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Authorizing Public Health Madison and Dane County to Provide a 30% Credit to Licensed Establishments for the 2021 – 2022 Licensing Year due to the Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic and Response

Public Health-Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) has been providing services through the Licensed Establishment Program for decades. Normally, PHMDC Sanitarians are able to conduct annual inspections and also provide ongoing consultation for our retail food, swimming pools, hotels, body art, and tourist rooming homes.

PHMDC is a local health department statutorily required to respond to public health emergencies; and a pandemic was declared on March 11, 2020 for COVID 19 and PHMDC has been responding to this pandemic. Public Health staff have been reassigned to assist with the pandemic response in Dane County. Sanitarians were deployed to support businesses, contact tracing, testing and vaccination; and sanitarians that were reassigned were not able to provide a level of service that is normally provided to licensed establishments in Dane County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that effective on May 15, 2021, for the 2021-22 licensed establishment renewals, the Public Health Department is authorized to invoice a 30% Covid-19 credit to all PHMDC licensed establishments that renew their licensed for 2021-22. These licenses are associated with food and drink establishments, tattoo and body piercing, hotels and tourist rooming houses, campgrounds and recreational campgrounds. Excluded are school and temporary food establishment licenses.