

Licence Categories to Amend

Initiative	Explanation	Customer Benefit
<p>Remove Police Information Check (PIC) requirement on low-risk categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertiser Canvasser or Distributor • Amusement Arcade • Market • Trade Show 	<p>Upon review of the requirements for licence categories, these business types are deemed to be low-risk and therefore the requirement for a PIC can be waived.</p>	<p>\$65 savings (per owner) for new businesses.</p>
<p>Remove PIC requirement on categories that require a PIC through a provincial approval (ie. AGLC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannabis Store • Alcohol Beverage Sales • Liquor Store • Distribution Manager 	<p>These categories are subject to a PIC through a provincial approval, therefore the requirement for Business Licensing to perform one is redundant.</p>	<p>\$65 savings (per owner) for new businesses.</p>
<p>Allow businesses with a low fire-risk to open prior to Fire Approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertising Canvasser or Distributor • Alarm Agency • Amusement Arcade • Bicycle Courier Agencies • Cannabis Store • Dating and escort agency • Distribution Manager • Electronic Repair Shop • Kennel Service/Pet Dealer • Liquor Store • Massage Centre • Payday Lender • Personal Service • Photographer • Psychic Practitioner • Retail Dealer • Security Consulting Agency • Tobacco Retailer 	<p>These licence types pose a low fire-risk. The Calgary Fire Department is comfortable with a Business Licence being issued prior to the completion of a Fire Inspection.</p>	<p>This will save customers time when opening a business, allowing them to open sooner.</p>

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Eliminate Home Occupation Class 1 Requirement	For low-impact, home based businesses that meet all applicable rules for a Home Occupation Class 1, automatically approve the Land Use Approval for the Business Licence.	\$54 savings (fee associated with Home Occupation Class 1).
Full Service Food Vehicles (Food Trucks) – Streamline process for Food Trucks operating on private property only	Food Trucks are currently required to obtain a public liability insurance policy and provide an Indemnification Agreement to cover activity occurring in the Road Right-of-Way. Since some FSFVs operate only on Private Property, we propose that these vehicles are exempt from those requirements.	This will save the customer time, eliminate the need for attendance at City Hall to sign the indemnification agreement and likely save in insurance costs.
Street Use Permit for Food Trucks	Food Trucks require an additional permit to operate on a street: a “Street Use Permit”. We propose to coordinate these permits with the Business Licence in order to streamline processes.	This will save time for customers.

Licence Categories to Remove

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Remove Office Building Operator Category	An Office Building Operator licence is required for any office building over 2 stories. This category of licence is low-risk and is not problematic from an enforcement perspective. We propose to no longer require a licence for this category.	This will save customers \$191 for a new licence and \$146 for licence renewal.
Remove Christmas Tree Vendor Category	There is little to no risk in allowing this activity on parcels where retail is already approved.	This will save customers \$191 for a new licence and \$146 for licence renewal.
Remove Electronic Repair Shop Category	This category is obsolete and does not capture computer, cell phone or iPad repair.	
Remove requirement for moving companies to obtain a Retail Licence for the sale of moving boxes	Moving companies do not require a Business Licence, however if they sell boxes or packaging supplies, they are required to obtain a Retail Business Licence. As the sale of boxes and packaging is ancillary to the business, we propose to remove this requirement.	This will save customers \$191 for a new licence and \$146 for licence renewal.

Licence Fee Reductions

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Reduce Business Licence Fees By 10 per cent	Reduce fees by 10 per cent and freeze at this level until 2022.	This will save all customers \$19 on new licences and \$15 on renewals.
Remove Licence Fees for business moves.	Currently, if a business moves their business location, new applicable fees are charged to the customer. Administration is proposing to remove the licence fee for moves.	This will save customers \$191 on business moves.
Remove Replacement Licence Fee	We propose to waive the fee associated with replacing a lost Business Licence.	This will save customers \$36.
Remove Licence Fee to add categories	Currently, to add a new licence category to an existing business, a licence fee is charged. We propose to waive this fee.	This will save customers \$36.