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Executive Order 2020-01

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WATSEKA

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the COVID-19 outbreak a worldwide pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Illinois issued a disaster declaration due to the COVID-19 outbreak;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a proclamation declaring a national emergency concerning the COVID-19 outbreak;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 the Governor of the State of Illinois issued Executive Order 2020-07, suspending on-premises consumption of food and beverages in places of public accommodation;

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Governor of the State of Illinois issued Executive Order 2020-10, requiring all State of Illinois residents to remain at home (excepting essential activities, essential governmental functions, or to operate essential businesses and operations);

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission issued guidance stating that it will accept the decision of a local liquor control commission(er) to authorize retail liquor licensees to sell and deliver liquor for consumption off the licensed premises; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor, as Local Liquor Control Commissioner of the City of Watseka, Iroquois County, Illinois deems it necessary and in the best interests of public health, safety and welfare of the residents and businesses of the City of Watseka, to authorize the sale and delivery of alcoholic liquor in a manner consistent with the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's guidance.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Mayor/Local Liquor Control Commissioner of the City of Watseka, Iroquois County, State of Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. All retail liquor licensees are authorized to conduct carryout sales, curbside deliveries, third-party deliveries, and home residential deliveries of alcoholic liquor in its original container. The authorization provided herein shall not authorize any licensee to sell or deliver any alcoholic liquor that the licensee is not otherwise authorized to sell, or at a time it is not authorized to sell, under its license. The sale or delivery of mixed cocktails normally intended for on-premises consumption is prohibited. The sale or delivery of craft beer in growlers/crowlers is authorized provided the licensee complies with 235 ILCS 5/6-6.5.

Section 2. All deliveries made to a residence or a curbside vehicle shall require a licensee representative to observe the appearance of the recipient at a safe distance, and if necessary, require the examination of identification to ensure the recipient is twenty-one (21) years of age or older. If such

observation cannot be accomplished while respecting safe social distancing, the alcoholic liquor shall be returned with a full refund.

Section 3. Licensees are advised that dramshop/liquor liability insurance policies may need to be updated and/or revised to engage in the actions described herein. By undertaking such sales and deliveries, the licensee certifies the sufficiency of their dramshop/liquor liability insurance policy.

Section 4. The Mayor/Local Liquor Control Commissioner of the City of Watseka shall have the authority to approve, suspend, revoke, or make conditional any activities permitted by this order, at any time, if deemed necessary and in the interest of the public health, safety or welfare.

Section 5. This order shall be effective April 27th 2020 at 12:00 AM, and shall remain in effect until terminated in writing by subsequent order. All amendments, activities, and authorizations permitted by this order shall cease and become void upon termination of this order. Any action or prosecution of a violation of this order and any code section impacted by this order shall continue in full force and effect.

APPROVED this 27th day of April 2020

John Allhands
Mayor and Local Liquor Control Commissioner