



Village of Lake in the Hills Press Release

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Lake in the Hills, IL – In an effort to provide some financial relief in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Lake in the Hills Village Board recently passed an ordinance which provisionally amended Chapter 33, “Liquor Control and Liquor Licensing,” and Chapter 37, “Tobacco Control and Tobacco Licensing,” of the Municipal Code.

The amendments made by Ordinance 2020-14 reduced the 2020-2021 liquor, video gaming, and tobacco license fees by 50% and also extended payment due dates to July 31, 2020. This translates to a \$35,975 relief package for restaurants, cafes, and other businesses holding these license types that have been impacted by the stay-at-home order. Businesses that had already paid renewal fees for the 2020-2021 license term were refunded 50% of their payment.

To coincide with the extensions granted for liquor, tobacco and video gaming renewals, the 2020-2021 business license renewals and payments have also been extended to July 31, 2020.

“Throughout this entire situation, we’ll be looking at reasonable ways that the Village can provide assistance to our community. Businesses aren’t necessarily able to use these types of licenses how they normally would, so this was a unanimous decision for our Village Board,” said Village President Russ Ruzanski. “We’ve also provided water billing relief for businesses and residents by extending the suspension of late payment fees and water shutoffs through the May stay-at-home order.”

The one-time license fee reduction and payment due date extension did not extend the timeframe for submitting applications for renewal of annual liquor, video gaming, and tobacco licenses. All license holders were still required to submit their applications by May 1, 2020, and are permitted to their make payment until no later than July 31, 2020.

On Thursday evening at 7:30pm on May 7, 2020, the Lake in the Hills Village Board will hold a remote ad hoc meeting regarding recent COVID-19 updates and further discuss the Village’s response. The Village Board will continue to seek ways to assist residents and businesses throughout the entire pandemic. Meeting information is available at lith.org/meetings.

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