



The City of Inver Grove Heights

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Dear Licensees,

We have been carefully watching new laws and guidance issued from the State of Minnesota during the COVID-19 crisis, so that we can inform our residents and business community of any impacts to them. With this in mind, we are contacting you regarding SF4489, a bill signed by Governor Tim Walz last night, which allows restaurants closed for dine-in service due to COVID-19 to sell alcohol off-sale on a limited basis.

What This Means to Your Business

If your establishment holds a liquor license in the City of Inver Grove Heights, you may sell beer, malt liquor, hard seltzer, cider and wine for off-sale with a prepared food take-out order, through May 4, 2020, without obtaining an additional license. This allowance may be extended if restaurants remain closed by executive order beyond May 4, 2020.

Limits and Restrictions to the Statute

- The off-sale of alcoholic beverages must be made in conjunction with and incidental to the sale of prepared food for take-out
- The alcoholic beverages must be sold in their original, unopened packaging
- No more than seventy-two (72) ounces (one six-pack) in total of malt liquor, hard seltzer, and cider and 750 milliliters (one bottle) of wine may be sold per take-out order
- The restaurant must confirm that the person picking up the prepared food take-out order is at least 21 years of age
- This legislation does not authorize the delivery of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a prepared food take-out order.

Please Serve Responsibly

We hope that this statute helps your business at a difficult time. However, we expect the rules of the statute to be followed to the letter, and we count on you and your employees to use good judgment when serving the community.

Reach Out if You Have Questions

If you have questions about this statute or need help with city services, call us at 651-450-2500. More information also be found at <http://www.invergroveheights.org/647/Liquor-Sales> and at <https://mn.gov/governor/covid-19/news/>.

We are proud to serve you. Please take care and stay safe.

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