

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING CERTAIN VILLAGE BUSINESS LICENSES ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 8 ("BUSINESS LICENSING") OF THE OAK PARK VILLAGE CODE AND WAIVING AND SUSPENDING BUSINESS LICENSE FEES TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE DUE TO THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19 DISEASE

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park ("Village") is a home rule unit of government as provided by the provisions of Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the Village issues certain licenses to operate certain businesses under Chapter 8 ("Business Licensing") of the Oak Park Village Code pursuant to Division 42 ("Powers Over Certain Businesses") of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-42-1 *et seq.*, and its home rule authority; and

WHEREAS, the Village President and Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 20-120 on March 13, 2020 declaring an emergency in the Village due to the outbreak of COVID-19 disease in the State of Illinois through April 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board extended its declaration of emergency in the Village through May 5, 2020 by its adoption of Resolution 20-124 on April 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board further extended its declaration of emergency in the Village through June 1, 2020 by its adoption of Resolution 20-128 on April 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-27-9 of the Village Code provides that the Village may "provide emergency assistance to victims in the case of any manmade or natural disaster;" and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said emergency, the President and Board of Trustees have determined to adopt this Ordinance to provide emergency assistance by extending certain Village business licenses issued pursuant to Chapter 8 ("Business Licensing") of the Oak Park Village Code as set forth herein for any business that was closed during the time Village's declaration of emergency was in effect.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, County of Cook, Illinois, in the exercise of their home rule powers, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The above recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance and shall have the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Certain Business Licenses Extended; Waiver and Suspension of Business License Fees. Notwithstanding any provision of the Oak Park Village Code ("Village Code") to the contrary, Village business licenses issued pursuant to Chapter 8 ("Business Licensing") of

the Oak Park Village Code shall be considered active for any business that was closed during the Village's declaration of an emergency effecting public health due to the outbreak of COVID-19 disease was in effect and did not renew its business license during said time through March 31, 2021. No fee shall be owed to the Village by any affected business for the extension of its license, nor shall any late fee be applicable. The applicable business license fee shall remain in effect for any proposed new business licensee.

Section 3. Severability and Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Effective Date and Repeal. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its approval, passage and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 1st day of June, 2020, pursuant to a roll call vote at follows:

Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
President Abu-Taleb				
Trustee Andrews				
Trustee Boutet				
Trustee Buchanan				
Trustee Moroney				
Trustee Taglia				
Trustee Walker-Peddakotla				

APPROVED this 1st day of June, 2020.

Anan Abu-Taleb, Village President

ATTEST

Vicki Scaman, Village Clerk

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Vicki Scaman, Village Clerk