

Notice to general business license holders: State Law SB 1186

Please note that the State of California enacted SB 1186, which, effective January 1, 2018, requires the City to collect an additional \$4.00 with each new general business license or general business license renewal. The \$4.00 will be used by the State and the City to facilitate compliance with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

This new \$4.00 fee when added to a general business license fee will increase the total amount of fees due for a general license to \$103.00 you will notice this new fee has been added to all new general business licenses issued and on all general business licenses renewed.

Please pay the balance due on the renewal notice you have received. The SB 1186 State fee has already been added to the total due.

SB 1186 information is available online.

SB 1186 Fee and Reporting Requirements for Local Jurisdictions

Background

Senate Bill (SB) 1186 (Chapter 383, Statutes of 2012) created Government Code Section 4467. This statute was recently amended by Assembly Bill 1379 (Chapter 667, Statutes 2017). Among other things, this statute requires:

January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017, a one-dollar (\$1) additional fee to be paid by any applicant for a local business license, permit or similar instrument when it is issued or renewed. The fee is divided between the local entity that collected the funds, which retains 70 percent, and DSA, which receives 30 percent.

January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2023, a four-dollar (\$4) additional fee is to be paid by any applicant for a local business license, permit or similar instrument when it is issued or renewed. If no such instrument exists, the fee is to be paid by an applicant for a building permit. The fee is divided between the local entity that collected the funds, which retains 90 percent, and DSA, which receives 10 percent.

On and after January 1, 2024, the fees and requirements remain in effect but the amount will reduce to one-dollar (\$1). The city, county, or city and county will retain 70 percent of the fees collected and submit 30 percent to DSA.

The purpose of the fee is to increase disability access and compliance with construction-related accessibility requirements. Additionally, the fee assists local jurisdictions in supporting the Certified Access Specialist (CASP) program and provides the Division of the State Architect (DSA) with funds to maintain oversight of the CASP program.

“Under federal and state law, compliance with disability access laws is a serious and significant responsibility that applies to all California building owners and tenants with buildings open to the public. You may obtain information about your legal obligations and how to comply with disability access laws at the following agencies:

The Division of the State Architect at www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa/Home.aspx

The Department of Rehabilitation at www.rehab.cahwnet.gov

The California Commission on Disability Access at www.cdda.ca.gov