

AD HOC COVID

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Emergency Health Orders in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic have greatly altered industry and commerce in the City of Los Angeles. Businesses that have remained open, have had to adapt their business model in order to remain compliant. Restaurants for example, have been allowed to pivot to new operation methods such as outdoor dining.

Breweries in Los Angeles traditionally offer food options by partnering with local food trucks or street vendors who sell their products on the site of the brewery. Breweries are also typically located in industrial areas where they have expansive outdoor spaces that allow them to practice social distancing of patrons. Given these similarities with restaurants, it is difficult to justify the closure of breweries but allow the continued operation of restaurants with outdoor dining.

The once nascent brewing industry in Los Angeles has been a major driver of economic growth in recent years. The Los Angeles County Brewers Guild alone has 93 members who employ over 700 people and create over \$13 million in annual state and local tax revenue. The City of Los Angeles is home to 26 breweries. The brewing industry is a vital component of the local economy and will be an important industry in the recovery effort after the pandemic.

As the City and County of Los Angeles continue to modify the stay at home order and prepare for the eventual reopening of commercial activity, we should look to the California Department of Public Health Guidelines that have prioritized outdoor seating in order to maximize health and safety and apply the guidelines fairly to industries that provide similar services.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the LA County Department of Public Health be REQUESTED to report with recommendations for the outdoor operation of breweries in the City of Los Angeles, in compliance with the Statewide Public Health Officer Order, dated July 13, 2020, relative to preventing the spread of COVID19.

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