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## **Saint Paul provides relief to business license holders named in Governor's Order 20-4**

The compliance with Governor Tim Walz's executive orders requiring temporary closure of businesses throughout the state has contributed greatly to the health and safety of our state and our city. The orders also have impacted many Saint Paul businesses, which provide employment opportunities and contribute significantly to the economic vitality of our city.

Recognizing these impacts and the effects of COVID-19 generally on our economy the City of Saint Paul is providing business license fee relief set to take effect immediately.

Mayor Carter has signed Emergency Executive Order [2020-08](#) ordering two types of relief to all affected business license holders listed in the Governor's Order [20-4](#):

- A one-time 25 percent (25%) reduction in a business's next annual license fee; and
- A one-time 90-day extension of the due date for payment of license fees for all business license holders whose renewal date is before August 1, 2020.

Business owners who may have already paid their 2020 annual business license renewal fee will automatically see the same 25 percent discount applied to their 2021 renewal, when it is due.

Cutting business license fees and extending due dates for those business owners who have been most effected by the orders to temporarily close should assist all of us as we move toward economic recovery in our community.

Please call the Department of Safety and Inspections with any questions or suggestions, at 651-266-8989.

Thank you for your efforts to keep our City safe and for choosing to do business in Saint Paul.