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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: March 2, 2021

To: Mark F. Miller, City Manager

From: Robert J. Bruner, Assistant City Manager
M. Aileen Dickson, City Clerk

Subject: Request to Temporarily Suspend Licensing Requirements for Amusements and Auto Washes (Introduced by: Aileen Dickson, City Clerk)

History

The City Clerk’s Office is responsible for annual business licensing, including amusements, coin-operated amusement devices, pool rooms, and car washes. Chapter 68 of the City Code regulates the licensing of amusement and recreation places such as bowling alleys, skating rinks, and swim clubs. Chapter 96 regulates the licensing of billiard/pool parlors. Chapter 97 regulates the licensing of coin-operated amusement devices (video games, pinball machines) and arcades. Chapter 71 regulates the licensing of car washes.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent statewide closures have impacted restaurants, bowling alleys, skating rinks, and small businesses like car washes. The City Clerk’s Office began the 2021 renewal period for annual licenses in December. Of the 20 amusement licensees, 5 have applied. Of the 7 car wash licensees, 5 have applied. Car Wash Licenses are \$25 per year. Fees for amusements licenses are proscribed in Chapter 60 – Fees and Bonds Required:

Amusement Devices (Chapter 97)	
Application	\$100.00
Coin-Operated Amusement Device – 2 to 5 units	\$100.00 each
Coin-Operated Amusement Device – More than 5 units	\$50.00 each
Rides Mechanical	
Per day	\$20.00
Annual Fee	\$100.00
Annual Fee: Amusement Place – Not otherwise specified	\$50.00
Bowling Alley (Chapter 96)	
Annual Fee	\$50.00
Plus – Each alley over one – Annual Fee	\$2.00
Pool Room (Chapter 68)	
Annual Fee	\$50.00
Plus - Each table over one	\$5.00

Chapter 59 – Licenses proscribes a 50% late fee for any annual license fees not paid by January 15th.



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In order to alleviate some of the financial burden that these licensees are experiencing, City Administration is requesting that City Council authorize the suspending of the license requirements for 2021 for businesses that are required by ordinance to obtain annual amusement, coin-operated, and car wash licenses. City Administration also requests that City Council suspend *Section 7.13 Late Renewals of Chapter 59 – Licenses*, in order to waive the 25% and 50% late fees applied to business license fees that are submitted after January 15, for the 2021 calendar year for all annual business license fees collected by the City Clerk's Office. Finally, City Administration requests that City Council authorize the City Clerk to issue refunds to any businesses who have already applied for the amusement, coin-operated devices or car wash licenses.

Financial

Annual revenue from all amusement license fees totals approximately \$14,000. Annual revenue from all car wash license fees totals approximately \$175.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that City Council temporarily suspend licensing requirements for 2021 for businesses that are required by ordinance to obtain annual amusement, coin-operated and car wash licenses, and authorize refunds for fees already paid by those businesses for their 2021 licenses.

City Administration also recommends that City Council suspend the late fee requirement of Section 7.13 in Chapter 59 – Licenses for all businesses licensed by the City Clerk's Office.

Legal Review

This item was submitted to the City Attorney for review pursuant to City Charter Section 3.17.

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