

PROCLAMATION

TEMPORARY EXECUTIVE ORDER CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CITY'S CODE REGARDING FEES FOR NEW BUSINESS LICENSES AND RENEWALS

WHEREAS, formal emergencies have been declared at the National, state, and local levels due to concerns over the global pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus.

WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas has issued a directive closing various businesses, prohibiting dine-in eating at restaurants, and many other businesses have suffered an economic downturn.

WHEREAS, the Mayor has the ex-officio authority to direct enforcement measures of the City's ordinances, resolutions, and codes.

To help ease this burden, I, Mayor Allen E. Scott, will be **suspending certain regulations relating to new and existing business licensing requirements** under the following conditions:

SECTION 1: I am hereby suspending enforcement of certain sections of the City's code regarding the timely payment of business license fees for new businesses and of renewal fees for existing businesses. This suspension of enforcement will be subject to the following specifications and conditions:

1. This order specifically suspends enforcement of the City's code requiring new businesses to pay a fee for a business license and requiring existing businesses to renew their licenses through the payment of a fee. Businesses will be assessed the fee. However, pursuant to this order enforcement of the code on business license fees will not be enforced until July 1, 2020.
2. Under this order, new businesses must still obtain a business license, but they will not be required to pay the associated fee until July 1, 2020.
3. This suspension of enforcement will remain in effect until July 1, 2020, unless withdrawn earlier.

SECTION 2: This order confers no permanent right or entitlement to any business, and the suspension of enforcement is temporary.

SECTION 3: The order is temporary in nature and is done on an emergency basis.

IT IS THEREFORE HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, on this 8th day of April, 2020.



Allen E. Scott, Mayor
City of Bryant, Arkansas