

Re Council consideration an Executive Order to Impose [a 10:00 pm](#) curfew on eating and drinking establishments. I hope you consider the following:

This is not going to stop young people from congregating which appears to be the intent. Rather it will force them into houses, apartments and backyards that will not be monitored for Coronavirus Health & Safety Protocols. Nobody is going to require temperature checks or have large gentleman enforcing distancing.

Constant sanitizing and cleaning will not be maintained. Gatherings of 50 will still be allowed. This renders the order moot.

The order will encourage underage drinking. Home parties cannot be monitored like on premise consumption. The more people are driven to home gatherings the more opportunity. This is contrary to the Liquor Boards effort to control underage drinking.

Has there been consideration for closing inside service but keeping outside distanced service available? This would at least return the County to the earlier restrictions that made business viable. The important Coronavirus numbers decreased during that opening.

The economic ramifications for County citizens will be even more onerous. Layoffs of those hired back will occur once again. This time they will not have extended unemployment benefits or eviction protection. Most businesses have already exhausted PPP and other business aid. There is no incentive or ability not to layoff kitchen staff, servers and bartenders. Tips income will be reduced exponentially.

The County is already experiencing financial challenges. Reducing sales tax, alcohol sales tax and wholesale revenue will exacerbate this issue.

It appears this was not well thought out but reactionary. It is also highly suspicious that the Council will not have adequate time to study and research the ramifications before going on a month vacation.

The Council has been responsive in representing County businesses while addressing the general population's best interests in the face of questionable leadership. This misguided order will make things worse, not better. I hope you agree to these important points and will take a step back before approving this discriminatory and anti-business stance.