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Orinda adopts new fees and charges for business registration

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Following a public hearing, the Orinda City Council adopted new fees for business registrations, which are now required under a law adopted last December. New registrations will cost businesses \$50, and annual renewals will cost \$35. No late fees will be charged through Dec. 1. After that, businesses may be charged an additional \$25 if the registration fee is not paid within 30 days, or an additional \$50 if the registration is more than 30 days late. Sophie Braccini, executive director of the Orinda Chamber of Commerce, said that the Chamber supports the registration program and is happy to assist with implementation. Council Member Eve Phillips voted against the fees, saying the program appeared to her to be "a solution chasing a problem."

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