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# March 31 deadline for business licence renewal

**WARNING:** Penalty to be imposed on those who do not pay on time, says JB mayor

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**B**USINESS operators in areas under the Johor Baru City Council have until March 31 to renew their licences.

Mayor Abdul Rahman Mohamed Dewam said the council was an-

ticipating a big crowd, with the public having to pay property taxes and assessments, and renew business licences.

“If business operators pay later than March 31, there will be a penalty.

“The penalty involves the business operator having to pay double the amount of the licence fee,” he

said at the council meeting yesterday.

A total of RM246.704 million was collected by the council last year, with tax revenue amounting to RM134.479 million.

“For the operating expenditure of the council, it has spent RM159.912 million, with RM58.594 million on emoluments, RM91.875

million on services and RM6.857 million on ownership of capital assets. A total of RM2.584 million was recorded under operating expenses.”

He said other expenses included RM38.151 million on maintenance of public facilities and RM144,000 on maintenance of business premises.