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**NOTICE TO LIQUOR LICENSE HOLDERS**  
**REGARDING THE SALE OF PACKAGED LIQUOR FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION**

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, Illinois Governor JB Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07 (Order) mandated that all **bars and restaurants end dine-in service through Monday, March 30, 2020.**

The City of Rockford desires to alleviate the impact this mandate has had on liquor license establishments throughout the City. The Illinois Liquor Control Commission has agreed to accept the decision of local liquor control commissions to authorize licensed On-Premises Only Retailers (i.e. bars, restaurants, and brew pubs) to sell alcoholic liquor for off-premises consumption.

**Effective immediately, all liquor license holders currently holding licenses for on-premises consumption (bars, restaurants, and brew pubs) are authorized to sell packaged alcohol in its original and unbroken packages. The sales may be conducted curbside "in person" on a "to go" basis or by home delivery, including by third-party delivery services. Licensees are not authorized to sell or deliver pre-mixed cocktails normally intended for on-premises consumption (e.g. pre-mix margaritas, sangrias).**

License holders shall not conduct any sales or deliver any type of alcohol they are not normally authorized to sell (i.e. beer/wine only license holders cannot sell hard liquor).

This authorization will continue during the term of the COVID-19 health emergency, unless terminated sooner by the City of Rockford Liquor Commissioner. All establishments selling packaged alcohol for off-premises consumption shall abide by all laws, rules and policies established by the Executive Order 2020-07, State law and local ordinances, and ILCC rules that regulate packaged liquor sales, specifically including the ILCC guidance issued on March 19, 2020. License holders shall take appropriate steps to ensure that no sales are made to individuals under the age of 21.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the City of Rockford Department of Law at (779) 348-7154.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas P. McNamara".

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