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Press Release

COUNTY TAKES ACTION TO SUSPEND RESTAURANT FEES

In response to the economic impact COVID-19 is having on food establishments, the Island County Board of Health, voted to suspend the collection of food service fees for the second half of 2020. Any food service business (restaurants, groceries, and mini marts) that have food service license and have paid the year in full, will receive a partial refund. Refunds are estimated to be issued no later than June 30, 2020.

During the discussion, the Board of Health addressed their concerns pertaining to the financial impact of the decision. However, they determined the local economy and its workforce were a higher priority.

While local government has very few tools to aid in economic stabilization; the Board of Health's action demonstrates a commitment to provide economic relief in support of our small business community.

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