

CITY OF BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE #518H

AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY ABATING ABANDONMENT OF LIQUOR LICENSES AND VIDEO GAMING  
LICENSES WITHIN THE CITY OF BELVIDERE

PASSED AND ADOPTED

BY THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF

BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2021.

APPROVED BY THE

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF

BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2021.

Published in Pamphlet Form this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to his executive powers and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor of the State of Illinois has temporarily ordered (Executive Order 2020-73) the closing of bars, restaurants and taverns for indoor consumption on premises and also ordered the closing of all video gaming under the Video Gaming Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-69(b)(2) of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code declares void any liquor license issued by the City of Belvidere Local Commissioner if the licensee is closed for business for six (6) or more months; and

WHEREAS, Section 14-452 of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code provides that a video gaming location permit is deemed abandoned if the licensed location ceases operating video gaming terminals for sixty (60) days or more; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the City of Belvidere find that it would be unjust if the Governor's Order caused local businesses to lose their licenses to conduct video gaming or the sale of alcohol through no fault of the local business.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** Where the holder of a City of Belvidere local liquor license is forced to close as a result of the Governor's executive order 2020-73 relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, section 10-69(b)(2) shall not apply and a properly issued local liquor license shall not be deemed void.

**SECTION 2:** Where the holder of a video gaming location permit issued in accordance with Section 14-452 of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code is forced to close as a result of the Governor's executive order 2020-73 relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, section 14-452(c) of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code shall not apply and the location permit shall not be deemed abandoned.

**SECTION 3:** This ordinance and the relief granted hereunder shall terminate automatically upon the expiration of the Governor's Executive Order 2020-73, and as it may be extended in the future, relating to the prohibition on video gaming and indoor on premises consumption of alcohol.

**SECTION 4:** If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, invalidate or nullify the remainder thereof, which remainder shall remain and continue in full force and effect.


**SECTION 3:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in pamphlet form as required by law which publication is hereby authorized.

Voting Aye: Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman and McGee.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Arevalo.

APPROVED:

  
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Michael W. Chamberlain  
Mayor

ATTEST:   
Sarah Turnipseed  
City Clerk

(SEAL)

Passed: January 4, 2021  
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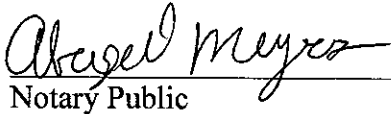
Sarah Turnipseed, first being duly sworn on oath deposes and says as follows:

By authority of the City Council of the City of Belvidere, Illinois, I published Ordinance #518H of the City of Belvidere, Illinois, in pamphlet form on January 5, 2021, and as a convenience for the public; I posted the pamphlet form of Ordinance #518H in the lobby of Belvidere City Hall at 401 Whitney Blvd., Belvidere, Illinois; said location being readily visible by the public.



Sarah Turnipseed  
City Clerk

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME  
this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.



Notary Public

