



**CITY OF MOLINE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**  
**ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUTDOOR DINING REVISED REGULATIONS**  
**PRESS RELEASE**  
**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**“Order Instituting Temporary Regulatory Relief for Bars and Restaurants Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency”**

**DETAILS**

Mayor Stephanie Acri issued a Declaration of a Local State of Emergency and an Executive Order instituting temporary regulatory relief for bars and restaurants due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Both are in effect until the City Council next meets on June 2, 2020.

“Obviously, the public health crisis has placed enormous burdens upon our restaurant and bar owners and operators,” said Acri. “In anticipation of the City and the Region moving to Phase 3 under the Restore Illinois Plan on May 29, and in anticipation of our restaurants and bars being able to offer outdoor service starting next Friday, the City of Moline is going to expedite the process and clear away some of the regulatory hurdles to assist our bars and restaurants to be ready to go. I have issued an Executive Order under the Declaration of Local Emergency that temporarily modifies the regulations that would otherwise apply to outdoor dining. Alderman Williams and Alderman Waldron were appointed to a committee with staff from planning, public works, and police to review and approve (and where necessary, to improve) the plans submitted by our restaurants and bars for outdoor operations. We will seek to be creative in helping these businesses, but make no mistake, compliance with the Governor’s Executive Orders, the guidance issued by the State of Illinois for these operations, and the guidance issued by IDPH and the CDC is going to be essential. Those violating the Orders and the guidance will lose their permits.”

Mayor Acri expresses her gratitude to Alderman Williams and Alderman Waldron and the appointed City Staff for committing their time to this urgent process to help the businesses and residents of Moline.

For any Moline business that wishes to add or expand outdoor dining, please contact Geoff Manis at [gmanis@moline.il.us](mailto:gmanis@moline.il.us) to initiate the process.