

**VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
ORDINANCE 2021-022**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS REGARDING
RESTAURANT LIQUOR AND BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS**

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Vernon Hills (“Village Board”) desire to enact a temporary relief program related to the provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Vernon Hills (“Code”) in Chapter 3 (Alcoholic Liquor Control), and Chapter 7 (Environmental Health/Food) relative to the renewal of restaurant business and liquor licenses for the 2021-2022 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board recognizes the financial strain that local businesses, including restaurants, have felt as a result of the statewide COVID-19 restrictions on public dining at these establishments; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to support the local restaurants in the Village in a manner that will reduce their operating expenses on a temporary basis, by waiving their payment for business and liquor licenses in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that it is in the best interests of the Village, as well as the general public, to enact the Code Amendments as set forth below; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS:**

SECTION 1: The above Whereas paragraphs are incorporated by reference into Section 1 of this Ordinance as material terms and provisions.

SECTION 2: Notwithstanding any other provision of the Code, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, all Class A liquor licenses, as defined in Section 3-12(1) of the Code, and all Class E liquor licenses, as defined in Section 3-12(5) of the Code, that are in effect as of the date of this Ordinance, and which the liquor licensee desires to renew for the 2021-2022 license term, shall be renewed for the May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 license term, without need for the liquor licensee to pay any license fee, provided the liquor licensee otherwise qualifies for the renewal of the liquor license as required by the Code, and qualifies for this relief program by meeting the terms of Section 4 of this Ordinance. All other terms and conditions of said liquor licenses, as set forth in the Code, or any other Ordinance of the Village, shall remain in full force and effect. The Village will provide for a means for liquor licensees to apply for and receive relief under this temporary program. This temporary waiver of license fees shall not extend past April 30, 2022, without further action by the Village Board.

SECTION 3: Notwithstanding any other provision of the Code, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, all establishments within the Village that are classified as a Category II or Category III food service facility, as defined under Section 7-1 of the Code, and that hold a license to operate said facility issued by the Village, as required in Section 7-3 of the Code, that is in effect as of the

date of this Ordinance, and which the licensee desires to renew for the 2021-2022 license term, shall have said license renewed for the May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 license term, without need for the licensee to pay any license fee, provided the licensee otherwise qualifies for the renewal of the license as required by the Code, and qualifies for this relief program by meeting the terms of Section 4 of this Ordinance. All other terms and conditions of said licenses, as set forth in the Code, or any other Ordinance of the Village, shall remain in full force and effect. The Village will provide for a means for licensees to apply for and receive relief under this temporary program. This temporary waiver of license fees shall not extend past April 30, 2022, without further action by the Village Board.

SECTION 4: To qualify for the relief as described in Sections 2 and 3 of this Ordinance, all applying establishments must meet the following requirements:

- a) The establishment must have been operating within the Village when the first disaster proclamation was announced by the Governor of the State of Illinois on March 9, 2020, and must still be operating at the time of application to the Village for relief under this program.
- b) The principal business of the establishment must be the service of food and beverage for consumption on premises.
- c) The establishment must have been reporting sales tax to the Illinois Department of Revenue for a Vernon Hills location of its business operations since March 2020, and must continue to report said tax.
- d) The establishment must provide evidence satisfactory to the Village that it has suffered a decrease of at least fifteen percent (15%) in food and beverage sales taxes from March 2020 to the date of application to the Village for relief under this program, when compared to the same timeframe in 2019.
- e) The establishment cannot be part of a franchise system, or corporately owned, with four or more locations.
- f) The relief program does not apply to grocery stores, convenience stores, retailers of packaged food and beverage for consumption off-site, caterers, food trucks or warehouse stores.

SECTION 5: All ordinances, codes or regulations, or parts of ordinances, codes or regulations, of the Village of Vernon Hills in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed insofar as they conflict herewith. Each section, paragraph, clause and provision of this Ordinance is separable, and if any provision is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance, nor any part thereof, other than that part affected by such decision.

SECTION 6: Except as to the Code Amendments set forth above in this Ordinance, all Chapters and Sections of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Vernon Hills, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by State law.

Passed by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 7 – Byrne, Schultz, Marquardt, Takaoka, Forster, Koch, Oppenheim

NAYS: 0 -None

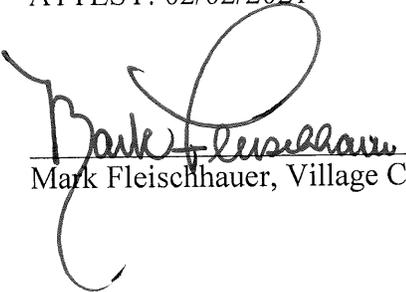
ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 - None

Passed this 2nd day of February, 2021, by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Vernon Hills, Illinois.



Roger L. Byrne, Village President

PASSED: 02/02/2021
APPROVED: 02/02/2021
ATTEST: 02/02/2021



Mark Fleischhauer, Village Clerk

