



**City of Las Vegas
Disaster Assistance Response to COVID-19
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**Summary of Vegas Chamber Conference Call with
Las Vegas City Councilwoman Olivia Diaz and Councilman Brian Knudsen**

Can I call the City of Las Vegas to find out if my business is considered essential or non-essential per the Governor's directive? Yes, you can contact Business Licensing at (702) 229-6281 or email at license@lasvegasnevada.gov.

What are some of actions taken by the City of Las Vegas to help businesses that are licensed by the City? Here are some options that have already being offered to businesses:

- 60-day grace period for business license renewals with due dates of March 1 or April 1.
- Options to close general or privileged licenses with no cost to reinstate them
- A liquor license option to pay a reduced fee during the temporary closure
- A gaming license option to pay a reduced fee during the temporary closure
- An ongoing acceptance of applications during this time

Will the City allow the reopening of non-essential businesses before April 16? No, unless the directive changes from the Governor, all non-essential businesses will remain closed. If that timeline changes, we will adjust at the City and work with business owners on the re-opening process.

Is there assistance for businesses that need to lay off workers or shut down because of COVID-19? Yes, through the State of Nevada's Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) office. Rapid Response assists employers that need to lay off employees or shut down their businesses. Please email detrinfo@detr.nv.gov for more information.

Many businesses are prevented from delivery as a small business with alcohol. Is this on the radar for City Council? Yes, it something that the City Council is exploring so small businesses can deliver alcohol, but it also needs to work in conjunction with the Governor's directives.

What is happening with security in the downtown area? The City Council is working with Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to respond to graffiti and break-ins in the downtown business districts. The City has tasked the City Marshals with providing an increased security presence in the downtown core. Metro has agreed to increase the priority of patrols in the Arts District. The City is also considering options to reassign certain City employees to support roles to bolster security efforts.



Is there a program to help businesses with security costs? Yes, the City has a program that will reimburse a business up to \$2,000 for security costs associated with the COVID-19 shutdown of non-essential businesses.

What can be done about rent abatements for businesses? Usually there are unavoidable delays clauses in leasing agreements that include “Acts of God”. It is recommended that you have your attorney review your lease and contact your landlord.

What can landlords offer tenants for assistance? We want to encourage small businesses to look at the SBA loans that are currently being offered for disaster loan assistance. Loans are available to up to \$2 million over a 30-year term. Loans under \$25,000 do not require collateral. <https://www.sba.gov/disaster>

Are evictions for businesses being halted? Are there any protections against late fees? The City does not have the legal authority to supersede existing leases and contracts. This is a legal issue between business tenant and landlord. You should refer to your lease and your attorney. The City cannot overstep what you have already signed in your lease agreement.

How do independent contractors find relief or assistance? Independent contractors should file for unemployment benefits with the State of Nevada.

For additional information, please contact the City of Las Vegas at (702) 229-6281 or go to <https://www.lasvegasnevada.gov/News/Blog/Detail/corona-virus-update>.

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