Springfield, Illinois – Pursuant to the authority granted by the City of Springfield Emergency Declaration, state and local law, Springfield Mayor Jim Langfelder signed his fifth Emergency Order this afternoon. This order states that bars and restaurants not in compliance with the State of Illinois’ Phase 4 guidelines and indoor seating limits will be subject to a fine and potential suspension of their liquor license.

The Emergency Order states that bars and restaurants not in compliance with the state’s Phase 4 guidelines will be given a verbal warning to comply. A second violation would result in a $500 fine. The third violation would result in temporary suspension of the establishment’s liquor license.

“We want our businesses to remain open but have been instructed to establish and institute proper social distancing measures to protect their customers and their employees,” said Mayor Jim Langfelder. “There has been an increase in cases, and we recognize some people are not wearing face coverings in public nor adhering to the social distancing guidelines. Going back to Phase 3 would be disastrous for our economy and gravely impact our local businesses.”

The Mayor continued, “We know there are many establishments working hard to keep their customers and employees safe. We thank the bars and restaurants that are being proactive in following the guidelines to protect the public against COVID-19. We cannot allow others to disregard these necessary health measures, which jeopardize public health and our community’s ability to stay in Phase 4.”

If businesses have questions regarding best practices and recommendations, they may contact the Springfield Fire Department’s Fire Safety Division at 217.789.2170.

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