

DIRECT
INTRODUCTION
LICENSE

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Beginning in late 2019, a new and highly communicable type of Coronavirus, now commonly known as COVID-19, emerged and began to spread rapidly. Despite efforts to contain COVID-19, it continues to spread throughout Chicago and the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 presents an extraordinarily severe and unprecedented threat to the populace of Chicago. It is necessary and appropriate for the City of Chicago ("City") to take immediate measures to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, On March 18, 2020, acting pursuant to Section 2-4-110 of the Municipal Code ("Code"), the Mayor declared that a state of emergency exists in Chicago and issued Emergency Executive Order No. 2020-1, conferring additional temporary authority for certain essential City functions and services; and

WHEREAS, It is vital that City government continue to act swiftly and effectively to help and support our residents and employees during this public health emergency caused by COVID-19 ("Emergency"), including supporting and providing relief for the suffering business community within the City; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of the Code to the contrary, any City-issued license required under Title 4 or Title 9 which expired on or after March 15, 2020 shall be considered active, whether or not renewed by the license holder, while this Section is in effect. No late fee or expiration shall take effect on the license until 30 days after the repeal of this Section. However, this Section does not change the fee for renewal nor have the effect of prorating any fees paid for renewal of a license, nor of changing the renewal date.

SECTION 2. The Commissioner of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection is authorized to defer collection of any fee that is required to be paid by a taxicab or transportation network provider licensee to the City's accessibility fund.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and approval and shall apply retroactively to March 18, 2020, except for Section 1, which applies retroactively to March 15, 2020. In the event of any inconsistency between this ordinance and any Municipal Code provision or other preexisting ordinance, this ordinance shall prevail.

This ordinance shall be repealed of its own accord, without further action of the City Council, upon the earlier of either: (1) June 30, 2020, or (2) the Commissioner of Public Health making a written determination that the threat to public health posed by COVID-19 has diminished to the point that this ordinance can safely be repealed. Following the repeal of this ordinance, the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection is authorized to take appropriate measures to ensure an orderly resumption of routine practice, including, if deemed

appropriate by the Commissioner, providing grace periods of up to 30 days, coupled with notification to affected members of the public.