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City of Black Hawk responds to COVID-19 outbreak Black Hawk waives \$700k in fees in response to casino closures

March 18, 2020, The City of Black Hawk remains open during the COVID-19 outbreak and will continue to work with its regional partners as well as the Governor's Office to protect the health of its citizens and employees. Following Governor Polis' executive order to close casinos and other social spaces, the City of Black Hawk is announcing it will waive nearly \$700 thousand in casino fees to alleviate a portion of the economic loss for the City's primary revenue producers.

In addition to waiving casino fees, City of Black Hawk Mayor David Spellman signed an emergency disaster declaration on Wednesday which will allow the City access to critical resources amidst the COVID-19 outbreak.

During the 2009 H1N1 swine flu outbreak, the City took extraordinary measures to combat the spread of the virus, preparing them for future outbreaks like COVID-19. In addition to promoting practical prevention like frequently washing hands with warm water and soap, the City has also implemented the following procedures to help prevent the potential spread of the virus:

- The public will have limited access to city building foyers, but will not have direct contact with city employees.
- City employees will continue to use social distancing while working in their decentralized department buildings. Most buildings have fewer than 10 people.
- All first responders are equipped with protective masks.
- City Council meetings will take place on video conferencing through April. The public can log onto CityOfBlackHawk.org and navigate to the City Council portion of the site to watch.
- The shuttle between Black Hawk and Central City is closed until further notice.

Although these are difficult times, the City of Black Hawk-- Colorado's premier gaming resort destination-- will emerge stronger than ever. The Gregory Street Plaza restoration and trail construction on Maryland Mountain projects both remain on track. The City remains committed to preserving its past and taking action in the present to bolster its future.

"Black Hawk has seen many trials and tribulations in the City's 160-year history," said Spellman. "By coming together in this unprecedented time, we will make it through this challenge with the same frontier soul and indomitable spirit as the brave pioneers that have come before us."

STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF GILPIN
CITY OF BLACK HAWK

Resolution No. 24-2020

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION FORGIVING CERTAIN DEVICE TAXES FOR THE
MONTH OF MARCH 2020, PAYABLE IN APRIL OF 2020**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.* (the "Act"), the Mayor of the City of Black Hawk (the "City") has issued an Order Declaring a Local Disaster Emergency in and for the City of Black Hawk, Colorado because of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has further ordered that casinos across the State of Colorado be closed for a period of thirty (30) days, beginning March 17, 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the City desires to assist the gaming industry in the challenging times created by the necessary response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, as a demonstration of its continuing support and appreciation of the gaming industry, the City desires to forgive the Device Tax for all devices in the City for the month of March 2020, payable in April of 2020.

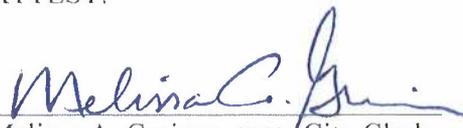
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK HAWK, COLORADO, THAT:

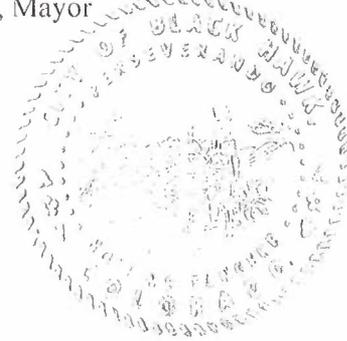
Section 1. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen hereby resolve to forgive the payment of the City's Device Tax in full for the month of March 2020, payable in April 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

RESOLVED AND PASSED this 18th day of March, 2020.


David D. Spellman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Melissa A. Greiner, CMC City Clerk



**STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF GILPIN
CITY OF BLACK HAWK**

Resolution No. 35-2020

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION FORGIVING CERTAIN DEVICE TAXES FOR
THE MONTH OF APRIL 2020, PAYABLE IN MAY OF 2020 AND
DEFERRING CERTAIN WATER FEES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. 24-33.5-701, *et seq.* (the "Act"), the Mayor of the City of Black Hawk (the "City") has issued an Order Declaring a Local Disaster Emergency in and for the City of Black Hawk, Colorado because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and such order has been extended by the City Council;

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has further ordered that casinos across the State of Colorado be closed for a period of thirty (30) days, beginning March 17, 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the City desires to assist the gaming industry in the challenging times created by the necessary response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, as a demonstration of its continuing support and appreciation of the gaming industry the City forgave the Device Tax for all devices in the City for the month of March 2020, payable in April 2020;

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has further ordered that casinos across the State of Colorado remain closed through April 30, 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the financial hardship to the gaming industry continues, as the necessary response to the COVID-19 pandemic, therefore the City desires to grant further relief to the gaming industry by forgiving the Device Tax for all devices in the City for the month of April 2020, payable May 2020;

WHEREAS, the City desires to additionally assist the gaming industry in this financially challenging time by deferring the collection of the Base Water Fees and Consumption Fees for all gaming properties within the City for the months of March 2020 and April 2020;

WHEREAS, to implement deferring of the collection of the Base Water Fees and Consumption Fees, the City shall average the deferred fees over the remaining months of 2020 and invoice accordingly, and the City will not charge any late payment fees or interest on such deferred fees; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to unequivocally demonstrate to existing gaming companies within the City and gaming companies that would consider investing in the City in the future, that the City is a responsible and reliable partner in times of unprecedented challenges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK HAWK, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The Mayor and Board of Alderman hereby resolve to forgive the payment of the City's Device Tax in full for the month of April 2020, payable in May 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 2. The Mayor and Board of Alderman hereby resolve to defer the Base Water Fees and Consumption Fees for the months of March 2020 and April 2020, payable over the remaining months of 2020, without late fees or interest on such deferred fees, because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

RESOLVED AND PASSED this 8th day of April, 2020.



David D. Spellman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa A. Greiner, CMC, City Clerk

