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VICTORIA, BC — Victoria business owners are reminded they have until Wednesday, February 15 to renew their business licence and avoid paying the $25 late fee for being 30 days past due.

All businesses must have a valid licence to legally operate in the City of Victoria. After February 15, a late fee of $25 will apply to all expired business licences and must be paid in order for a 2012 licence to be issued. Operating a business without a valid licence may result in a fine of $250 per day, increasing up to $2000 per day if charged with a bylaw offence.

Business licence renewal payments can be made:

- Online by visiting www.victoria.ca and clicking on Online Payments
- By mail to: City of Victoria, #1 Centennial Square, Victoria, BC V8W 1P6
- In person at the Public Service Centre, located on the first floor of Victoria City Hall at the corner of Douglas Street and Pandora Avenue, where cash debit, cheque or credit card payments are accepted. Hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Online or in person at a local bank or financial institution. Business operators should use their licence number noted at the top of the renewal notice as their account number.

For billing inquiries, contact the City of Victoria at 250.361.0262.

Businesses that have moved, ceased operations or have a new owner should contact the City of Victoria at 250.361.0572 or email businesslicences@victoria.ca.

Municipalities use business licences to promote accountability, enable tracking for economic development, and standardize expectations. For more information, visit www.victoria.ca and click on What's New?

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