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Dear HAWDC Member:

Below, please find updates that are aimed at providing some economic relief to your operations, as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering designated states and territories low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The federal government has accepted Mayor Bowser's Economic Injury Relief Declaration. As such, District small businesses can apply for relief at disasterloan.sba.gov. Your hotel may qualify as a small business if it has annual revenue of not more than \$32.5 million.

SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans offer up to \$2 million in assistance per small business and can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing.

These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses without credit available elsewhere; businesses with credit available elsewhere are not eligible.

SBA offers loans with long-term repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of 30 years. Terms are

determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each borrower's ability to repay.

For additional information, please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center. Call 1-800-659-2955 (TTY: 1-800-877-8339) or e-mail disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Ninety (90) Day Property Tax Deferral

As a reminder, the District Council passed Emergency Legislation yesterday to help provide relief to District businesses and employees. **The law provides a ninety (90) day property tax deferral: extends March 31st real property tax payments for hotels to June 30th.**

ABRA Relief

Part of the Emergency Legislation also includes a provision that allows ABC-licensed restaurants and taverns to sell beer, wine, and spirits in closed containers for carry-out and/or delivery to DC residences in conjunction with the purchase of one or more prepared food items.

Before an eligible restaurant or tavern may sell beer, wine, and spirits in closed containers for carry-out and delivery, they must register with ABRA-no exceptions. Registration can be completed in five (5) minutes or less.

Required information includes:

- Licensee First Name
- Licensee Last Name
- Establishment Name
- License Number
- License Class
- Street Address
- Postal Code
- Quadrant

Once a form has been submitted, the program registrant will receive a confirmation email within minutes. No further action is required and the ABC-licensed restaurant or tavern can commence selling beer, wine, and spirits in closed containers for carry-out and/or delivery with prepared food immediately after receiving the confirmation email.

If no confirmation email is received, the licensee should contact ABRA's licensing division at (202) 442-4423.

There is no fee to register or participate. Click [here](#) to register.

For more information regarding the virus please go to <https://coronavirus.dc.gov> or the CDC's website by clicking [here](#).

HAWDC will continue to share additional updates as they become available.

Regards,
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