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OLCC Suspends Liquor License of Salem Restaurant

Los Arcos Charged with Violating Governor's Executive Order

PORTLAND, OR. – On April 22, 2020 the Oregon Liquor Control Commission issued an Order of Immediate License Suspension to the licensee of Los Arcos Mexican Grill in Salem for violating [Executive Order 20-07](#).

Inspectors at OLCC's Salem regional office received an anonymous complaint that Los Arcos had been serving alcohol to people over the course of several days. During their on-site investigation, inspectors observed several people entering and exiting a door leading to the restaurant's bar; the door had a sign that said "No Dine-in, Take out only."

Upon entering the bar inspectors observed that alcoholic beverages had been served to two individuals who were in the bar area. Coupled with a conversation with the licensee who was at the business at the time, the OLCC's inspectors recommended the immediate suspension of the Full On-Premises Commercial (F-COM) license for prohibited conduct and unlawful conduct.

The licensee of record is Nencar Inc.; Edwin Membreno.

The OLCC investigation is continuing, and the licensee is entitled to exercise their administrative hearing rights to challenge the OLCC's actions. The business may continue to serve food for takeout or delivery, but is NOT allowed to sell any alcoholic beverages. This includes any sales of beer, cider or wine for off-premises consumption.

Since March 15th the OLCC has investigated 91 complaints about alcohol consumption at bars and restaurants in prohibition of the Governor's social distancing requirements. On April 10, 2020, the OLCC issued an Order of Immediate Suspension to the licensee of The Sportsman Tavern in Cave Junction.

In almost all other incidents inspectors discovered the businesses closed, or serving food-to-go. Where it was appropriate they provided verbal reminders of the Executive Orders regarding social distancing requirements to the establishments' operators and customers.

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