

Councilmember _____ introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION #20-077

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSISTANCE FOR BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY COVID-19

WHEREAS, Governor Walz has issued multiple Executive Orders that partially or fully restrict the ability for some City of Ramsey business to operate; and

WHEREAS, On March 17, 2020, Executive Order 20-04, essentially created Enhanced Social Distancing and closed restaurants, bars and taverns to dine in services, and other retail/sports businesses, resulting the temporary closure for many Ramsey businesses. Sectors identified in 20-04 have been impacted the longest and will continue to be impacted until May 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On April 8, 2020, Executive Order 20-33 further clarified essential/non essential businesses and allowed some businesses previously restricted from operating to go back to work (i.e. landscaping, ag repair support, etc.) but many still remain under restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsey EDA had a special meeting on April 7, 2020 to discuss the impacts to Ramsey Businesses and recommendations were developed to help assist the hardest hit sectors of the business community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, as follows:

- 1) That the City of Ramsey authorize:
 - a. Waiver of 2020 On Sale Liquor License Renewal Fee (City Fees Only)
 - b. Waive Advertising Fees for Ramsey Resident for Ramsey Businesses
 - c. Waive Late Fees for Lease Payments on City owned properties

- 2) The City of Ramsey direct Staff/EDA to explore the following and to bring back for consideration at a later date:
 - a. Short Term
 - i. Marketing Assistance Program
 - ii. Deferral Lease Payments on City owned properties for 60-120 days
 - iii. Gift Card Purchase Program
 - b. Long Term
 - i. Low to No Interest Loan Program

That the motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember _____, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor:

and the following voted against the same:

and the following abstained:

and the following were absent:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this 14th of April, 2020.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk