

December 17, 2020

Joint Interim Committee on The Third Special Session of 2020
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: LC 10

Co-Chairs Courtney and Kotek,

As mayors in the Portland Metropolitan Area, we see first-hand that our local restaurants are struggling to stay afloat due to the impacts of COVID-19. Many have already had to close their doors.

At present, the high rates of COVID-19 transmission make it unsafe for Oregonians to eat or work in restaurants with in-person dining. Third-party food delivery services like Grub Hub, Door Dash, Uber Eats and others provide a convenient and safe way to order food from restaurants. We are pleased that third-party delivery companies have stepped up to provide an essential service during this difficult time. The problem, however, is that these same companies regularly charge 30% per transaction, regardless of whether the order is for pickup or delivery. Thirty percent is simply too high for most of our local restaurants to pay.

Therefore, we call on you to pass legislation that assists restaurants, including, but not limited to, capping third-party food service delivery fees of more than 10%, banning the pass-through of credit card service fees to restaurants and prohibiting any reduction in compensation to delivery workers in or to compensate for lost fees. The Milwaukie City Council passed Resolution 78-2020 in support of this effort on 12/15/20 and has submitted it as separate testimony.

Thank you for your important work on this issue. We all look forward to the day when we can go back to dining in person. In the meantime, lets make sure we're doing what we can help our restaurants weather the storm.

Sincerely,



Mayor Mark Gamba



City of Milwaukie