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Business License Review

BOS Workshop

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What is a Business License?

Permits issued by Government Agencies to conduct business inside that jurisdiction



“C” 2016 Board Objective: Evaluate the options and feasibility of establishing a Business License process in the County

Research

- Comparisons to state wide and neighboring counties
- Comparisons to regional and Nevada County incorporated cities
- Discussions with ERC
- Looked at pros, cons, and challenges of implementing a program



Regional Counties with Business License Ordinances

Placer County
Yuba County
El Dorado County
Butte County
Plumas County
Yolo County
Sacramento County

Less than ½ of all CA Counties
have business license programs

County Business License Fees

County	Department	License Fee	Renewal Fee
Placer County	Treasurer – Tax Collector	<u>\$107</u>	\$16
Yuba County	Treasurer – Tax Collector	<u>Varies by type</u> <u>\$1 - \$300</u>	None specified
El Dorado County	Treasurer – Tax Collector	<u>\$16 - \$131</u>	None specified
Butte County	Treasurer – Tax Collector	<u>Varies by type</u> <u>\$2.50 - \$500</u>	None specified
Yolo County	Dir. of Planning and Public Works	<u>\$138.80 (addtl. fees may be req.)</u>	None specified
Sacramento County	Tax and License Collector	<u>\$146 - \$166</u> <u>(valid for 3 yrs)</u>	None specified

Sample Fee License Types

- o Adult Bookstores
- o Ambulance Service
- o Auto Dismantler
- o Bingo
- o Bowling Alley
- o Cardroom
- o Carnival or Circus
- o Commercial Filming
- o Fair
- o Firearm Dealer
- o Junk Collector/Dealer
- o Massage Facilities
- o Outdoor Festival
- o Pawnbroker
- o Peddler
- o Pool Room
- o Private Street Patrol
- o Recyclers
- o Skating Rink
- o Taxi Service
- o Theater
- o Used Goods Dealer

Regional Counties Requiring No Business License

Sierra County	None
Sutter County	None
Plumas County	<u>Ordinance in place</u> , however business licenses are not required at this time

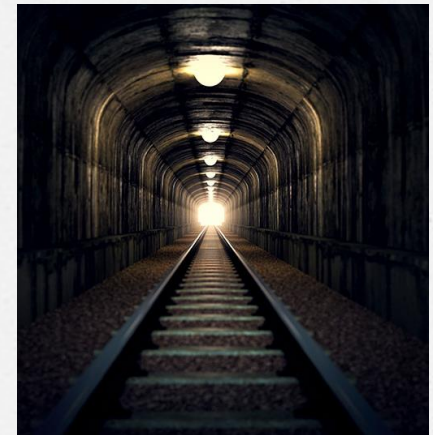
License Program Variations

- o Types of businesses requiring licenses
- o Quick application or in depth review
 - o Application
 - o Review
 - o Inspections
 - o Cost
 - o Other?



What are we trying to achieve with Business Licenses?

- o Improved fire/life safety for businesses and customers
- o Improved information gathering
- o Improved economic development
- o Improved health and sanitation
- o Improved land use planning



Existing Processes

o Existing processes in place

- Building Permits
- Annual Fire Inspections
- Administrative Permits
- Regular Health Department Inspections

o Existing business information

- Information through private business (ERC, Chamber of Commerce, EDD, etc.)
- Existing processes/information may serve what we are trying to achieve

Other Details

- o Estimate 60-80% of businesses located in incorporated Cities
- o No request from the business community
- o Interest in a license program was to improve business information
- o Existing processes in place
 - Preferably without creating additional layers

Questions/Discussion

