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Chelmsford City Council to provide free parking for companies delivering food

Chelmsford City Council is providing extra free parking for food delivery services during the coronavirus crisis.

Any companies delivering food, whether as an established or new part of their business, can apply online for two dispensations to park within the city. These permits will apply to the company rather than individual vehicles, giving businesses more flexibility for their deliveries.

With many restaurants, pubs and cafés now shut to customers, a growing number of local businesses are taking their food to people directly. Councillor Mike Mackrory, the cabinet member with responsibility for business says it's just one of the ways that the Council can help:

“We want to do whatever we can to make it easier to get supplies to people and to provide support for local businesses who are having to adapt quickly and provide takeaways and deliveries rather than having customers come to them.”

The dispensations will be valid for three months and will then be reviewed. They will not be vehicle-specific and won't require registrations to be given. Businesses will simply have to provide:

- a business name and address
- a description of the business
- a name, contact telephone number, and an email address

All requests should be emailed to parking@chelmsford.gov.uk. Dispensations will be emailed to companies to print off themselves and display in their vehicles.

In the coming weeks, Chelmsford City Council will also be responsible for providing two different grants for small businesses:

- Those already eligible for small business rate relief will have access to a £10,000 grant
- Businesses in the retail, leisure and hospitality sectors with a rateable value of between £15,000 and £51,000 will have access to a £25,000 grant

The Council is currently waiting for more guidance from the Government about the process of administering these grants.

The latest information about this, and all of the support available for local businesses can be found at <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/coronavirus/>. Anyone wishing to get in touch directly can email economy@chelmsford.gov.uk.

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Notes to Editors

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