



MEMORANDUM

TO: All Liquor License Holders
FROM: Mayor/Liquor Commissioner Gary Grasso
DATE: March 21, 2020
RE: Temporary Liquor Sale Regulations

In response to the closure of restaurants and bars in Illinois, questions have been asked about the status of liquor licenses and the ability of businesses with liquor licenses to temporarily sell or deliver liquor on a to-go basis. The following information is intended to answer those questions.

QUESTION: Liquor licenses expire on May 15; does a new license need to be issued by May 15?

ANSWER: No. The deadline has been extended to July 31, 2020.

The Illinois Liquor Control Commission extended State licenses to July 31, 2020 and local liquor commissioners are empowered to do the same. Mayor Grasso, in his capacity as Burr Ridge Liquor Commissioner, has extended local liquor licenses to July 31, 2020.

QUESTION: Are restaurants that normally serve for on-site consumption allowed to sell packaged liquor for pick up or delivery?

ANSWER: Yes.

As per guidance from the Illinois Liquor Control Commission, the local liquor commissioner, may allow restaurants currently approved for on-premises consumption sales, to conduct packaged sales, “to go” sales, curbside deliveries, home residential deliveries, and any other sale or delivery intended to promote social distancing. Mayor Grasso has approved such sales for Burr Ridge restaurants.

QUESTION: May a Burr Ridge restaurant use third party delivery services to make deliveries?

ANSWER: Yes, subject to the following regulations:

All sales must be in the original container; no delivery of pre-mixed cocktails is allowed. Persons delivering alcohol at curbside or other locations should observe the appearance of the delivery recipient at a safe social distance, and if necessary, require the examination of the recipient identification to ensure the recipient is over twenty-one. In the event such observation of the recipient or recipient identification cannot be accomplished while respecting safe social distancing, the alcoholic liquor shall be returned with a full refund.

QUESTION: How long does the exception for delivery and pick up remain in place?

ANSWER: The temporary authorization of deliveries will be rescinded upon the termination of the COVID-19 emergency restrictions.

The full text of the Illinois State Commission’s March 19, 2020 Guidance may be viewed [here](#). Please email the Village at brvillage@burr-ridge.gov for additional information.