



Deborah Frank Feinen, Mayor & Liquor Commissioner

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EMERGENCY ORDER

I, Deborah Frank Feinen, in my capacity as the Liquor Commissioner for the City of Champaign, Illinois, and pursuant to authority granted me in Section 5-91.1 of the Champaign Municipal Code, 1985 as amended, entitled “Emergency powers,” do hereby find that there may be a threat to the public health, safety and welfare from celebratory activities by members of the public within the geographic areas described herein in response to the University of Illinois’ participation in a noteworthy athletic event, namely the Men’s Elite Eight NCAA basketball tournament game that is scheduled to be played on Saturday, March 28, 2026, in Houston, Texas at 5:09 p.m.

Based upon said finding, I hereby impose the following restrictions:

A. Retail liquor license holders located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Champaign inside the area bounded on the east by Wright Street south to Armory Avenue, then west on Armory Avenue to Neil Street, then north on Neil Street to John Street, then west on John Street to Randolph Street, then north on Randolph Street to Springfield Avenue, then east on Springfield Avenue to Third Street, then north on Third Street to University Avenue, then east on University Avenue to Wright Street (map attached) shall be restricted as follows:

1. All retail liquor license holders licensed for the service of alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises of the license holder shall serve all alcoholic liquor for onsite consumption in plastic, paper, or aluminum containers between the hours of 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2026, and 2:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 29, 2026, except that liquor license holders that have a raised, outdoor balcony as part of their licensed premises that is open and accessible to customers during this timeframe must serve all alcoholic liquor for onsite consumption in plastic or paper containers.
2. All retail liquor license holders licensed for the sale of alcoholic liquor for consumption off of the premises of the license holder shall cease all sales of alcoholic liquor for consumption off of the premises (i.e. package liquor, cocktails-to-go) between the hours of 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2026, and 2:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 29, 2026.

B. All retail liquor license holders located anywhere within the municipal boundaries of the City of Champaign that are licensed for the sale of alcoholic liquor for consumption off the premises of the license holder shall be restricted from allowing any employee, contractor, or third-party delivery service (i.e. Instacart, Spark, DoorDash, Grubhub, Fantuan, etc.) from delivering any form of alcoholic liquor to or from any location within the geographic area described in item A between the hours of 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2026, and 2:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 29, 2026

C. All retail liquor license holders located anywhere within the municipal boundaries of the City of Champaign that are licensed for the sale of alcoholic liquor for consumption off the premises of the license holder shall be restricted from selling more than one keg of beer to any customer between the hours of 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2026, and 2:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 29, 2026. The City of Champaign will not approve any Class K keg permits for events occurring during this timeframe.

Entered on this 27th day of March 2026.


Deborah Frank Feinen
Liquor Commissioner for the
City of Champaign, Illinois

**Map of Restricted Area Defined in Item A of the Emergency Order
Dated March 27, 2026**

