



# **RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

## **OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA**

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF FISCAL YEAR 20/21 PERMIT FEES FOR BARS, BODY ART FACILITIES, ORGANIZED CAMPS, RESTAURANTS, AND PUBLIC POOLS AND SPAS IN RECOGNITION OF THE UNIQUE IMPACT COVID-19 RELATED PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS AND MANDATED CLOSURES HAVE HAD ON THESE TYPES OF BUSINESSES**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors passed and adopted Resolution 20-063, proclaiming a local emergency in Nevada County due to rapid spread of COVID-19 in the world and neighboring communities, and the potential introduction of COVID-19 in the County of Nevada (Resolution 20-062); and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of California issued a statewide Executive Order, N-33-20, which requires Californians to remain at their home or place of residence, except as necessary to carry out essential activities; and

WHEREAS, subsequent California Department of Public Health (CDPH) orders and guidance have prohibited indoor seating for all restaurants on July 13, 2020 and closed indoor and outdoor seating and service for bars; and

WHEREAS, County of Nevada businesses are currently following the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, which allows for restricted re-opening, with our Tier in Moderate status; and

WHEREAS, bars, body art facilities, organized camps, restaurants, and public pools and spas have been disproportionately impacted by these required closures and restricted re-opening guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the permit fees for these types of facilities is based on their per-person capacity at a time when said capacity was reduced to zero as a result of actions taken in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the provision of assistance to businesses for the payment of permit fees is an ineligible use of Federal CARES Act funds, and therefore ineligible under other actions taken by the County in Resolutions 20-319 and 20-419 to support small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, a simple, online application process is being developed whereby eligible businesses can apply for a waiver of Fiscal Year 20/21 Permit Fees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, hereby authorizes the Environmental Health department to waive FY 20/21 permit fees for eligible businesses in Program/Element codes 1605, 1618, 1619, 1623, 1660, 1669, 1673, 1677, 1679, 1680, 1681, 1701, 1702, 1704, 3606, or 2444 who have satisfied the following criteria:

1. Submitted a complete application no later than close of business 11/30/2020
2. Are in compliance with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations, including but not limited to: State of California Governors Executive Orders and State Department of Public Health Orders.
3. Demonstrate completion of a current COVID-19 Workplace Specific Plan
4. Are in good standing and otherwise current on fees

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any eligible business that meets the criteria defined above, but who has already paid Fiscal Year 20/21 permit fees shall be given the option to receive a refund without service charge or receive a credit toward their Fiscal Year 21/22 permit fees in lieu of a refund of Fiscal Year 20/21 permit fees.