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## Yolo County Announces Restaurant Fee Waiver

(Woodland, CA) – In an ongoing effort to support local businesses, Yolo County is launching a restaurant fee waiver program to assist local businesses impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Yolo County understands that businesses are part of the backbone of every community and have faced immense hardships during this pandemic. This program will provide waivers for eligible restaurants, bars, restaurant/bar combinations and bakeries who are renewing their yearly permit fees with the Yolo County Environmental Health Division. Businesses that have already paid their permit fee renewals between July 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021 can receive a refund through the program.

To apply for the fee waiver, businesses must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- The business is a permitted business by the Yolo County Environmental Health Division that has or will pay fees for permit renewal for the period of July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.
- The business is permitted or will renew their permit as a restaurant, bar, restaurant/bar combination, or bakery.
- The business was previously permitted and is not a newly permitted business (permitted in the prior year of July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020).
- The business has experienced a revenue loss associated with COVID-19 which is greater than 25% of gross revenues.

Eligible businesses can access the application at [www.yolocounty.org/environmental-health](http://www.yolocounty.org/environmental-health) and must apply between February 5, 2021 and June 30, 2021. All applications must include the following documentation:

- A current copy of your W-9.
- A copy of receipt or invoice for fees previously paid between July 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021 (if requesting a refund for a permit fee already paid)
- Documentation of revenue loss due to COVID-19 consisting of accounting or tax records comparing at least one quarter of gross revenues in calendar year 2020 compared to the corresponding quarter in the prior year.

“Our restaurants, bars and bakeries are struggling to stay open due to various health restrictions since the beginning of the pandemic. Every time the state strengthens health requirements for restaurants, costs are incurred, and business is lost,” said Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors Jim Provenza. “The Board of Supervisors approved a temporary waiver of county health permit fees for restaurants, bars, and bakeries, up to a total of \$200,000, using COVID contingency funds. We appreciate everything our restaurants have done to protect the community and are happy to provide some additional relief.”

For additional information regarding the Restaurant Fee Waiver Program visit [www.yolocounty.org/enviromental-health](http://www.yolocounty.org/enviromental-health) or call (530) 666-8646. For information regarding COVID-19 visit: <http://www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus>. For updates, follow Yolo County on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/YoloCounty/> or Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/YoloCountyCA>.

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