

COUNCIL RESOLUTION No. 78-2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, CALLING FOR AN EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION OF THE OREGON STATE LEGISLATURE IN SUPPORT OF RESTAURANTS IMPACTED BY COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS.

WHEREAS, the necessary restrictions of on-site dining during the COVID-19 pandemic have severely impacted restaurants; and

WHEREAS, many restaurants are now almost entirely dependent upon third-party food delivery services for their business; and

WHEREAS, the fees charged by third-party food delivery services may be as high as thirty percent, effectively eliminating a restaurant's ability to profit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukie recognizes the integral role our small businesses play in our community, providing gathering places and sponsoring or supporting many of the events that help define Milwaukie; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukie is deeply committed to supporting its local businesses and restaurants and, to that end, has issued a total of \$252,000 in grants through our Business Relief Fund since the beginning of the pandemic; and

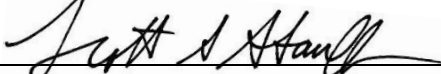
WHEREAS, the city looks forward to further opportunities to invest in and support local businesses through our Construction Excise Tax Fund for Economic Development and Urban Renewal Area Fund, as well as through our ongoing relationship with the Downtown Milwaukie Business Association.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, calls upon the Oregon State Legislature to convene an emergency session in 2020 to address the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The City Council urges the State Legislature to pass legislation to assist restaurants, including, but not limited to, capping third-party food service delivery fees charged to restaurants by third-party delivery services at no more than ten percent; banning the pass-through of credit card service fees by food delivery services to restaurants; and prohibiting any reduction in compensation to delivery workers in order to compensate for fees lost from capping delivery fees.

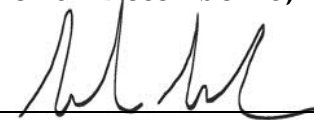
Introduced and adopted by the City Council on **December 15, 2020**.

This resolution is effective immediately.

ATTEST:



Scott S. Stauffer, City Recorder



Mark F. Gamba, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Justin D. Gericke, City Attorney