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Grover Beach Implements *Business Tax Certificate Amnesty* Program A One-Month Grace Period

Grover Beach, CA - On Monday night, the Grover Beach City Council authorized a one-month amnesty period for businesses that are either delinquent in the payment of business taxes or are operating without a certificate. Beginning October 1, 2009, Grover Beach is implementing the month-long amnesty program in which businesses can apply for, or renew, their Business Tax Certificate with the assessed penalties excused.

The Grover Beach Municipal Code mandates that businesses in Grover Beach operate with a current Business Tax Certificate, to be renewed January 1st of each year. Businesses operating without a current Business Tax Certificate are subject to penalties.

The Council took the action implementing the program in light of the fact that the current economic conditions could be creating difficulties for some businesses. The amnesty period is intended to create an opportunity for businesses to resolve the delinquency without paying penalties. Additionally, it is hoped the amnesty period will encourage business currently operating without a license to come in and comply with the tax certificate requirements. In authorizing the program Monday night, the Council continued to express its strong interest and support for local businesses.

The *Business Tax Amnesty* program is just one of several programs the City Council is in the process of authorizing to help stimulate the local economy. On September 1st the City launched the *Shop & Dine Local* program that is focused on providing incentives to residents who patronize local Grover Beach businesses. This program will be followed by others, including a *Water Conservation* program, *Building Permit Fee Reduction* program, and a *Home Rehabilitation* program.

The Business Tax Certificate Amnesty program will run from October 1 to October 31, 2009.

For more information, please contact Administrative Services Director Gayla Chapman or Assistant Administrative Services Director Eve Byrd at (805) 473-4550, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., or visit the City's website at www.grover.org.

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