

Resolution No. 2019-39

A Resolution to provide for a City Business License fee waiver for new businesses operating in properties located within the Downtown Development District.

WHEREAS, under the Downtown Development Districts Act, *22 Del.C. §§ 1901 et seq.* (the “Act”), the State of Delaware may designate districts within Delaware’s cities, towns, and unincorporated areas that will qualify for significant development incentives and other State benefits; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the City of New Castle (the “City”) was designated as a Downtown Development District (“DDD”) on August 19th, 2019; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of said designation, the City committed to enacting various “local incentives” to help achieve the purposes set forth in the Act; and

WHEREAS, one of the local incentives included in the City’s application to receive the DDD designation involved waiving City Business License fees for new businesses operating in properties located within the DDD;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

That portion of Section A239-4 of the City Code setting Business License fees is hereby amended to state as follows:

§A239-4 Other Charges.

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Chapter	Type	Fee
§156-5	Business License	
	1-3 Employees	\$50.00/yr.
	4-8 Employees	\$90.00/yr.
	9-20 Employees	\$210.00/yr.
	21+ Employees	\$360.00/yr.

Notwithstanding the foregoing fee schedule:

- (1) the business license fee requirement shall be waived for the first twelve (12) months of operation for any business newly established in an existing building located in that portion of the City designated as a “Downtown Development District *22 Del.C. §§ 1901 et seq.*

- (2) the business license fee requirement shall be waived for the first thirty-six (36) months of operation for any business newly established in a building newly constructed for purposes of housing that business and located in that portion of the City designated as a “Downtown Development District 22 *Del.C. §§ 1901 et seq.*
- (3) The business license fee waivers described in paragraphs (1) and (2) above shall remain valid for only as long as the City’s DDD program remains certified by the State of Delaware.

Passed this 8th day of October, 2019

Linda Ratchford, City Council President

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Attest:

Brian Whitaker, City Clerk.