

Immediate Coronavirus Economic Relief Package by the City of Graz

Support of 3 million Euros for companies and enterprises in Graz

To ensure fast and uncomplicated support for the local businesses of Graz is the goal of the first local Immediate Coronavirus Economic Relief Package that the mayor of Graz and councillor for economy Siegfried Nagl, together with vice mayor Mario Eustacchio and councillor for finances Günter Riegler guarantee. The package supports all companies and enterprises in Graz that are economically concerned from the consequences of the Coronavirus.

Immediate aid measures for companies and enterprises in Graz

- 1) For 2020, usage fees for running outdoor restaurants in public will not be charged, already paid fees are reimbursed as soon as possible.
- 2) Fees for water are reduced by 20 % until the end of 2020.
- 3) Energy service provider Energie Graz GmbH & Co will establish an emergency fund for entrepreneurs with liquidity problems due to Coronavirus. Furthermore, default of payment will cause no electricity cuts.
- 4) For 2020, usage fees for planned events in public areas will not be charged, already paid fees are reimbursed as soon as possible.
- 5) Market stand fees for farmers' markets are skipped for the next two months. Depending on the regulation instituted by the federal government to close or to keep shops open to prevent the dispersion of COVID-19, already paid fees are converted into vouchers. Informal requests can be submitted to lebensmittelreferat@stadt.graz.at.
- 6) Enterprises and companies that are renters of properties of the city do not have to pay rents for the period of traffic restrictions. The city appeals to other property owners to show solidarity for the local businesses of Graz and to also reduce or waive rents.
- 7) To foster retail, a campaign is started to raise awareness among the population to wait for the reopening of the shops and to shop local.
- 8) To ensure companies' liquidity in Graz, the whole rent funding amount committed by the city for 2020 is immediately paid to the funding recipients.
- 9) Also, the whole coworking space funding amount committed by the city for 2020 is immediately paid to the funding recipients. As mainly sole traders are renters of coworking spaces, this measure supports the liquidity of sole traders.
- 10) Until recalled, no ticket controls in the public transports and the blue and green parking zones will take place. This way, enterprises whose employees must reach their work place are supported.

- 11) A specially installed **Corona Service Hotline** of the Department for Economic and Tourism Development informs local companies and enterprises about support and funding possibilities. The hotline is available from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.: **+43 664 60 872 4884** or **+43 664 60 872 4820**

We are currently working on the necessary resolutions and the concrete implementation of the measures. We try our best to answer all your inquiries and will inform you as soon as possible about the details of the measures.

Please note: The Austrian government's massive support measures for the economy provide further support covering an immediate relief package, tax deferrals and reductions, emergency aid for loss of sales and guarantees and liabilities. The list above represents measures by the City of Graz only. Our [website](#) is constantly being updated with information about local, regional and national measures and implementations.

OUR SERVICE HOTLINE (7 a.m. – 5 p.m.):

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