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RE: Resources for Food and Beverage Businesses

Dear Business Owner:

The County realizes that these unprecedented times are creating many difficulties for businesses in the food and beverage industry. Spartanburg County values all of its businesses and wants to make sure you are aware of all of the resources that are available to support your business and others during this time.

In order to assist you, the County has put together a webpage of resources that should be useful to you and your business. Those resources can be found at the following address: www.spartanburgcounty.org/827/Individual-and-Business-Resources. A key resource that is available to business owners is the Paycheck Protection Program, which is established through the CARES Act. This Program provides a loan to small businesses to allow them to keep their workers on the payroll. The loan is forgiven if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest or utilities. We encourage you to evaluate and/or apply for this program quickly, as funding is limited and loans are made on a first come, first served basis.

Additionally, the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce has put together key resources for doing business during COVID-19. Those resources are on their website at: www.spartanburgchamber.com/coronavirus. The Chamber has made these resources available to all businesses, to include non-members. The County would encourage you to review the available information to determine how best to support your business and help us become a better and greater OneSpartanburg.

In the interim, the County realizes that your primary focus is on supporting your employees and maintaining your business. Therefore, the County is extending the reporting deadline for hospitality tax. March and April taxes are normally reportable by April 20th and May 20th, respectively. These due dates are now extended until June 20th without late penalty. We hope that these steps and this information are helpful to you.

Sincerely,

B. Cole Alverson
County Administrator