



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
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OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS
DIRECTOR KATY TANG

March 28, 2025

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. 250259 – Business and Tax Regulations Code - Extending Waiver of Permit, License, and Business Registration Fees for Certain Small Businesses - Support

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On March 24, 2025, the Small Business Commission (the Commission) heard BOS File No. 250259 – Business and Tax Regulations Code - Extending Waiver of Permit, License, and Business Registration Fees for Certain Small Businesses.

The legislation would extend the First Year Free Program, which began in November 2021, to support and revive San Francisco small businesses as the City recovered from the pandemic. The program waives the cost of initial registration fees, initial license fees, first-year permit, and other applicable fees for qualifying businesses. The Commission noted how helpful the program has been to date. They also discussed the symbolic message of support that it conveys to new business owners.

The Commission supported the legislation with a 6-0 vote, with one Commissioner absent. Thank you for considering the Commission's recommendations. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katy Tang".

Katy Tang
Director, Office of Small Business