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## **MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES FEE WAIVER FOR ART VENDORS PROGRAM**

### **Exciting Program Changes**

Dear Artists,

I am excited to announce that with the help of the [Financial Justice Project](#), the Mayor's Office has agreed to waive the license fee for Art Vendors.

This is a win, years in the making. This is truly a combined effort between the Arts Commission, City Attorney, Financial Justice Project, Controller's Office and the Mayor's Office. A free program allows the Arts Commission to serve all artists, not just those who can afford to pay the license fee. We hope this helps art vendors recover from the impact of COVID and grows the program to serve more artists.

Reducing the fee requires passing legislation through the Board of Supervisors. Once the legislation is passed, the fee waiver will be in effect. We anticipate this to occur in the third quarter of the calendar year. We will follow up once the legislation is approved.

#### **What This Means for You:**

**Licensed Artists:** If you are one of the 29 currently licensed artists (and not a veteran as they are exempt from paying the fee), when you renew for Quarter 1 (July 1 – September 30, 2021), we will delay collecting your payment until we confirm the fee waiver is in place. If the waiver goes into effect after the start of the quarter, you may be required to pay a pro-rated amount, based on a calculation of the number of days the fees were still required by the City.

**Unlicensed Artists:** For currently unlicensed artists, if you renew for the last month of this quarter (ending June 30, 2021), you will be charged the pro-rated amount for this quarter. If you want to renew for Quarter 1, we will delay your payment until the fee waiver is in place, and you will receive an invoice for the pro-rated amount. For your convenience, staff recommend renewing once the fee waiver has been approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Artists have been saying for many years that this program is too expensive, that the license fee is disproportionate among fees in the City, and that the increasing amount of the fee is a hardship for artists. We heard you. The Arts Commission hopes this demonstrates our investment in artists that both live and work in the City, and all the artists in the Art Vendor program.

Read more about the news in [today's Chronicle story](#).

Sincerely,

Anne Trickey  
Program Officer

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## **RENEWING YOUR LICENSE**

### **New Fiscal Year Starts Quarter 1 (July 1 - September 30, 2021)**

For those planning to renew for the next quarter, the payment portal will be updated for license renewals by June 25, 2021.

You can find more information on updates regarding the Art Vendor Program on the San Francisco Arts Commission website. Click the button below:

[\*\*MORE INFORMATION\*\*](#)

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## **INTERESTED IN THE ART VENDOR PROGRAM OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS?**

### **Application Reminders and Support**

As the city begins to reopen, we invite interested artists and craft makers to apply for the Art Vendor Program.

Click on the button below and read the application instructions carefully; be sure to submit the application once you have completed it. If the application has not been fully submitted, a member of our program staff will reach out to you through the contact information you provide on your application.

The entire application (including files uploaded) must not exceed 35 MB. If you are having difficulties with your application, please email [art-vendors@sfgov.org](mailto:art-vendors@sfgov.org), and a member of our staff will reach out to you with assistance.

Please forward this email to help us spread the word to anyone you know who may be interested in joining the program!

[\*\*VIEW ART VENDOR APPLICATION\*\*](#)

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## **ART VENDOR LICENSES**

### **Request to Reprint License**

If you are a currently licensed artist in the program, you should have one of the updated red licenses. Artists are issued one red license, one time, per artist. The red license does not include an expiration date.

However, if you have lost your license you may request a reprint. The program will be printing new licenses after the next screening.

Please email [art-vendors@sfgov.org](mailto:art-vendors@sfgov.org) to request a reprinted license.

To determine if you are currently licensed, please visit the [Arts Commission's website](#), scroll down and click on "Active Art Vendors".

We look forward to seeing you and your crafts soon!