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## During COVID-19 City Implements Measures to Assist Businesses

**PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA, March 27, 2020** – With the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19), we have been challenged as never before to demonstrate what it means to be a community. From households to businesses, many in our city are struggling and will soon be facing hardship.

Although some will be impacted more than others, we will all be hurt if there are vacant storefronts and empty office buildings. To assist the business community, the Mayor and Council have approved several measures to help businesses by:

- Implementing a 60-day deferral period on all business license fees. The annual fees, normally due by March 31, are now due May 31. There will be no penalty fees assessed during this period.
- Temporarily waiving the convenience fees charged for online and/or internet payments of business license fees.
- Deferring payment of alcohol excise tax for 60 days. No penalty fees will be assessed during this period.

Additionally, the city is asking landlords to join the city as Community Partners by offering tenants a 60-day deferral on rent payments and banks to work with their customers by offering a 60-day penalty-free deferral on loan payments.

To identify and showcase our Community Partners, the city is creating a page on its website to identify and showcase its Partners and will promote those who help our community during these difficult times. Those that can help in any way, will be included as a Peachtree Corners Community Partner

“None of us in our lifetime have encountered the circumstances we are now facing,” said Mayor Mike Mason. “Be assured the Council and I are committed to doing everything we can as a city to ensure all who live and work here are safe. And we are committed to doing all we can do to ensure our businesses survive and are able to return to operating as they were before the outbreak of the coronavirus.”

For questions regarding business licenses, or alcohol excise tax fees, please contact City Hall at 678-691-1200.

The Peachtree Corners City Council has pledged to do all that can be done to protect the city's residents and to ensure our business community continues to thrive. Please join us in supporting our local businesses.

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