



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
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OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS
DIRECTOR KATY TANG

February 27, 2026

Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
City Hall Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: BOS File 260118 – Extending Waiver of Permit, License, and Business Registration Fees for Certain Small Businesses - Support

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On February 23, 2026, the Small Business Commission (the Commission) heard BOS File 260118 – Extending Waiver of Permit, License, and Business Registration Fees for Certain Small Businesses. Lorenzo Rosas, Legislative Director for Supervisor Sherrill, presented the legislation, which would extend the First Year Free program for an additional year. The First Year Free Program supports new businesses in San Francisco by waiving the costs of initial license and permit fees for qualifying businesses.

The Commission noted that new businesses face significant up-front costs, and First Year Free helps to alleviate those financial challenges. It also sends a positive message to new and prospective business owners that encourages them to locate in San Francisco. The Commission voted to support this legislation with four aye votes and three absences. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katy Tang".

Katy Tang
Director, Office of Small Business