

City of Santa Rosa



Legislation Details

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Title: REPORT - COVID-19 HEALTH ORDER RELATED FEE REDUCTIONS, MODIFICATIONS AND WAIVERS FOR OUTDOOR BUSINESS USES

BACKGROUND: Due to the County of Sonoma response to the State's COVID-19 emergency declaration instituting a series of health orders that limit activity and business functions, certain business operations have been required to cease or dramatically reduce all indoor operations. In an attempt to provide assistance to the business community, the City implemented policies and procedures allowing certain business operations to relocate traditional interior functions to exterior spaces within private property or the public right-of-way. Further assistance was provided to the downtown business community through the temporary reduction in certain parking rates and a waiver of parking reservation fees associated with outdoor seating areas. In addition, the Parks Department has been enticing businesses to leverage the Park Permit program to utilize park space for impacted business operations. Under the current fee schedules, Encroachment, Building and Park permits have associated application, permit review and inspection fees that apply to all submitted permits. Businesses small and large have reported a collapse of their revenue streams, reduced sales, and the need to reduce workforce hours or lay off staff completely. A temporary suspension of any encroachment and building permit fees, a reduction of the park permit fee and a continuance of the parking fee waivers and reductions specific to businesses required State and County health orders to cease or reduce indoor operations is recommended in order to provide much needed assistance to the business community.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Economic Recovery Task Force that the Council, by resolution, authorize the temporary waiver of building permit and encroachment permit fees, the temporary waiver of certain parking fees, and the reduction of park event fees specific to business required by COVID-19 health orders that dramatically reduce or eliminate indoor business operations.

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Attachments: 1. Staff Report, 2. Resolution, 3. Exhibit A - Fee Refund COVID Encroachment Permits, 4. Exhibit B - Parking Fee Schedule, 5. Presentation

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12/15/2020	1	City Council	to waive reading of the text and adopt	Pass