

**CITY OF URBANA
LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
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URBANA, ILLINOIS 61801
COUNTY OF CHAMPAIGN**

EMERGENCY ORDER

I, Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor and Liquor Commissioner for the City of Urbana, Illinois, hereby impose an emergency order as specified below for the “Unofficial St. Patrick’s Day” event that is planned for Friday, March 6, 2020.

FACTS

1. “Unofficial St. Patrick’s Day” is an unsanctioned, alcoholic beverage drinking event that has occurred in the Champaign-Urbana area annually within two or three weeks of St. Patrick’s Day since 1996.
2. The event is promoted on social media and informally to University of Illinois students, alumni, and other college students.
3. In the past, participating Class A liquor establishments have promoted the event by extending their operating hours and by offering discounts on alcoholic beverages.
4. In the past, this event has led to a significant increase in arrests of intoxicated persons for battery, disorderly conduct, criminal damage to property, and other public order offenses. The event also has resulted in hospital emergency room admissions of persons experiencing the adverse effects of dangerous levels of alcohol intoxication. The event has resulted in issuance of notices to appear in Champaign and Urbana for underage consumption of liquor, sale of liquor to minors, and other violations. Numerous persons have been treated in local hospitals for alcohol intoxication or for injuries sustained while under the influence and several deaths have been linked to “Unofficial” activities.

FINDINGS

Based upon the above facts, I have a reasonable belief that there may be a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare from celebratory activities by members of the public participating in the “Unofficial St. Patrick’s Day” event. Urbana City Code Section 3-49(d)(1) states the following, in pertinent part:

The local liquor commissioner shall have the authority to impose a temporary preventative order . . . upon the operation of retail liquor license holders in a geographic area described in the order, for a period of up to forty-eight (48) hours,
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when the commissioner has a reasonable belief that there may be a threat to the public health, safety and welfare from celebratory activities by members of the public in response to the University of Illinois' participation in a noteworthy athletic event, or from some other form of anticipated public assembly or civil unrest.

Accordingly, I hereby find that a temporary preventative order is necessary.

ORDER

Pursuant to Urbana City Code Section 3-49(d), I hereby order that all Class A liquor license holders within the area of the City of Urbana bounded by West Oregon Street on the North, West Nevada Street on the South, South Goodwin Avenue on the West, and South Lincoln Avenue on the East shall be restricted in the following manner:

1. No licensee shall serve or permit the possession or consumption of alcoholic liquor upon its licensed premises between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 6, 2020.
2. No licensee shall serve pitchers of alcoholic liquor between 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 6, 2020 and 2:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2020.
3. No licensee shall serve alcoholic liquor in glass or metal containers between 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 6, 2019 and 2:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 6, 2020.
4. No person under the age of twenty-one (21) years of age shall be allowed on the licensed premises between 6:00 a.m., Friday, March 6, 2020 and 9:00 p.m. After 9:00 p.m., 18 to 20 year-old patrons will be allowed in.
5. Licensee shall be required to have at least one employee at all public entrances to the licensed premises who shall check the identification of all patrons entering the premises during business hours beginning on Friday, March 6, 2019 until 2:20 a.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2020 to ensure that said patrons are of legal age to enter the premises. Any employees performing said identification checks shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age during said time period.

I further direct that this Emergency Order be filed with the City Clerk as soon as practicable and that it shall be served upon any retail liquor license holder that will be regulated by said order in accordance with the provisions of Urbana City Code Section 3-49(d)(4).

So ordered.



Diane Wolfe Marlin
Mayor of the City of Urbana
Local Liquor Control Commissioner

Dated at Urbana, Illinois on February 7, 2020.