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Arizona Department of Liquor Suspends Liquor Licenses at Fitness Center

PHOENIX – Director John Cocca announced today that the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control summarily suspended two liquor licenses associated with a Life Time fitness location.

DLLC investigators responded to Life Time Biltmore, 2580 E Camelback Rd., Phoenix AZ 85016 on Tuesday, June 30, 2020. The suspensions specifically involved the liquor-licensed locations:

- Life Café & Lounge, Lic. No. 012070011351, and
- Rooftop Bistro, Lic. No. 012070011466.

Department records showed LTF Club Operations Company Inc. owns both licensed locations.

On Tuesday, Life Time Biltmore remained open in violation of Executive Order 2020-43 requiring “indoor gyms and fitness clubs or centers” to “. . . pause operations until at least July 27, 2020,” (3.b). The club’s actions presented a risk to the community in furthering the spread of COVID-19, and with this, jeopardizing the health, safety, and welfare of the public. “The Department took action against the liquor licenses of the two businesses as each presented one of a number of enticements to continue regular operations at Life Time Biltmore,” said Cocca.

A copy of the suspension order lists alleged violations of:

- A.R.S. § 4-210(A)(2) (the licensee fails to maintain the capability, qualifications, and reliability for licensure).
- A.R.S. § 4-210(A)(9) (the licensee fails to comply with Department statutes and rules, as those exist or as they been modified under the Governor’s Executive Orders).
- A.R.S. § 4-210(A)(10) (the licensee fails to take reasonable steps to protect the safety of a customer when the licensee reasonably should have known of the danger to the person).

Executive Order 2020-43 expressly provides for “law enforcement or any regulatory body, pursuant to their authority” to take immediate enforcement action, to include summary suspension, against a business and its licenses (7). According to the summary suspension order, the action was taken against the licenses to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

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