

RESOLUTION

NO: 2021-03-031

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE: March 8, 2021

**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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