



# City of Chicago



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## Document Tracking Sheet

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**Sponsor(s):** O'Shea (19)

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**Title:** Call for Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection to refund license fees for period attested to by businesses that did not operate for 30 or more days as result of COVID-19 pandemic Emergency Executive Order No. 2020-1

**Committee(s) Assignment:** Committee on License and Consumer Protection

Licensing

**ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS**, On March 16, 2020, the Governor of Illinois suspended all on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages in Illinois Executive Order 2020-07 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 5); and

**WHEREAS**, On March 20, 2020, the Governor of Illinois required people to stay home and closed non-essential businesses in Illinois Executive Order 2020-10 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 8); and

**WHEREAS**, These Illinois Executive Orders have been continued through Illinois Executive Order 2020-18 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 16) and Illinois Executive Order 2020-32 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 30); and

**WHEREAS**, To address the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 18, 2020, the Mayor issued Emergency Executive Order Number 2020-1, and the Commissioner of Public Health ordered that residents of the City of Chicago stay within their place of residence except in certain specified situations; and

**WHEREAS**, Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Illinois Executive Orders, the taverns and public places of amusement in Chicago have not been able to operate, resulting in hardship to them; now, therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:**

**SECTION 1.** Within 60 days after Emergency Executive Order Number 2020-1 is repealed, any business that paid for a license required by Title 4 of the Municipal Code of Chicago and did not operate for thirty or more days as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic because (i) the business was ordered to close by a gubernatorial order as a non-essential business or (ii) was forced to close because of the number of employees sick with COVID-19, the business may petition the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection for a refund of its license fees during the period it was closed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. After the submission by the business to the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection of an affidavit attesting to the fact that it did not operate during the period as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic because of either reason (i) or reason (ii), the Department shall process and refund the amount of the business license for the period attested to as long as the period attested to is within the period designated by Emergency Executive Order Number 2020-1.

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage and publication.

  
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