



## **BUSINESS LICENSE RELIEF PROGRAM FAQs**

*Temporary deferral of business license renewal payment during the COVID-19 shelter-in-place order*

**The City of Concord values your business and is continuing to look for ways to provide relief to members of its business community - many of whom have seen their companies significantly impacted by the shelter-in-place order and resulting decline in sales of goods and services - which is why the City is implementing the Business License Relief Program.**

### **How Does the Business License Relief Program Work?**

If your business license renewal is due during the COVID-19 shelter-in-place order, which first went into effect in March 2020, you may defer your renewal payment with no late fees/penalties/charges, and the new due date will be the last day of the month 90 days after the shelter-in-place order is lifted. If the shelter-in-place order is extended, the revised due date will automatically extend and the new due date will then become the last day of the month 90 days after the extended order is lifted, again with no late fees/penalties/charges. Also, if the shelter-in-place order is extended, then all businesses with Business License renewals due when the shelter-in-place order is in effect will also automatically be eligible for the Business License Relief Program. Please visit the [Contra Costa Health Services website](#) for more information on shelter-in-place orders.

Note: While the program is being made available to all businesses with renewals due during the shelter-in-place order, we encourage businesses that are able to pay their renewal fees during this time to still make a timely payment if their finances allow.

### **How Do I Register for the Business License Relief Program?**

There is no need for you to sign up or register with the City of Concord to receive relief through the Business License Relief Program. The deferral of renewal payments is automatically granted to all businesses with renewals due while the shelter-in-place order remains in effect.

### **Has the City of Concord Taken Any Other Steps to Protect its Business Owners?**

Along with the Business License Relief Program, on March 25, 2020 the Concord City Council passed an [Urgency Ordinance](#) that provides Concord companies relief by instituting an Eviction Moratorium that prohibits both residential and commercial evictions for tenants impacted by COVID-19. Concurrent with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-28-20, the moratorium has been extended through March 31, 2021.

For additional information on programs and policies that may benefit your company during the crisis, please visit [Concord Forward: How the City of Concord is Supporting Local Business](#).

Should you have any questions about the Business License Relief Program or the Moratorium on Commercial Evictions, please contact Brian Nunnally at [brian.nunnally@cityofconcord.org](mailto:brian.nunnally@cityofconcord.org). For information on current moratoria on residential evictions, please contact ECHO Housing at [contact@echofairhousing.org](mailto:contact@echofairhousing.org) or (925) 732-3919.