

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING A REDUCTION OF ALL 2024 CITY OF CREST HILL
BUSINESS LICENSE ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES UNTIL JUNE 1, 2024
PENDING A REVIEW AND AMENDMENT OF THE CITY OF CREST HILL
BUSINESS LICENSE FEE ORDINANCES AND SECTION 5.04.120 OF THE CITY OF
CREST HILL CODE OF ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois, have the authority to adopt resolutions and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to the City's government and affairs and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Crest Hill has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the City of Crest Hill has heretofore adopted a comprehensive set of Ordinances governing businesses and the issuing of business licenses in the City of Crest Hill located in Title 5 BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS Chapters 5.04 through 5.77, including Section 5.04.120 which assesses an administrative penalty of three times the amount of each business license for late application or payment of business license fees; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined to further evaluate the administrative penalties and the potential impact of such an administrative penalty on business owners within the City; and

WHEREAS, to further study and investigate the impact of Section 5.04.120, the Corporate Authorities have determined to offer a one-time reduction in all currently assessed 2024 administrative penalties which have been assessed to businesses in the City which have failed to pay their annual business license fees in violation of the City Code pending the review and possible amendment of Section 5.04.120 and Title 5; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Crest Hill, Illinois, pursuant to its statutory authority, as follows:

SECTION 1: PREAMBLE. The City Council hereby finds that all the recitals contained in the preamble to this Resolution are true, correct, and complete and are hereby incorporated by reference thereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2: CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES TO BE OFFERED AT A REDUCTION. The City Council hereby orders and directs that the City Clerk's office shall not assess any additional administrative penalties or late fees other than the current penalties assessed pursuant to Section 5.04.120 until June 1, 2024, and any administrative penalties assessed prior to

June 1, 2024 shall be offered to businesses which are currently late in obtaining their business licenses, as follows;

- Any business which is currently late in paying its business license fee can obtain its business license after the effective date of this Resolution and March 31, 2024 by paying the required license fee and the administrative penalty, which shall be reduced by seventy-five (75) percent.
- Any business which is currently late in paying its business license fee can obtain its business license after March 31, 2024 and before April 30, 2024 by paying the required license fee and the administrative penalty, which shall be reduced by fifty (50) percent.
- Any business which is currently late in paying its business license fee can obtain its business license after April 30, 2024 and before May 31, 2024 by paying the required license fee and the administrative penalty, which shall be reduced by twenty-five (25) percent.

No administrative citations shall be issued for operating a business without a license until June 1, 2024. Currently issued administrative citations will be dismissed by the City at the administrative hearing if the business has paid its license fee in full along with the reduced administrative penalty.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Resolution is held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution.

SECTION 4: REPEALER. All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, which conflict with the provisions of this Resolution, are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and publication according to law.

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PASSED THIS 4TH DAY OF MARCH 2024.

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Alderman John Vershay	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Scott Dyke	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderwoman Claudia Gazal	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Darrell Jefferson	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderpersion Tina Oberlin	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Mark Cipiti	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Nate Albert	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Joe Kubal	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Raymond R. Soliman	_____	_____	_____	_____

Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS 4TH DAY OF MARCH 2024.

Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk