



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
LONDON BREED, MAYOR

OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS
DIRECTOR KATY TANG

March 26, 2024

Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
City Hall Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: BOS File No. 240126 – Extending Waiver of Permit, License, and Business Registration Fees for Certain Small Businesses - SUPPORT

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On March 25, 2024 the Small Business Commission (the Commission) heard BOS File 240126 – Extending Waiver of Permit, License, and Business Registration Fees for Certain Small Businesses. This legislation would extend the First Year Free Program, which waives certain license, permit, and registration fees for new and existing small businesses through June 30, 2025.

Since it began in November 2021, 6,572 businesses have benefitted from fee waivers through the First Year Free Program. The City has waived \$2.92 million in fees since the program started (as of February 2024). The Commission strongly supports the First Year Free Program, which provides financial relief to small businesses at their early stages, when they face significant up-front costs.

At a time of economic revitalization, extending First Year Free will ease the regulatory costs of opening a new small business. The Commission strongly supports this proposal and thanks Mayor Breed for her ongoing support of San Francisco small businesses.

Thank you for considering the Commission's recommendations. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Katy Tang
Director, Office of Small Business