



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 3.

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**RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: FEBRUARY 4, 2019**

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY  
DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

Consent  Discussion

**SUBJECT:**

Bill No. 2019-1 - For possible action. Authorizes, on a temporary basis, the waiver of certain business license-related fees and charges for qualifying new businesses to be established within the Las Vegas Medical District. Sponsored by: Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian

**Fiscal Impact**

- No Impact  Augmentation Required
- Budget Funds Available

**Amount:**  
**Funding Source:**  
**Dept./Division:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

This bill will authorize, on a temporary basis, the waiver of certain business license-related fees and charges for qualifying new businesses to be established within the Las Vegas Medical District. The bill is designed to encourage within the District the kinds of businesses that are consistent with and support the vision and purpose of the District.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

Bill No. 2019-1

Motion made by MICHELE FIORE to Approve as Do Pass

Passed For: 3; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0  
BOB COFFIN, STAVROS S. ANTHONY, MICHELE FIORE; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

**Minutes:**

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY declared the Public Hearing open.

ROBERT SUMMERFIELD, Planning Director, stated the proposed bill is a component piece of a larger program in the Medical District, similar to what was done in the Fremont East District with Tavern Limited and Urban Lounges where the Council approved the ability to waive some fees to get those businesses started in the Entertainment District. The Department of Economic

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and Urban Development (EUD) conducted a study to identify gaps in terms of what businesses are missing that would help it to become a full-fledged Medical District.

COUNCILMAN COFFIN questioned only listing what is allowed in the bill and not what might come along which would result in a text amendment. MR. SUMMERFIELD reiterated staff did an analysis in terms of which businesses were missing in the Medical District, and these specific license categories are listed in this bill. Staff does not anticipate adding any license categories to the list over the next two years, which is the expected length of the program.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TOM PERRIGO commented what COUNCILMAN COFFIN was referencing was with regard to the Arts District and that contained language that restricted certain things while the proposed language allows for a discount to provide an incentive for businesses in that area.

COUNCILMAN COFFIN wondered if this would conflict with the Form-Based Code. MR. SUMMERFIELD responded this is different in that it is not a land use piece; it is simply incentivizing businesses. Under the Form-Based Code, something should be allowed if it fits. What the proposed bill says is that for businesses that have not previously been located in the Medical District for any reason, as part of an incentive program, the City will provide incentives for physical improvements to space, this will help offset costs for those startups businesses to get licensed within the District. It is a compliment to some of the programs that already exist through EUD.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY asked if the ordinance stated it would last two years. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DEBOCAK pointed out where in the bill the timeframe was identified. He confirmed it would have to go back to the Council if they wished to go beyond that time period. COUNCILMAN ANTHONY thought this was a great ordinance and appreciated it being business friendly.

The Councilman announced this item would move forward to the February 20th Council meeting for approval.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY declared the Public Hearing closed.