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PRESS RELEASE

Winthrop Harbor Mayor Michael Bruno Issues Order Providing Temporary Relief to Liquor Licensees

Winthrop Harbor, IL: The Illinois Liquor Control Commission has issued a directive allowing local liquor commissioners to permit the alternative sales of alcoholic products in an effort to provide some relief to local establishments that have been ordered closed to on-site sales. These rules are also intended to promote healthy social distancing. In an effort to offset some of the inevitable sales and revenue losses attributed to the COVID-19 outbreak Mayor Michael Bruno in conformity with the powers granted to him as Local Liquor Commissioner has issued an order providing temporary relief to liquor licensees.

"If I as Mayor and Liquor Commissioner have the latitude from the State of Illinois to reduce the negative impact COVID-19 on our business community I feel I am obligated to exercise the powers granted to me," said Mayor Michael Bruno. "An expiration extension of existing licenses and the granting of Temporary Delivery Licenses ("TDL") will offer some financial benefit to licensees."

Effective immediately, each retail liquor Licensee within the Village of Winthrop Harbor is granted a Temporary Delivery License ("TDL")

- Each TDL allows the following sale and deliveries of packaged products that the Licensee's original license allowed it to sell:
 - Package sales;
 - "to-go" sales;
 - Curbside sales;
 - Home delivery sales.
- All TDL sales must be made only to persons age 21 years and older, and if a purchaser cannot provide proof of age at the point of sale, the alcoholic products must be returned to the Licensee and a full refund given to the purchaser.

- TDL sales must be in original packages. Pre-mixed cocktails or other concoctions are expressly prohibited. Growlers and crowlers may be sold under a TDL by a brew pub, but only in original containers and not refills of customers' containers.
- TDL sales may be delivered by using third parties, but the Licensee shall remain fully responsible to ensure sales are allowed only as provided for in this Order. Violations of sales rules will subject Licensees to the same penalties as usual.
- The specific licensees granted this relief are the following: Bars, taverns, restaurants, package goods sellers, brew pubs, distillation pubs and wineries.
- TDLs do not expand the range of products the Licensees may sell. For example, if a Licensee has a license to sell beer and wine, it cannot use the TDL to sell whiskey.
- **The liquor licenses currently in effect shall be extended to July 31, 2020.**
- The Village Clerk, acting as administrative assistant to the Local Liquor Commissioner is directed to provide copies of this notice to all Licensees in the most expeditious way possible, given the nature of the current viral emergency.
- These rules are temporary and will last only until the COVID-19 emergency has been rescinded by the Governor.

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