

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_-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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 15, 2020 in order to be considered.

**The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2020, by the following vote:**

**AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:  
RECUSED:**

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**WILLIAM V. LEE**  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**June Lemos, CMC**  
**City Clerk**