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An Administrative Order
Office of the Mayor
City of Atlanta

Administrative Order No. 2020- 52

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DIRECTING THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO COORDINATE WITH THE INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENSURE THAT THE CITY OF ATLANTA SHALL REFRAIN FROM TAKING ANY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION TO INITIATE DUE CAUSE PROCEEDINGS OR TO OTHERWISE INITIATE THE IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES FOR THE LATE RENEWAL OF AN ALCOHOL LICENSE ISSUED BY THE CITY OF ATLANTA IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 10-109 OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES, FROM JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021.

WHEREAS, like much of the world the United States, the State of Georgia, and the City of Atlanta are currently responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named “SARS-CoV-2” and the disease it causes named “coronavirus disease 2019” (abbreviated “COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States announced a national emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which included two emergency declarations: one under the National Emergencies Act and one under the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020 Governor Brian Kemp signed a public health state of emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic through assisting health and emergency management officials across Georgia by deploying all available resources for the mitigation and treatment of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 16, I declared there to be an emergency in existence within the City of Atlanta pursuant to Section 2-181(a) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp signed an Executive Order to Ensure a Safe and Healthy Georgia (Governor’s Executive Order 04.02.20.01) to address the COVID-19 pandemic by implementing temporary actions necessary and appropriate to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Georgia’s residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, Governor Kemp has issued a series of Executive Orders which amend and revise the temporary action necessary and appropriate to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Georgia’s residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the economy of the City of Atlanta has been severely impacted; and

WHEREAS, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, I have issued a number of Executive and Administrative Orders to help mitigate the negative impacts on those business entities which may experience negative impacts on revenue as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, including Administrative Orders directing the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Atlanta to refrain from taking any action to issue citations or to otherwise impose penalties against any individual or business entity subject to taxation in accordance with Chapter 30, Article III for delinquency on any unpaid tax following the April 1, 2020 deadline; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to OCGA § 3-2-7(a)(1) and Section 10-61 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances all alcohol licenses issued pursuant to the state's alcohol code, including licenses issued by the City of Atlanta, shall expire on December 31 of each year, and all annual alcohol license fees must be paid in advance on or before January 1 of each year; and

WHEREAS, the failure of a licensee to pay their license fee in advance on or before January 1 of each year shall constitute "due cause" for the suspension or for the assessment of a fine in regard to any license pursuant to Section 10-109 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, due to the persistence of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, there remains a critical need to assist the mitigation of the considerable financial hardships resulting therefrom; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, I am hereby directing the Chief Operating Officer to coordinate with the Interim Chief of Police to ensure that the City of Atlanta shall refrain from taking any administrative action to initiate due cause proceedings or to otherwise initiate the imposition of any administrative penalties for the late renewal of an alcohol license by the City of Atlanta in accordance with Section 10-109 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, pursuant to Section 3-104 of the City of Atlanta Charter and Section 2-182(4) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, it is hereby ordered:

That the Chief Operating Officer shall coordinate with the Interim Chief of Police to ensure that the City of Atlanta shall refrain from taking any administrative action to initiate due cause proceedings or to otherwise initiate the imposition of any administrative penalties for the late renewal of an alcohol license by the City of Atlanta in accordance with Section 10-109 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

SO ORDERED, this 31st day of December 2020.



Keisha Lance Bottoms, Mayor

ATTESTED:



Municipal Clerk

Foris Webb, III
Municipal Clerk