

City of Brooklyn Park Mayoral Directive

On March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-01 declaring a state of peacetime emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic in Minnesota. On March 20, 2020, as Mayor of the City of Brooklyn Park, I declared a local emergency in the City. On March 23, 2020, the Brooklyn Park City Council adopted Resolution #2020-46 extending the local emergency and authorizing me to take any appropriate action that is necessary or convenient to accomplish the intent of the Resolution.

By Executive Order 20-53, the Governor subsequently extended the Peacetime Emergency through June 12, 2020. By Executive Order 20-56, the Governor required bars and restaurants to remain closed until May 31, 2020. The Governor has now directed that bars and restaurants may open on June 1, 2020 for outdoor service only under certain restrictions and guidelines. As a result, I am issuing this Directive to allow regulatory flexibility so that restaurants and bars may begin to serve food and alcohol in outdoor areas.

As Mayor of the City of Brooklyn Park, I authorize and direct as follows:

1. Beginning on June 1, 2020 at 2:00 a.m., restaurants and bars may sell and serve food in outdoor areas, provided that the restaurant or bar has submitted to city staff for review and approval a site plan and other related information required by the staff. The city code requirement for obtaining a conditional use permit for an outdoor seating area with more than 24 seats is suspended during the period that this Directive is in effect, and any city fees that would otherwise be charged relating to the sale and service of food and alcoholic beverages in outdoor areas are waived during the period that this Directive is in effect.
2. Beginning on June 1, 2020 at 2:00 a.m., restaurants and bars may sell and serve alcoholic beverages of the type allowed under such restaurant's or bar's existing liquor license in the outdoor areas depicted on the approved site plan.
3. For the purposes of this Directive, the term "outdoor areas" means areas contiguous to the restaurant or bar as identified in the approved site plan, and the term "bar" includes taprooms and cocktail rooms.
4. Restaurants and bars that seek to sell and serve alcoholic beverages in the outdoor areas must provide the City with proof that their liquor liability insurance covers alcohol sales in any city-approved outdoor areas.
5. The regulatory flexibility allowed under this Directive is intended to temporarily allow restaurant and bar businesses to overcome local regulatory hurdles that interfere with its efforts to implement its plans to re-open and to operate in accordance with social distancing and other state and federal requirements.
6. Restaurants and bars must continue to follow all relevant laws, regulations, rules, executive orders, guidelines, and other applicable authority under city, state, or federal law.

This Directive shall remain in place until rescinded by me or until the statewide Peacetime Emergency is no longer in effect, whichever occurs first.

Dated: May 22, 2020


Jeffrey Joneal Lunde, Mayor