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Whereas, certain doubts were expressed by lease holders regarding processing fees paid on certain permits etc which were subsequently cancelled after reduction in processing fee as to whether such fee is refundable.

It is hereby clarified that, since the processing fee is imposed for processing applications etc, processing fees once paid for a permit is non refundable on short closure or cancellation as the case may be.

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