

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
CHULA VISTA TEMPORARILY WAIVING ALL LATE FEES  
IMPOSED UPON DELINQUENT PAYMENTS OF BUSINESS  
LICENSE FEES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021 RENEWAL  
PERIOD

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. On January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2020, the San Diego County Health Officer declared a Local Health Emergency as a result of the COVID-19 virus, which was subsequently ratified by the Board of Supervisors on February 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments and help the State prepare for a broader spread of COVID-19. The declaration was issued as the number of positive California cases continued to rise and following one official COVID-19 death; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency as a result of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, due to the escalating number of COVID-19 virus cases nationwide, with many cases in the State of California, the City of Chula Vista Director of Emergency Services issued a Proclamation declaring a Local Emergency, as authorized by Government Code section 8630 and Chula Vista Municipal Code section 2.14.080(a); and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and the San Diego County Department of Public Health have all issued recommendations, including, but not limited to, social distancing, staying home if sick, canceling or postponing large group events, working from home, and other precautions to protect public health and prevent transmission of this communicable virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, in a further effort to require the public to practice social distancing to help contain the spread of COVID-19, the Governor issued Executive Order N-33-20 ordering all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence, except to obtain essential services; and

WHEREAS, with the closing of many businesses around the City due to the various orders of the City, the County, and the Governor, many sectors of our local economy have been significantly affected, especially small business owners; and

WHEREAS, CVMC Section 5.04.020 provides that all annual business license taxes shall be due and payable from and after the first day of January each year and become delinquent after 30 days; and

WHEREAS, CVMC Section 5.04.030 provides that any business that fails to pay a business license tax on or before the delinquency date is required to pay a 10% penalty with an additional penalty in the amount of 10% per month, up to 60%; and

WHEREAS, to assist local businesses during this time of economic crisis, the City Council desires to extend the payment deadline to December 31, 2021 for any business licenses and to temporarily waive all penalties and late fees that would otherwise be imposed upon businesses with a delinquent license.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista, California, as follows:

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 5.04.030 of the Chula Vista Municipal Code or any other applicable law, rule, or regulation, any penalties or late fees that may otherwise accrue for a business that fails to timely remit any business license tax imposed by Chapter 5.04 of the Chula Vista Municipal Code are hereby waived for the calendar year 2021 renewal period.

Presented by

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