

RESOLUTION NO. 4276-2020

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL
WAIVING BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS FOR BUSINESSES THAT
OPERATED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2020 BUT SUBSEQUENTLY
CEASED OPERATIONS AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE COVID-19
SHELTER-IN-PLACE ORDER**

WHEREAS, business license renewals are due on the first day of January and are considered late if not received by the 28th day of February; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Mendocino County Health Officer issued a shelter-in-place order for the entirety of the county in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, as of March 18, 2020, over one hundred (100) business licenses had not yet been renewed; and

WHEREAS, the shelter-in-place order was in effect for over two months and may be the cause of many businesses ceasing operations; and

WHEREAS, whereas City staff has received a request for a waiver of business license fees and taxes from a business that has ceased operations due to the shelter in place order; and

WHEREAS, based on all the evidence presented, the City Council finds as follows:

1. It would be reasonable to grant business license waivers to businesses that operated in the first quarter of 2020 but subsequently ceased operations as a direct result of the COVID-19 shelter-in-place order.
2. The loss of revenue to the City due to business license waivers would be one of many financial consequences caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby authorize the City's Finance Director to grant waivers for business license renewals for businesses that operated in the first quarter of 2020 but subsequently ceased operations as a direct result of the COVID-19 shelter in place order and that all requests for waiver must be received by July 31, 2020 in order to be considered.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Lee, seconded by Councilmember Morsell-Haye, and passed and adopted at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 29th day of June, 2020, by the following vote:

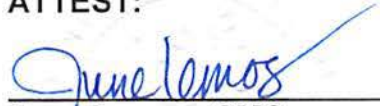
AYES: Councilmembers Albin-Smith, Morsell-Haye, Norvell, Peters and Mayor Lee.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

RECUSED: None.



WILLIAM V. LEE
Mayor

ATTEST:



June Lemos, CMC
City Clerk