



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
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OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS
REGINA DICK-ENDRIZZI, DIRECTOR

July 29, 2020

Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
City Hall Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: BOS File No. 200760 – Emergency Ordinance - Temporary Waiver of Business Registration and License Fees for Certain Small Businesses Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Small Business Commission Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors: **Support with modification.**

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On July 27, 2020 the Small Business Commission (SBC or Commission) heard BOS File No. 200760 – Emergency Ordinance - Temporary Waiver of Business Registration and License Fees for Certain Small Businesses Due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Daisy Quan, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Gordon Mar provided the SBC with an overview of the legislation. After discussion, the SBC voted (7-0) to recommend that the Board of Supervisors support the legislation with modifications.

The Commission applauded this legislation and acknowledged that should it pass, it would establish the City's commitment to supporting small businesses during the local emergency. The Commission discussed the possibility of expanding the definition of 'Qualifying Small Business' to include those who had \$2.5 million and less in gross receipts. In doing so, the City may support ~3,000 more small businesses and those who they employ. The Commission also highlighted that businesses generating \$1 million-\$2.5 million in gross receipts likely employ more workers than those who generate less than \$1 million. As such, expanding the definition could by extension also benefit more workers. When asked, Ms. Quan shared that if the definition were expanded, it would likely cost the City an additional ~\$2.8 million.

Ultimately, the Commission voted unanimously to support the legislation, with the following modification:

- Amend the emergency ordinance's definition of "Qualifying Small Business" section (1) to read, "had \$2,500,000 or less in San Francisco Gross Receipts

The Commission shared their appreciation for the opportunity to discuss this matter with the sponsor's office in the public forum. They also asserted the importance of emergency legislation such as this which will provide direct assistance for small businesses responsive to the local emergency.

Thank you for considering the Commission's recommendation. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Director, Office of Small Business

cc: Gordon Mar, Member, Board of Supervisors
Sophia Kittler, Mayor's Liaison to the Board of Supervisors
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