

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Supervisor Rick Richard
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May 20, 2020
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Waiver of Rock County Public Health License Renewal Fees

1 **WHEREAS**, Rock County Health Department imposes annual license renewal fees on a variety of
2 Rock County establishments including restaurants, lodging, campgrounds, mobile home parks, retail
3 food service, body art, pools, and beaches; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, these fees range in amounts up to approximately \$1,000; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, many of these types of businesses were required to close in 2020 due to public health
8 orders related to Covid-19; and
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10 **WHEREAS** these ordered closings have resulted in severe financial hardship for establishment
11 owners, that number 500+ in Rock County; and
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13 **WHEREAS** Rock County has recognized the financial hardship of these establishments by passing
14 and implementing an Emergency Small Business Loan program, targeted to restaurant and related
15 industries; and
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17 **WHEREAS** many Rock County establishments are unable to qualify for a county emergency loan,
18 federal assistance, or unemployment, but still require financial assistance to help alleviate ongoing
19 financial hardships due to loss of revenue as a result of ordered closings.
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21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly
22 assembled this 9th day of July, 2020, does hereby have the Rock County Public Health
23 Department waive or refund the license renewal fees for the fee year of July 2019 to July 2020 of
24 establishments that would normally be charged, or were charged, a license renewal fee in 2020.
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26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the source of funds to cover this resolution will come from the
27 General Fund.
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Respectfully submitted,

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LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 59.01 & 97.41(4)(a). Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 97.41(5), "Agent local health departments shall include the state fees in the license fees established under sub. (4) (a) or (am), collect the state fees, and reimburse the department for the state fees collected." Accordingly, the County may be required to pay the state fees for any license issued covered by the terms of this resolution.

s/Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

FISCAL NOTE:

The waiving/refunding of these fees would cost approximately \$450,000 in lost revenue.

/s/ Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of Policy.

/s/ Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator