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Mayor to Lift Restriction on Restaurant Liquor Sales

Mayor/Liquor Commissioner Sue Morgan has announced that Salem restaurants that currently have "On-Premise Only" liquor licenses will have this restriction lifted during the current health emergency. Alcohol sales must be part of a food order, and must be in original sealed containers. *(No drinks mixed on site.)*

This declaration is based on the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's directive that reads as follows:

"Consistent with prior law and policy, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission continues to defer to the local liquor control commission authority on determining whether a business licensed to sell alcoholic liquor may sell alcoholic liquor for off-premises consumption. Therefore, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission will accept the decision of a local liquor control commission to authorize an On-Premises Only Retailer to sell alcoholic liquor for consumption off the licensed premises. State retail licenses that authorize on-premises only sales will be authorized to sell alcoholic liquor for off-premises consumption if such sales are authorized by the local liquor control commission. On-Premises Only Retailer "to go" or delivery privileges remain effective until the termination of a health emergency by State officials."

Mayor Morgan stated, "I've made this decision both to assist our local restaurants during this difficult time, and to limit the number of stops our citizens must make when picking up food and beverages for consumption at home. The health of our citizens is of paramount importance to me. Please make every effort to comply with Governor Pritzker's "Stay at Home" order for your safety and the safety of our most vulnerable citizens."

If you have a question regarding this notice, please email Mayor Morgan at mayor@salemil.us or City Clerk Bev Quinn at cityclerk@salemil.us.