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# **Elgin allows for curbside and delivery alcohol sales, waives liquor license fees**



## **The City of Elgin takes additional actions to assist local businesses impacted by coronavirus outbreak**

**Elgin, IL** - Mayor Kaptain signed a proclamation and order on March 26 at 6:00 p.m. providing liquor license renewal extensions and fee relief to certain license holders and approving temporary curbside pickup and delivery of alcohol sales. These measures are additional ways the City of Elgin is taking action to assist local businesses impacted by the coronavirus outbreak.

### **Liquor Licenses**

- All liquor license will now expire July 31, 2020, not April 30. This timeline is the same as the State of Illinois' liquor license extension.
- The annual liquor license fee for the license year beginning April 30, 2020 are waived. This waiver applies to all license holders except for package liquor stores

(any business with a B, B-1, B-2 B-4 or B-5 Class liquor license). The various B-Class license holders have not been forced to suspend operations like other restaurants and bars.

### **Video Gaming Licenses**

- Consistent with liquor licenses, all video gaming licenses issued by the City will now expire July 31, 2020, not April 30.

### **Alcohol - Curbside Pick-up and Delivery**

#### *How does this work?*

Until April 7, businesses that sell alcohol, like restaurants, bars, grocery stores and liquor stores can offer curbside pickup and delivery of alcohol in its original sealed container.

#### *Do they have to check ID's?*

From a safe social distance, the person selling or delivering the alcohol needs to be able to confidently verify if the person is over the age of 21. If it is questionable, the sale will not occur and the purchase will be fully refunded.

#### *What can I order or pick up?*

Anything that is in an original sealed container. For instance a bottle or can of beer, bottle of wine, or a bottle of liquor.

#### *What about...*

- Draft Beer?
  - No, since it would not be in its original container. \*An exception is with growlers; see below.
- Mixed drinks or shots?
  - No, shots or mixed drinks like a gin and tonic or margarita are prohibited.
- What about Growlers?
  - Yes. Growlers are able to be picked up and delivered as long as they are sealed.
- Kegs and taps?
  - Yes, but the limit on gatherings of more than 10 people are still in effect.

Remember, you still **cannot** drink alcohol or have open alcohol while driving. Please be safe.

Please call your local restaurant of choice to find out if and how they are implementing these services.

### **City of Elgin Resource Mapping Hub**

Many restaurants and their current service offerings are already listed on the [City of Elgin's Resource Mapping Hub](#), where residents can go for updated and accurate information. Businesses are encouraged to update their service

accurate information. Businesses are encouraged to update their service offerings on the [City of Elgin's Resource Mapping Hub](#) by completing the form at [cityofelgin.org/MapChangeRequest](#). Once the form is completed, the City's graphic information systems (GIS) team can update those service offering displayed on the map.

\*If a business is not yet listed on the resource mapping hub, it can be added by completing the signup form at [cityofelgin.org/bizsurvey](#).

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