



ORDINANCE NO. 28674

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the License Code; amending Chapter 6B.10 of the
2 Tacoma Municipal Code, General License Provisions, by enacting a new
3 Section 6B.10.077, entitled “Director authority to waive license
4 requirements,” to allow the Finance Director to extend or waive license
5 requirements during an economic recession or declared emergency to
6 mitigate harm to the public health, safety, and welfare.

7 WHEREAS the City’s Licensing Code, Subtitle 6B of the Tacoma
8 Municipal Code (“TMC”), includes regulatory license requirements for specific
9 business industries to ensure the business operates safely and to protect the
10 public health, safety, and welfare, and

11 WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic and “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order
12 issued by the Governor have greatly affected the local economy, and have
13 created a disproportionate impact to small businesses during an economically
14 difficult period, and

15 WHEREAS some local for-hire companies which have seen a large
16 decrease in service requests have contacted the City’s Tax & License Division to
17 inquire whether some of the upcoming for-hire licensing requirements can be
18 waived, and

19 WHEREAS, in an effort to support local businesses, staff is proposing to
20 amend TMC Chapter 6B.10, General License Provisions, by enacting a new
21 Section 6B.10.077, entitled “Director authority to waive license requirements,” to
22 allow the Finance Director to waive or extend license requirements during an
23 economic recession or declared emergency, which would provide some relief to
24
25
26



local businesses which fall under the City's licensing requirements; Now,

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26

Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That Chapter 6B.10 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, General License Provisions, is hereby amended by the addition of a new Section 6B.10.077, entitled "Director authority to waive license requirements," to read as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A."

Section 2. That the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney, is authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

Section 3. That the City Council finds that this Ordinance is necessary, routine, and consistent with Governor Inslee's emergency proclamation issued March 24, 2020, and recently extended, suspending portions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Passed _____

Mayor

Attest: _____

City Clerk

Approved as to form: _____

City Attorney



EXHIBIT "A"

Chapter 6B.10

GENERAL LICENSE PROVISIONS

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26

Sections:

6B.10.010 Subtitle designated as License Code.

6B.10.020 Application of chapter.

6B.10.030 License definitions.

6B.10.040 License required.

6B.10.045 Exemptions for preapproval.

6B.10.050 Separate licenses – When required.

6B.10.060 Application for license.

6B.10.070 Term of license.

6B.10.075 Director to make rules.

6B.10.077 Director authority to waive license requirements.

6B.10.080 Due date.

* * *

* * *

6B.10.077 Director authority to waive license requirements.

When there exists a recognized economic recession or a state of emergency or disaster is declared under Tacoma Municipal Code 1.10 or RCW 43.06.010(12), the Director may waive or extend a license requirement, as the Director deems necessary to mitigate the harm to the public health, safety, and welfare.

* * *