

CITY OF BEVERLY, MASSACHUSETTS
ORDER PROHIBITING ON-PREMISES SALE OF ALCOHOL
March 16, 2020

Whereas, on March 11, 2020, the novel corona virus (“COVID-19) was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization;

Whereas, the number of presumptive positive and confirmed cases of COVID-19 continues to rise in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and, as of March 15, 2020, 164 cases of COVID-19 were reported by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, with 10 of the 14 counties in the Commonwealth impacted;

Whereas, the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies, including the cancellation of large events;

Whereas, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health is urging all residents of the Commonwealth to practice social distancing when outside of their homes;

Whereas, infectious disease, public health, and medical experts have further emphasized the need for social distancing and not congregating in large groups in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19;

Whereas, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued an Executive Order prohibiting all on-premises consumption licensees from selling alcohol to the public, effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 12 a.m.;

Whereas, Massachusetts General Laws chapter 138, section 68 gives authority to local elected officials to prohibit the sale of alcohol and provides: “The mayor of a city . . . may, in cases of riot or great public excitement, order licensees under chapter [138 of the Massachusetts General Laws] not to sell, give away or deliver any alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises for a period not exceeding three days at any one time.”

Whereas, the safety and health of the public are threatened as a result of COVID-19; and

Whereas, there is great public excitement as a result of COVID-19;

Whereas, the on-premises sale of alcohol will further adversely impact the public safety, health, and excitement and it is necessary to order, under chapter 138, section 68, a prohibition on the sale of on-premises alcohol effective on March 16, 2020;

Now therefore, I hereby order the following:

Effective beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020, all on-premises consumption licensees are prohibited from selling, giving away, or delivering any alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises to the public. This includes restaurants, bars, hotels, general-on-premises, clubs, war veterans’ clubs, continuing care retirement communities, pub-brewers (M.G.L. c. 138, §§ 12 and 19D), farmer-series pouring permits, manufacturer’s pouring permits (M.G.L. c. 138, §§ 19(b), 19B(n), 19C(n), and 19E(o)), and home rule petition and/or special legislation licenses.

Please note that this Order **does not apply to licenses for off-premises consumption**, including grocery stores, package stores, direct wine shippers, farmer-series licensees, and home rule petition licenses (M.G.L. c. 138, §§ 15, 19B(g)(2), 19C(g)(7), 19E(g)(7), and 19F).

Said Order shall remain in effect until 12:00 a.m. on March 17, 2020, when the Governor’s Order becomes effective.

The licensees and public are hereby notified of said Order and that the statutory penalty for violation is a fine of \$200.00 and revocation of said license by the licensing authority.

So ordered this 16th day of March, 2020.



Mayor Michael P. Cahill