



ORDER OF SUSPENSION NO. 21-02

FOR

THE CITY OF LEWISTON

ALCOHOL LICENSE RENEWAL FEES FOR RESTAURANTS AND BARS

JANUARY 13, 2021

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) a pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued an emergency declaration for the country in response to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases within the U.S.;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Idaho Governor Brad Little declared a state of emergency for the State of Idaho in response to concerns that cases of COVID-19 were imminent in Idaho;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Mayor Michael Collins, with the approval of the City Council, through Resolution 2020-14, declared a local disaster emergency exists in the City of Lewiston due to the occurrence and imminent threat to public health and safety arising from the effects of COVID-19 and appointed the Lewiston City Manager as the Director of Civil Defense;

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Lewiston City Council adopted Ordinance No. 4774, which amended and enacted various sections of Chapter 12 of the Lewiston City Code related to disasters and Civil Defense;

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2020, the Lewiston City Council adopted Ordinance No. 4779, which amended Lewiston City Code § 1-7 regarding past due civil monetary penalties, repealed Chapter 12 of the Lewiston City Code titled "Civil Defense," and enacted a new Chapter 12 of the Lewiston City Code titled "Civil Defense and Public Health Emergencies";

WHEREAS, pursuant to Lewiston City Code § 12-22, the Director of Civil Defense has the authority to suspend City ordinances and resolutions, or portions thereof, as the Director deems necessary and advisable given the specific public health emergency and in consideration of the health of City employees and the general public;

WHEREAS, for a portion of time in 2020, Idaho Governor Brad Little ordered that all restaurants and bars throughout the State of Idaho close due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and, during that time, restaurants and bars lost revenue;

WHEREAS, a number of restaurant and bar licensees in the City of Lewiston have expressed concerns with timely paying their alcohol license renewal fees by January 31, 2021 due to economic hardships they are facing; and

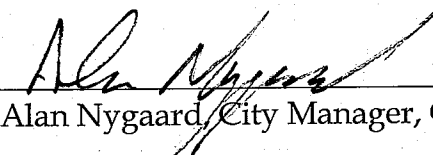
WHEREAS, temporarily suspending City ordinances and resolutions requiring restaurants and bars located in the City of Lewiston to pay alcohol license renewal fees is necessary and advisable to help alleviate economic hardships facing such restaurants and bars during this critical time.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alan Nygaard, City Manager and Director of Civil Defense of the City of Lewiston, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Lewiston City Code § 12-22, hereby order as follows:

1. **Temporary Suspension of Alcohol License Renewal Fees for Restaurants and Bars:** Alcohol license renewal fees for restaurants and bars located in the City of Lewiston, which normally must be paid by January 31 each year, are hereby suspended until July 31, 2021; provided, however, restaurant and bar licensees shall still submit their requests for license renewal and other required documents to the City of Lewiston Business Licensing Coordinator by January 31, 2021. A temporary six (6) month license may be issued, and payment shall be due upon the expiration of such temporary license on July 31, 2021; provided, however, that such payment may be made prior to July 31, 2021.
2. **Notice of Order:** A copy of this Order shall be posted on or near the front door of Lewiston City Hall, on the City's website, and on the City's social media accounts. Additionally, a copy of this Order shall be e-mailed to all persons subscribed to the City's e-mail notification services and provided to the Lewiston City Council, the City Attorney, the Fire Chief, the Chief of Police, the Nez Perce Board of County Commissioners, the Nez Perce County Sheriff, the Nez Perce County Prosecutor, and all news media that have requested notification of such orders.
3. **Duration of Order:** This Order shall take effect on January 14, 2021, and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on July 31, 2021, or until it is rescinded, superseded, amended, or vetoed, or the City of Lewiston Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency is terminated, whichever occurs first.

ISSUED this 13th day of January, 2021.

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE



Alan Nygaard, City Manager, City of Lewiston