



Ministerie van Toerisme, Economische Zaken, Verkeer en Telecommunicatie

Ministry of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and
Telecommunication

POLICY: LIFTING OF MORATORIUM ON BAR &/ RESTAURANTS

1. PURPOSE

This policy establishes parameters on the issuance of business and or operational licenses for bars and restaurants.

2. APPLICATION

This policy applies to all new applications for business and operational licenses for bars and or restaurants.

3. GOALS & PRINCIPLES

The Ministry of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication (TEZVT) believes in the general interest and preservation of the economic development of the market.

Although allowing and issuing additional business and operational licenses for bars and/or restaurants will benefit entrepreneurship and the economy of St. Maarten, to preserve a healthy balance between the quality of life and good business practices, the Government will pay more attention to the control of businesses, specifically the control of closure hours and music volume.

The lifting of the Moratorium was decided after consideration of:

- a. The fact that the government wants to stimulate entrepreneurship and the economic growth of St. Maarten;

4. POLICY

- i. Effective February 19, 2014, the moratorium is lifted for all areas for business and operational licenses for bars and /or restaurants, with the exception of the A. TH. Illidge Road.
- ii. The moratorium on the business and operational licenses for bars and/or restaurants applies to the section of A.TH Illidge Road, beginning at the round-a-bout at the intersections of A. TH. Illidge Road, Zagersgut Road and The Cottage Drive until the intersection of Arch Road and Dominica Drive will stay in place.
- iii. Articles 1 and 2 apply to all individuals, entities, organizations and businesses in whatever form, each applicant must be informed of article 1 and /or 2.
- iv. The department of economic licenses and the control department are responsible for applying and monitoring articles 1 and 2.

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