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AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SEC. 9-23 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REQUIRING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN UNPAID AND DELINQUENT DEBTS AS A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES OR PERMITS BY THE CITY OF APPLETON IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE STATE OF WISCONSIN.

(Finance Committee – 5/6/2020)

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Evers, by Executive Order #72, declared a public health emergency in Wisconsin due to the COVID-19 virus; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the public health emergency, all schools and non-essential businesses have been temporarily closed, and the Governor has issued a “Stay safer at home order” on March 24, 2020 to slow the spread of the virus in the community, reduce the demands on the healthcare system, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the community-wide closures and stay home orders, many city businesses that require certain licenses and permits to operate are facing lost or significantly reduced revenue and economic uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, these same businesses will soon be required to renew licenses and permits which, prior to being issued and in accordance with the requirements in Sec. 9-23 of the Municipal Code, would require payment of certain City outstanding obligations in full prior to issuance; and

WHEREAS, these businesses require the license or permits to operate but, due to ordered closures or substantial limitations, may lack the financial means to immediately payoff outstanding obligations of Sec. 9-23 in order to obtain required licenses or permits and therefore are in need of temporary relief to continue operating; and

WHEREAS, these businesses provide employment and support the local economy and it is in the public’s interest that some temporary relief be provided to allow the businesses to continue to function by temporarily suspending the requirement that certain City outstanding obligations be paid in full as a prerequisite to issuance of the license or permit; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that during the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency declared in Executive Order #72 or until September 30, 2020, whichever occurs later, the required payment of unpaid and delinquent debts as a condition precedent to issuance of any licenses and permits as set forth in Sec. 9-23 of the Municipal Code, with the exception of hotel room taxes, is hereby suspended.

Section 2: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately.

Dated: May 6, 2020

Jacob A. Woodford, Mayor

Kami Lynch, City Clerk

Publication Notice

Please take notice that the City of Appleton enacted ordinance 73-20 TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SEC. 9-23 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REQUIRING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN UNPAID AND DELINQUENT DEBTS AS A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES OR PERMITS BY THE CITY OF APPLETON IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE STATE OF WISCONSIN.

The full text of the ordinance may be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, 100 North Appleton Street, Appleton, WI 54911 and through the City's website at www.appleton.org.