



June 7, 2020

Glen Klinkhart, Interim Director  
Alcohol Marijuana Control Office  
550 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Mr. Klinkhart;

This letter is intended to convey the unconditional support of the Downtown Community Council of the expansion of alcohol service areas for license premises into the streets of downtown Anchorage.

At the June 3, 2020 Downtown Community Council meeting, members voted unanimously in support of this change. While we recognize it will be a temporary measure responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we believe this is a crucial initiative to assist our downtown businesses through these difficult times.

Downtown Anchorage has experienced dramatic shock from the necessary quarantine and closures. We recognize the need to be proactive in flattening the curve. But whether we recover in a U, V, or L shaped curve depends on how well we pull together. We believe offering outdoor service will bring back patrons faster than any other method proposed at this time.

Please consider this request at the June 9, 2020 board meeting. Time is of the essence for the survival of our service industry.

If you have questions, please contact Silvia Villamides at 907-297-9098 or Mike Ward at 907-350-5276.

Thank you for your consideration,

  
Silvia Villamides, DTCC President  
and Alcohol & Marijuana Committee, Chair

  
Mike Ward, DTCC  
Vice-President

cc: Ethan Berkowitz, Mayor; Chris Schutte, OECD Director; Christopher Constant, Assembly; Amanda Moser, Anchorage Downtown Partnership