



VILLAGE OF MORTON

OUTDOOR DINING & DRINKING REQUIREMENTS

DURING RESTORE ILLINOIS PHASE 3

In order to encourage restaurants and bars to reopen and increase their capacity for outside patronage, the Village has implemented a temporary ordinance which will temporarily reduce the requirements that are part of the Municipal Code. This ordinance is to expire August 4, 2020.

Requirements for ALL Locations

- All businesses are subject to all existing Code requirements of the Village of Morton, Illinois, unless otherwise specified herein
- Follow all State & County Health Department COVID-19 guidance
- Any facility looking to add an outdoor area or expand an existing area must contact the Village to complete an application and have the area inspected prior to approval
- Occupancy for facilities with tables must be maintained according to State guidelines; areas without tables are allowed occupancy that allow for 15 square feet per person
- Do not block fire lanes, hydrants or sprinkler system connections
- Do not block handicapped parking spaces unless alternative handicapped parking is created
- Use temporary signs to provide direction and instructions to customers
- Establish an accessible route from the dining/drinking area to the interior restrooms
- Establish appropriate spacing in waiting, ordering, and restroom areas
- Animals limited to approved service animals only
- No cooking, bartending, or buffets can be added outside
- Tents are permitted with approval of the Fire Chief. Sides can be utilized as long as 50% of the perimeter is open; it can be total covered to secure equipment when the business is closed
- No smoking allowed within the area served by establishment employees and within 15' of the exterior area of the area
- Patrons only allowed to enter building for use of the rest rooms
- If the business sells carry-out menu items, this can continue to operate as it had previously
- Use of public sidewalk for locations without other outside space available must maintain a walkway of 5' from the curb and separate dining space from the walkway with a barrier
- Due to the close proximity of the main traffic areas, street closure is not allowed
- No new structures can be built without going through the normal permitting process
- All other ordinance requirements related to noise, light, etc. remain in place

Additional Requirements for the Sale of Alcohol

- If the business does not have an outside liquor license currently, one needs to be obtained by contacting the Village at 309-266-5361.

Restaurant:

- Entrance from outside building directly into fenced area required with employed staff monitoring capacity at gate
- Must have 4' fence enclosing the area
- Alcohol to be served to patrons in the outdoor area; patrons are not allowed to enter building to obtain alcohol
- No alcohol allowed outside fence area
- No alcohol allowed on public property (such as Village sidewalks or public parking areas)
- The license holder is responsible to ensure that persons under the age of 21 do not have access to alcoholic beverages within or from the outdoor area

Bar/Tavern

- Entrance from outside building directly into fenced area required with employed staff monitoring capacity at gate
- Must have 4' fence which allows for view of interior of fenced in area
- Alcohol to be served to patrons in the outdoor area; patrons are not allowed to enter building to obtain alcohol
- No alcohol allowed outside fenced area
- No alcohol allowed on public property (such as Village sidewalks or public parking areas)
- The license holder is responsible to ensure that persons under the age of 21 do not have access to alcoholic beverages within or from the outdoor area