



RAYMOND P. ROGINA *Mayor*
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July 7, 2020

Dear Friends:

In reviewing the reports by city staff, our Fourth of July weekend reflected conscientious actions on your part to support the goal of following best practices in order to insure our attempts to continue to provide the safest conditions for patrons during the COVID-19 pandemic.

I did receive sporadic reports of masks not being worn by employees and supervisors (or owners). Social distancing violations, while minimal, did exist.

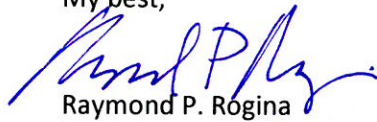
It is not my desire to ask the City Council to support an ordinance that creates penalties for violations of the Governor's orders. Let us work together to avoid such action and keep a positive light on Illinois statistics.

As for the Governor's orders, I had inquiries over the weekend as to whether a court decision in Clay County meant "the state was open" and Phase 4 rules of the Restore Illinois Plan do not apply.

Legal counsel has suggested that until a higher court of the State opines on the issue, a decision by a local circuit court does not control the entire state. It should be noted that U.S. Supreme Court Justice Kavanaugh, in an emergency ruling, sided with Governor Pritzker on a COVID-related order.

Let us continue to recover from the depths of that which COVID-19 so rudely imposed upon us.

My best,



Raymond P. Rogina
Mayor

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