Legislation Text

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AGENDA CAPTION:

Receive a Staff presentation and hold discussion on Food establishment permits and fees during the COVID-19 pandemic response including recommendations to consider quarterly payment plans to assist local food establishments struggling with the impacts of COVID-19. **Meeting date:** April 30, 2020

Department: Neighborhood Enhancement

Amount & Source of Funding

Funds Required: Click or tap here to enter text.Account Number: Click or tap here to enter text.Funds Available: Click or tap here to enter text.Account Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Fiscal Note:

Prior Council Action: Click or tap here to enter text.

<u>City Council Strategic Initiative:</u> [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

Choose an item.

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Comprehensive Plan Element (s): [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu

below]

- Economic Development Choose an item.
- Environment & Resource Protection Choose an item.
- □ Land Use Choose an item.
- □ Neighborhoods & Housing Choose an item.
- □ Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities Choose an item.
- □ Transportation Choose an item.
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□ Not Applicable

<u>Master Plan</u>: [Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)] Choose an item.

Background Information:

At the April 21, 2020 Special City Council meeting, Director Stapp informed Council that the issue related to restaurant inspections and permit fee modifications as a result of COVID-19 closures would be brought to Council for further discussion and direction. Local food establishments, like many other businesses, are feeling the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some food establishments are either shut down or operating under a very limited model. Staff recommends instituting a quarterly payment plan that would allow owners of food establishments to remit permit and inspection fees over time rather than all at once.

Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:

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Alternatives:

Continue with the current practice of requiring full payment of fees.

Recommendation:

Staff is prepared to bring an emergency ordinance to Council on May 5, 2020 if that is the direction of Council.