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April 24, 2020

Office of Governor Tim Walz
75 Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Suite 130
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Re: Support for the Immediate Opening of Restaurants in Prior Lake

Dear Governor Walz:

On behalf of the City of Prior Lake, thank you for all you have done to protect the health and wellbeing of our residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prior Lake is a community that understands the importance of staying at home and adhering to the social distancing guidance. During this time, our residents are doing so while also supporting local restaurants by making purchases online and ordering food to go. Despite these efforts our restaurants are all suffering greatly.

The owners of these restaurants are our neighbors. Their personal and financial investment in our community is significant. It is in large part because of them, that Prior Lake has become known as a community with *a small town feel that is a wonderful place to live work and play for a lifetime*. The difficulty they are enduring is felt by all of us in our community of extended family members.

We respectfully request that restaurants, under self-imposed regulation, be allowed to open immediately. Our restaurant owners have come together and are committed to taking the steps necessary to open their doors in a way that is safe and in compliance with social distancing guidelines. This includes implementing and enforcing the following operating protocols:

Cleaning & Sanitizing Protocol

- Host Podiums including all associated equipment to be sanitized at least once per hour
- Service stations, service carts, beverage stations, counters, handrails, doors and trays to be sanitized at least once per hour and logged by a manager
- POS terminals to be assigned to a single server where possible and sanitized between each user and before and after each shift. If multiple servers are assigned to a POS terminal, servers will sanitize their hands after each use
- Dining tables, bar tops, stools and chairs to be sanitized after each use
- Condiments to be served in single use containers (either disposable or washed after each use)

- Check presenters, votives, pens and all other reusable guest contact items to be either sanitized after each use or single use
- Menus to be single use and/or disposable
- Sanitize trays (all types) and tray stands sanitized after each use
- Storage containers to be sanitized before and after each use
- Food preparation stations to be sanitized at least once per hour
- Kitchens to be deep cleaned and sanitized at least once per day
- Food and beverage items being prepared to be transferred to other employees using contactless methods (leaving on expediting tables, counters, etc.)

Physical Distancing Protocol

- Hostesses and managers to manage physical distancing at entries and waiting areas (in addition to signage)
- Where reservations are available, reservation only for all seating.
- If no reservations, peak period queuing procedures to be implemented when guests are not able to be immediately sat
- Tables and booths to be utilized with appropriate physical distancing between each family or traveling party (six feet or as otherwise advised by local authorities)
- Reduce bar stool count to provide appropriate physical distancing
- Manage the line flow at quick serve outlets to ensure coffee and food pick up areas remain appropriately distanced

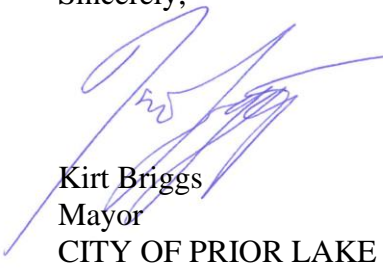
Guest Considerations

- All self-serve condiments and utensils to be removed and available from cashiers or servers
- All straws to be wrapped
- Bar snacks will be served per individual guest and not shared by the table
- All food and beverage items to be placed on the table, counter, slot or other surface instead of being handed directly to a guest
- All orders to be taken at appropriate self-distancing guidelines

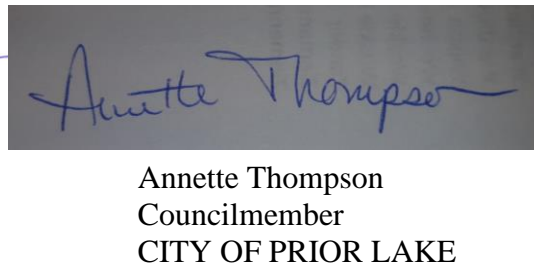
By taking these steps we believe our restaurants can open and operate in a safe and controlled manor. Please consider allowing our businesses to open immediately. It is critical for our restaurant owners and the economic viability of our community.

On behalf of our restaurants, and our community, thank you for your consideration of this request.


Sincerely,



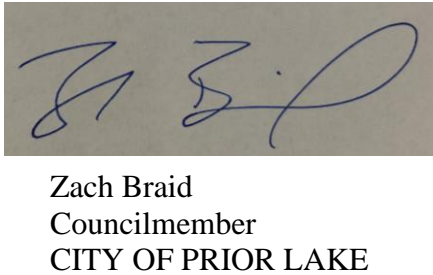
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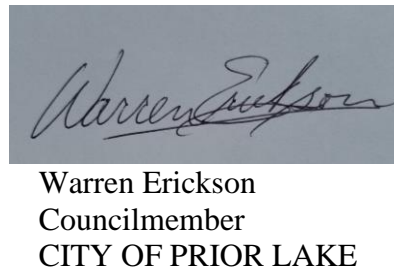
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