



State of Arizona  
Department of Liquor Licenses and Control

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## Press Release

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### Liquor Department Suspends Third Liquor License in Follow Up Action at Fitness Center

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

On Wednesday, July 1, 2020, Department investigators responded to Life Time North Scottsdale, 6850 E Chauncey Ln, Phoenix AZ 85054, and suspended the liquor license of the entity doing business as Life Café and Bistro (Lic No. 12070008971), and owned by LTF Club Operations Company Inc. One day earlier, Department investigators suspended two other liquor licenses owned by LTF Club Operations Company Inc. at its Life Time Biltmore location.

On Wednesday, Life Time North Scottsdale 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. According to Director Cocca, the decision to suspend the license at Life Café and Bistro was straightforward, as its ownership had demonstrated a continued willingness to violate the law, especially in light of having its licensed businesses at Life Time Biltmore suspended less than 24 hours earlier.

Arizona law requires license holders to maintain the qualifications for licensure, which includes both complying with law and providing for the safety of customers.

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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