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Subject: Re: Review of Business Licensing Fees - Budget Committee Meeting April 28, 2021
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Please include the following in the meetings of the week of April 26-30 regarding Council's and the Budget Committee's discussions regarding licensing fees.

To: Mayor Crombie and City Councillors:

Staff are recommending that there should be no reductions in licensing fees for 2021 and 2022.

Mr. Rogers' power point presentation clearly states that other jurisdictions have offered the Vehicle For Hire industry a break on this year's fees. I cannot imagine what the City is thinking if it cannot offer an industry that has been hard hit by Covid 19 deaths, rocketing insurance rates, and plummeting business volume from the restaurant, travel and convention trades which are the backbone of the Mississauga industry. The VFH industry contributes the largest portion of licensing fees to the City, and it would seem to make sense to offer short term help for the long term health of the industry.

The City of Brampton and Metro Toronto are offering many businesses a break on licensing fees this year, not just for the taxi industry. Mr. Rogers is suggesting that discounts are in fact reasonable, but that the Provincial Government should be the jurisdiction offering rebates. The costs of administering this type of program on an individual business case by case application would far outweigh the costs of just having the City discount all fees, and then apply to the Provincial Government for supporting funding.

Thanking you in advance for your support of all licensed business in Mississauga.

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