



City of Peru



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RE: COVID-19 “Restore Illinois” Phase 3 (Recovery)
Use of City Right-of-Way

Dear City of Peru Bar/Restaurant:

We are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. At the moment, it is anticipated that all regions of the State of Illinois will enter Phase 3 (Recovery) of Governor JB Pritzker’s “Restore Illinois” Plan on May 29, 2020.

On Wednesday, May 20th, Governor Pritzker announced updates to Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois Plan in consultation with health experts. Notably, these updates include allowing bars and restaurants to open for outdoor seating with certain safety measures:

Bars and Restaurants

With Phase 3, bars and restaurants will have the option to resume operations for outdoor seating only. Tables must be six feet apart and away from the sidewalks, masks and distancing measures for staff must continue to be followed, and other precautions and guidance will be issued.

These measures will allow restaurants to re-open at a risk comparable to other outdoor activities, while giving the state’s hospitality industry a much-needed boost.

(5/20/20 Press Release, Office of Governor JB Pritzker)

The Governor has also encouraged municipalities to help bars and restaurants expand their outdoor seating options.

Please know that the City of Peru is fully committed to supporting and assisting local businesses in their recovery from COVID-19. In response to the Governor’s directive, the City Council will consider a Resolution at the regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 26th, which waives the

slow, formal procedures for obtaining a license to use the City's right-of-way, and authorizes the Mayor to issue "Temporary City Right-of-Way Encroachment Permits" to bars and restaurants for the duration of the COVID-19 Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation.

Do you have an adjacent City-owned parking lot, alleyway, park, or lot you would like to use for outdoor seating for your bar or restaurant? Let us know!

To obtain a Temporary City Right-of-Way Encroachment Permit*, please:

- 1) Make a written request that contains a detailed description of the proposed encroachment, dimensions from property boundaries, and the means and methods of installation, if applicable, and is signed by the business applicant and property owner;
- 2) Add the City of Peru as an additional insured on your insurance policy and obtain a copy certificate of insurance;
- 3) Obtain a current copy of your liquor license; and
- 4) Submit your written request, certificate of insurance, and liquor license to the City of Peru by email (mcarruthers@peru.il.us) or mail it to:

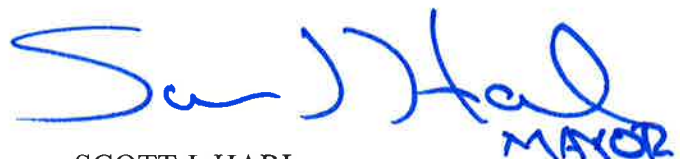
City of Peru
ATTN: Mayor
1901 4th Street
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*** Temporary City Right-of-Way Encroachment Permits do not confer any property rights to the business applicant or property owner. Permits are terminable at will for any reason. The business applicant and property owner, jointly and severally, shall be solely responsible for any and all encroachments of the City right-of-way and shall indemnify and hold the City harmless from any liability with respect thereto.**

We will do everything we can to help you to safely reopen your bar or restaurant for business in accordance with state law and guidance.

If you have general questions or ideas how the City of Peru can help your local business, please email mcarruthers@peru.il.us or call (815)223-1148 and ask for Melissa or Ann. For liquor license questions, please call 815-223-0061 and ask for Mary.

Best Regards,



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MAYOR / LIQUOR COMMISSIONER