

## OPTIONS FOR NEW BUSINESS LICENCE FEE STRUCTURE:

### **OPTION #1**

This option contemplates a minimal fee (\$50) for all new business licences and business licence renewals. Temporary licences would not be contemplated with this fee structure. Pro-rated fees would not be offered if a licence was obtained part way through the year and pro-rated refunds would not be issued if a business licence was cancelled part way through the year.

<b>FEE STRUCTURE OPTION #1</b>	
Business Type	Fee
all business types	\$50

### **OPTION #2**

Option #2 contemplates a slightly higher fee compared to current fees for new Licences, with a simplified fee structure and no charge for renewals. Business licences would still need to be renewed each year but there would not be a fee. Pro-rated fees would not be offered for licences obtained part way through the year (since a single fee entitles the business to a licence in perpetuity), and pro-rated refunds would not be issued if a business licence was cancelled prior to its expiry. Temporary (one month) licences are contemplated in this option but would not be eligible for free renewals, that is, there would always be a fee for a temporary licence even if a business has had one previously. Current business licence holders would not be charged for renewals going forward.

<b>FEE STRUCTURE OPTION #2</b>	
Business Type	Fee
Renewals for all business types	Free
New non-resident businesses	\$400
New Home Office,	\$150
New Home Based Business Type 1	\$200
New General Business	\$300
Temporary licence (per month- not eligible for free renewals)	\$40

### **OPTION #2A**

A variation of Option #2 could be to decrease initial fee slightly for resident businesses and offer renewals for half price rather than free, this would ensure that business licence administration costs are covered.

<b>FEE STRUCTURE OPTION #2A</b>		
Business Type	Fee	
	1st Licence	Renewal
Non-resident businesses	\$400	\$200
Home Office - New	\$100	\$50
Home Based Business Type 1 - New	\$150	\$75
General Business -	\$250	\$125
Temporary licence (per month)	\$40	

### **OPTION #3**

This option contemplates a similar fee to current fee for most Licences but utilizes a simplified fee structure and provides the option for extended term (3-year) licences as well as temporary licences. The cost for a three-year licence would be discounted approximately 15% compared to three one-year licences. Pro-rated fees would be offered for 1-year licences half way or  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through the year, and pro-rated refunds would be issued for 1-year and 3-year licences if a business licence was cancelled prior to its expiry date.

<b>FEE STRUCTURE OPTION #3</b>		
Business Type	Fee	
	Non-resident businesses (one year licence)	1 year: \$300
Home Office	1 year: \$100	3 year: \$255
Home Based Business Minor & Home Based Business Type 1	1 year: \$150	3 year: \$385
General Business	1 year: \$250	3 year: \$635
Temporary licence (per month)	\$40	

For Option #2 and Option #3 - Businesses who are issued temporary licences may be listed in the business licence directory on the County website, during the period that the licence is valid.