

## MUNICIPAL SURVEY ON FINANCIAL RELIEF FOR LICENCED BUSINESSES

Municipality	Response
Guelph	Fees are cost recovery in issuing a licence. Recommendation to Council was not to defer.
London	<p>a) Payment of the required licence fee for new applications for Food Premises business licences was deferred for three months.</p> <p>b) Payment of the required licencing renewal fee for Cab Drivers, Cab Owners, Accessible Cab Owners, Accessible Cab Drivers and Limousine Owners was deferred for three months from the date of the expiry of the current licence.</p>
Oakville	Oakville is providing an extension to all business licences that expire during the COVID emergency until 30 days after there has been a declaration that the emergency has ended by each of the Province of Ontario, Regional Municipality and Town of Oakville.
Oshawa	<p>Initially extended business licences until the end of June which was further extended to the end of July distressed customers asking for reductions or deferrals other than Taxi Drivers wanting to renew their Taxi licences. Taxi licences have been extended until further notice because some drivers have been unable to obtain medical documentation that they are fit, nor are they able to obtain vulnerable sector checks.</p> <p>No new Taxi Driver licences have been issued.</p>
Ottawa	<p>Due dates of expiry dates of licences have been extended to June 30th.</p> <p>There is currently no legislative authority to allow By-law &amp; Regulatory Services (BLRS) to pro-rate or reduce license fees. Council would have to provide that authority by approving a motion or an amendment to the Licencing By-law. If such authority is provided, BLRS will review requests for pro-rated or reduced fees on a case-by-case, category basis, applying criteria accordingly. In the meantime, businesses are encouraged to visit the City's website for information on economic support and recovery.</p>
Toronto	<p>Council has endorsed the CafeTO program foregoing all outdoor patio permit fees for 2020 and also not charging for any new or expanded cafes which are added in this program.</p> <p>Staff has internally recommended scenarios for escalating reductions but did not recommend rebates due to the high costs of doing so. If fees were to be reduced, all invoicing on a go-forward basis will be updated and a credit would be given to those who have paid fully against their next renewal amount. However, to date, no further guidance has been received in relation to fee reductions and the City is now issuing licence renewal notices to all clients – who have not incurred any late fees nor licence cancellations during the shutdown period.</p>
Vaughan	Deferred licencing renewal fees in March until to June but have since been extended that to Sept; no further extensions are planned. New licence applications have been submitted during this time and fees paid accordingly.
City of Waterloo	All upcoming renewal dates were deferred until the end of June with the option to renew online. Further, Council voted to give all licensces a fee reduction equivalent to 3 months free (a 12-month licence pro-rated for 9 months). They chose to do the same with portable sign permits.