

**RESOLUTION**

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**LIVINGSTON COUNTY**

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**Resolution Authorizing the Removal of Food Service License Fees for the Year 2021-Health Department**

**WHEREAS,** each year the Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) charges licensing fees for food service facilities operating in Livingston County which contribute to offset a portion of food program expenses in combination with State funding; and

**WHEREAS,** since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, food service facilities have been disproportionately affected by closures, indoor dining restrictions, and limited capacity; and

**WHEREAS,** many of our food service businesses are struggling financially as a direct result of COVID restrictions; and

**WHEREAS,** in an effort to support our local food service businesses, LCHD is requesting authorization to waive all licensing fee renewals for existing facilities for the year 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** the estimated amount of annual revenue received from licensing fees is \$335,000; and

**WHEREAS,** the reduction of department revenue from the waiver of local fees will be offset by supplemental State and Federal COVID response funding available due to a large portion of Health Department staff reassigned to COVID specific job functions. The current budgeted amount of State and Federal COVID response funding for 2021 is at least \$1,500,000; and

**WHEREAS,** this licensing fee removal will be one-time and non-precedent setting for the 2021 licensing year only.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the Livingston County Health Department to waive food license fee renewals for existing facilities for the year 2021.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners authorize any budget amendment to effectuate the above.

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