



City of Cambridge

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FIRST IN COUNCIL
March 8, 2021

COUNCILLOR NOLAN
COUNCILLOR CARLONE
MAYOR SIDDIQUI
VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has been supportive of small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic and used many creative ways to help business financially and in other ways; and

WHEREAS: Some businesses or entities may not have accessed the many programs available due to technical issues, lack of staff or lack of awareness, and many of the businesses that received support are still struggling; and

WHEREAS: An equitable way to support all small businesses in the city would be to waive fees, while still conducting the regular inspections and granting the necessary permits; and

WHEREAS: [Somerville](#) announced it was seeking to waive numerous fees for the rest of their fiscal year, and Cambridge is in a financial position to support businesses in the same capacity as Somerville; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to submit to the License Commission and any other relevant departments a request to waive all fees for this pandemic year applying to small business in Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That consideration be given to businesses which have already paid these fees this year, and how to ensure equitable application of any waivers granted.

In City Council March 8, 2021.
Order Adopted by a ye and nay vote:-
Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.
Attest:- Anthony I. Wilson, City Clerk

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Anthony I. Wilson, City Clerk