWALD	X				
Alderman MECH	X				
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**APPROVED:** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

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

**ATTESTED** and Filed in my office this  
26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

  
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**CITY CLERK**