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Dear Premier Ford and Members of Provincial Parliament,

At its meeting of November 11, 2020, Hamilton City Council approved Item 8 of the General Issues Committee Report 20-018, which reads as follows:

9. Temporary Cap on Food Delivery Service Charges (Item 10.1)

WHEREAS, the restaurant industry plays a crucial role in the City's economy, as well as the livelihoods of residents, families and communities;

WHEREAS, the restaurant industry has been severely impacted throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly due to substantially decreased indoor dining;

WHEREAS, restaurant owners have become increasingly dependent on delivery and take-out services for the viability of their businesses;

WHEREAS, restaurants are under pressure from high commission fees being charged by the major food delivery service apps;

WHEREAS, major cities throughout the United States have implemented temporary caps on the fees charged by food delivery service apps, as an option to assist the restaurant industry throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton does not have the authority to regulate food delivery service company fees or cap the fees that they charge;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Mayor correspond with the Premier of Ontario, and local Members of Provincial Parliament to ask that the Province implement a temporary cap on commissions for food service delivery companies; and,
- (b) That a copy of that request be sent to other municipalities in Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their endorsement.

Therefore, the City of Hamilton respectfully requests your timely consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

Fred Eisenberger
Mayor

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