

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF
THE TERM OF EXISTING CITY LIQUOR LICENSES AND
WAIVING ENFORCEMENT OF SECTION 3-2-8.A OF THE WARRENVILLE CITY CODE**

WHEREAS, the City of Warrenville is a home rule municipal corporation in accordance with Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the City has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2 of Title 3 of the Warrenville City Code, as amended ("**City Code**"), sets forth rules and regulations for the licensing of, and sale of alcoholic liquor by, alcoholic liquor retailers in the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-2-12 of the City Code, all City liquor licenses expire on April 30 of each calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the City has issued 31 liquor licenses that will expire pursuant to Section 3-2-12 on April 30, 2020 (collectively, the "**Existing Liquor Licenses**"); and

WHEREAS, the businesses and operations of each of the existing liquor licensees in the City have been significantly and adversely affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and by the governmental orders requiring severe curtailing of public and business activity; and

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and in recognition of the challenges faced by existing liquor licensees in the City, the Mayor and the City Council desire to extend the term of all Existing Liquor Licenses until May 31, 2020, without additional charge; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-2-8.A of the City Code, all liquor license applicants must be fingerprinted and photographed by the law enforcement agency designated by the Local Liquor Control Commission, which agency is the City of Warrenville Police Department; and

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Warrenville Police Department is not currently conducting the fingerprinting and photographing needed to satisfy the requirements of Section 3-2-8.A of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council have determined that it will serve and be in the best interests of the City and its residents to: (i) extend the term of all Existing Liquor Licenses until May 31, 2020, without additional charge, and (ii) waive and suspend enforcement of Section 3-2-8.A of the City Code until May 31, 2020, all in accordance with this Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF WARRENVILLE, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The facts and statements contained in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Extension of Term. Notwithstanding Section 3-2-12 of the City Code to the contrary, the Mayor and the City Council hereby extend the term of each of the Existing Liquor

Licenses through and including May 31, 2020. No additional license fee, fine, or penalty is due or will be charged for the extension granted pursuant to this Section 2.

SECTION 3: Waiver of Enforcement of Section 3-2-8.A of the City Code. The Mayor and the City Council hereby temporarily waive, and direct staff to suspend, the enforcement of Section 3-2-8.A of the City Code for the period beginning on the effective date of this Ordinance and ending May 31, 2020.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or part thereof is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance are to remain in full force and effect, and are to be interpreted, applied, and enforced so as to achieve, as near as may be, the purpose and intent of this Ordinance to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance will be in full force and effect immediately after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED THIS ____ day of _____, 2020.

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

APPROVED THIS ____ day of _____, 2020.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK