

# MANDAN *North Dakota*



## MANDAN BUSINESS BRIEF - May 7, 2020

### Local Information & Resources

#### **City Commission Considering Extension of Liquor License Renewal Deadline**

The Mandan City Commission has directed staff to draft an ordinance for consideration at its May 19 and June 2 meetings that would extend 2019-2020 liquor licenses through Aug. 31, making fees for new licenses due Sept. 1. The normal renewal date is July 1. The Commission also conveyed support for reducing annual liquor license fees for 2020-2021 by one-sixth or 16.67% for renewals other than off-sale only licenses (Class D and D-1). The intent is to help offset revenue losses during months when closure was required due to COVID-19 orders. The anticipated reduction in general fund revenue is about \$17,500 if all license holders renew.

#### **Off-Sale of Alcohol Allowed by Restaurants Through June 30**

During a May 1 special meeting, the Mandan City Commission voted to extend a moratorium pertaining to retail sale of alcoholic beverages through June 30, 2020. This action allows restaurants with a Class E food and beverage alcohol license to sell sealed cans or bottles of alcoholic beverages to customers buying food through take-out, curbside delivery, drive-through or delivery by agents or employees of the restaurant. The intent is to help restaurants limited in dining room seating capacity by COVID-19 re-start restrictions.





### Hold Due to High Bids

With the low bid 25% over estimate and equating to a local share nearly \$1.2 million over budget for Main Street traffic signal replacement, concrete pavement repair, and lane reallocation with curb extensions, the Mandan City Commission voted

May 5 to reject the bid. The project can be re-bid in this fall, potentially without latter components.

Engineering staff have been working with the N.D. Department of Transportation on signal replacement since 2016. Parts are no longer available to repair existing signals. A concrete pavement repair project was later added. These two projects are eligible for an NDDOT Urban Regional Program that allows for federal and state contributions to increase if bids are over estimate so the local match stays at 10%.

The dilemma is the coinciding lane reallocation and curb extension components added after the City of Mandan received approval for a separate \$675,000 in funding under a NDDOT Urban Grant Program. This program is intended to improve pedestrian safety and economic vitality of downtowns through the governor's Main Street Initiative. This federal and state share through the grant has a fixed maximum.

A local share originally estimated at \$323,000 climbed to about \$1.5 million after bid opening. Engineering staff asked the NDDOT about options such as eliminating curb extensions, which accounted for the majority of additional cost, or perhaps the lane reallocation, too. The NDDOT cannot allow those changes at this juncture and instead recommended rebidding in the fall.

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### Provisions Outlined for Outdoor Seating, Displays in Public Right of Way

Outdoor seating may become more important to food service businesses currently restricted to 50% of dining room seating. The Mandan City Commission at its April 7 meeting passed an ordinance to establish requirements for seating and display areas in the public right of way such as sidewalks.

Key provisions include a minimum 44-inch unobstructed pedestrian corridor and fences that don't interfere with Americans with Disabilities standards. Fences or barricades must be free-standing. Special requirements apply if alcohol is to be served. Smoking, vaping or the use of e-cigarettes is not allowed in such areas. Tables, chairs, fences or other dividers may not be set out prior to April 1 and must be removed by Nov. 1.



A right-of-way encroachment agreement with the City of Mandan is required prior to installation of any seating area in the public right of way. Exempted from permitting requirements are small items like flower pots and benches. Additional permissions may be required from the N.D. Department of Transportation for highways like Main Street. For more information, contact City of Mandan Principal Planner [John Van Dyke](#). Find the full ordinance [here](#).

### Business Directories for Personal Protective Equipment & Sanitizers

Business organizations and government entities are collaborating on COVID-19 recovery. The Downtowners Association of Bismarck compiled a directory for sales of personal protective equipment and sanitizing products in Mandan-Bismarck. Find the directory [here](#). To include your business, fill out this [online form](#).

Additionally, the ND Smart Restart website includes information about makers of masks and hand sanitizer as well as a form for vendors to provide information about COVID-related supplies. Here is the [link](#).

### Restart & Workplace Protocols Issued by N.D. Health Department

The N.D. Department of Health has compiled recommendations for essential workplace employee screening and practices to prevent COVID-19. There's also a workplace assessment. Find these documents and more helpful information [here](#).

The N.D. Health Department has also issued restart standards for restaurants, bars, fitness centers, and personal services such as hair, nail and tanning salons, barbershops and more. Find the universal and industry specific protocols [here](#).

Guidelines for larger venues and events are forthcoming. Consider sharing on your website and social media the ways your business is complying with restart standards to maintain and build employee and consumer confidence



COMPLIANCE	Also Adhere to General Standards for all Industries	
MOVEMENT AND ACTIVITY	Gathering Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capacity will be limited to 50% of normal operating capacity.</li> </ul>
	Physical Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allow for 6 feet of spacing between groups; increase table spacing by removing tables, marking tables closed or provide a physical barrier between tables. Back to back booth seating is allowed.</li> <li>Waiting areas (indoor or outdoor) must be marked so physical distancing standards are met. Restaurants can determine policy for wait areas.</li> <li>Tables must be limited to 10 people per table.</li> </ul>
	Workplace Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-house dining areas for quick service restaurants must meet all guidelines with tables to be sanitized between customers or if that is not possible offer only take-out.</li> <li>Salad bars and buffets may operate as long as pre-portioned servings are prepared by staff. Buffet and salad bar in-use serving utensils are to only be used by staff and washed, rinsed and sanitized every 4 hours.</li> <li>Standing in bars is not allowed. Bar stool seating will be allowed for 1-2 guests with 6 feet of separation between groups.</li> </ul>
EMPLOYEE AND CUSTOMER SAFETY AND TRUST	Hygiene and Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drink refills are not allowed unless served in a clean unused glass or cup.</li> <li>Menus should be single use paper or on a material that can be sanitized after each use.</li> <li>Drink coasters should be single-use or of a material that can be sanitized after each use.</li> <li>Tabletop electronics for ordering or contactless payments must be sanitized after each use.</li> <li>No self-service cups, straws or lids will be allowed – they should be behind counter and handed to customer. Only individually wrapped straws are allowed.</li> <li>Self-service condiments should be eliminated and provided by request in single use or disposable containers.</li> <li>During phase 1, all restaurants should close for a minimum of 4 hours daily to deep clean.</li> </ul>
	Special Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blackjack tables will remain closed. Gaming machines must be separated by a minimum distance of 6 feet or placed out of service.</li> <li>Hand-held entertainment or reservation notification devices are not allowed.</li> <li>Dance floors are closed</li> <li>Encourage customers to download the Care19 App to increase success levels with contact tracing.</li> </ul>

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### Nominations Open for Chamber Businesses Awards

The Chamber EDC's Excellence in Business and Education Committee is excited to begin receiving nominations for its Sept. 22 Celebrate Bismarck Mandan awards ceremony. Before May 31, go [online](#) to nominate a Chamber EDC member organization or individual for one of the following awards:

- Granite Award
- Mike Fink Award for Steady Growth & Profitability
- New Entrepreneur of the Year Award

- Small Business Person of the Year Award
- Golden Eagle Award

If you have any questions, please contact [Christine Nelson](#) or call 701-223-5660.



about recent projects and activities.

### Economic Development Week

The International Economic Development Council has declared May 4-8, 2020, Economic Development Week. Check out the Bismarck Mandan Chamber EDC Facebook page and City of Mandan Facebook page to learn more



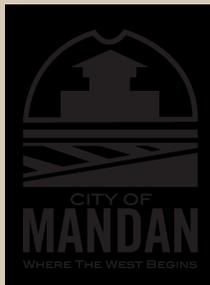
### Activities & Events

May 16: [Community Litter Clean-Up Day](#)  
June 1: [Last Day Early Bird Parade Registration](#)



### Local Information

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