



PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 20-04

FOR

THE CITY OF LEWISTON

**SECURITY OFFICER, ARMORED CAR DELIVERY, TAXICAB, AND
VEHICLE FOR HIRE SERVICES**

FINGERPRINTING REQUIREMENTS AND BUSINESS LICENSE LATE FEES

April 20, 2020

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) to be a pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Mayor Michael Collins, with the approval of the City Council, through Resolution 2020-14, declared a local disaster emergency exists in the City of Lewiston due to the occurrence and imminent threat to public health and safety arising from the effects of COVID-19 and appointed the Lewiston City Manager as the Director of Civil Defense pursuant to Lewiston City Code § 12-6;

WHEREAS, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, fingerprinting by law enforcement for purposes of criminal history records information checks has been suspended;

WHEREAS, Lewiston City Code sections 21-98 and 34-2(b) require fingerprinting for criminal history records information checks and related business licensing for security officers and armored car delivery services and for taxicab and vehicle for hire services, respectively, in order to protect the public;

WHEREAS, the City of Lewiston recognizes the importance of balancing the need for public safety with the ability of security officers, armored car delivery, taxicab, and vehicle for hire services to provide their services to the local community;

WHEREAS, the City of Lewiston, in consultation with the Chief of Police, determines that the continued licensing of security officers, armored car delivery, taxicab, and vehicle for hire services by delaying criminal history checks until fingerprinting is available is, temporarily, in the best interest of the community;

WHEREAS, Lewiston City Code section 21-29 sets for the penalty for failure to timely pay a license fee;

WHEREAS, there is and will be significant potential for economic hardship during and following the COVID-19 pandemic, which hardship might affect the ability of local businesses of the City of Lewiston to timely pay their business license fees;

WHEREAS, the City of Lewiston wants to assist local businesses in this time of economic hardship by waiving late fees for untimely payment of business license fees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 12-27 of the Lewiston City Code, the Director of Civil Defense has the authority to suspend City ordinances, or portions thereof, as the Director deems necessary and advisable given the specific public health emergency and in consideration of the health of City employees and the general public.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alan Nygaard, City Manager and Director of Civil Defense of the City of Lewiston, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Lewiston City Code § 12-27, hereby order as follows:

1. **Suspension of Required Fingerprinting:** The fingerprinting required by Lewiston City Code sections 21-98 and 34-2(b) for security officers, armored car delivery, taxicab, and vehicle for hire services is hereby suspended; provided, however, such businesses shall comply with the fingerprinting requirements set forth in Lewiston City Code sections 21-98 and 34-2(b) once law enforcement resumes fingerprinting services. In the event that a criminal history check returns information that would have disqualified the licensee from obtaining such business license, the City may suspend or revoke the business license in accordance with Lewiston City Code sections 21-94 or 34-9, whichever is applicable.
2. **Business License Late Fees:** No late fee shall accrue or be due and payable during the period that this Order is in effect for failure to timely pay a City of Lewiston business license fee, as set forth in Lewiston City Code section 21-29.
3. **Notice of Order:** A copy of this Order shall be posted on or near the front door of Lewiston City Hall, on the City's website, and on the City's social media accounts. Additionally, a copy of this order shall be e-mailed to all persons subscribed to the City's e-mail notification services and provided to the Lewiston City Council, the City Attorney, the Fire Chief, the Chief of Police, the Nez Perce Board of County Commissioners, the Nez Perce County Sheriff, the Nez Perce County Prosecutor, and all news media that have requested notification of such orders.

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4. **Duration of Order:** This Order shall take effect on April 20, 2020 and shall remain in effect until rescinded, superseded, amended, or vetoed, or until the City of Lewiston Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency is terminated, whichever occurs first.

ISSUED this 20th day of April 2020.

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE



Alan Nygaard, City Manager, City of Lewiston