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## JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS & CONSUMER PROTECTION (BACP), CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS (DOB) AND CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT (CPD)

The City of Chicago was made aware of an event advertised as "312 Day" hosted by Goose Island Beer Company on Saturday, March 12, 2022. "312 Day" was advertised as a public special event featuring entertainment and Liquor-Consumption sales at an unlicensed facility controlled by Goose Island Brewery.

Goose Island's Fulton Street Taproom & Brewery, located at 1800 W. Fulton St., does not hold a Public Place of Amusement license and building occupancy is 100 people. The event was to be held at an unlicensed location at 1827 W. Fulton St., formerly a motor vehicle repair shop, with a reported attendee count of over 1,000. In addition, the establishment did not apply for a Department of Special Events and Cultural Affairs (DCASE) permit or BACP indoor special event license.

On the evening of Friday, March 11, 2022, a joint task force comprised of the Chicago Department of Business Affairs & Consumer Protection (BACP), Chicago Department of Buildings (DOB) and Chicago Police Department (CPD) investigated 1827 W. Fulton St. Based on the findings BACP issued a Cease & Desist Forth with Order & Administrative Notice of Violations (ANOV): Public Place of Amusement, Cease & Desist Forthwith Order & ANOV: Liquor Consumption and ANOV: Failure to Display license. DOB issued a Commissioner's Closure for dangerous and hazardous conditions including improper ingress & egress, emergency lights inoperable, insufficient exit capacity for large crowds and storage of firewood as a fire hazard. As a result of the task force's findings full closures were issued.

The "312 Day" event is cancelled and Goose Island representatives were told to inform ticket holders accordingly. Ticket holders should expect communication from the event organizers.

As a reminder for this weekend's St. Patrick's Day celebrations, as well as St. Patrick's Day, Thursday, March 17, the City of Chicago wants to stress the importance of following license and liquor laws. The City of Chicago requests licensees comply with public safety protocols and regulations and cooperates with all City agencies in their effort to monitor and control any license, liquor, building and public safety violations.

All laws will be strictly enforced and the City will inspect establishments for compliance during the holiday weekend.