

**AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE GRACE PERIOD FOR
2024 BUSINESS LICENSE AND REGISTRATION RENEWALS**

WHEREAS, the City of Rolling Meadows, as a home rule unit of local government as provided by Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, has the authority to exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs including the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Rolling Meadows Municipal Code, many types of businesses are required to annually obtain a City business license; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 42, Article VII of the Rolling Meadows Municipal Code, certain types of businesses that are not required to be licensed must still annually register with the City in order to allow for fire prevention inspections; and

WHEREAS, Sections 22-39 and 42-260 each impose a 100 percent late fee upon a business that fails to renew their license or registration by January 1, and further provide that the business failing to do so may be referred to a collection agency starting on or after January 15; and

WHEREAS, due to technical issues, the City was delayed by approximately 30 days in mailing annual renewal reminders, as it typically does at the start of the month of November; and

WHEREAS, while the City is not required to give businesses a reminder notice, the City desires to minimize any inconvenience by extending by one month the grace period where no late fee applies to a late renewal; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the City of Rolling Meadows have therefore determined that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to extend the grace period for business license and registration renewals for calendar year 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Rolling Meadows, Illinois:

Section 1: The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference as the findings of the Corporate Authorities.

Section 2: Notwithstanding Sections 22-39 or 42-260, or any other contrary provision of the Rolling Meadows Municipal Code, no late fee will be assessed until February 1, 2024 for failure to renew a business license or fire registration expiring December 31, 2023. No business will be prosecuted or referred to a collection agency for failure to renew such a license until February 15, 2024.

Section 3: If any provision of this Ordinance or part thereof is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, and shall be interpreted, applied, and enforced so as to achieve, as near as may be, the purpose and intent of this Ordinance to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form in the manner provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of Rolling Meadows, Cook County, Illinois this 19th day of December, 2023.

AYES: McHale, Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Boucher, Koehler

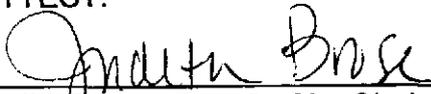
NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Reyez



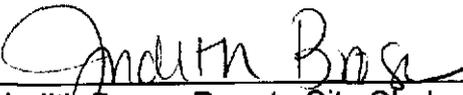
Lara Sanoica, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judith Brose, Deputy City Clerk

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