

Philly Chocolate Shop Shuttered for Delinquent Taxes

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A popular Philadelphia chocolate maker and candy store has been shuttered by the city days before Easter.

[WPVI-TV](#) [1] said Wednesday the Department of Revenue revoked the business license of the Blasius Chocolate Factory in the city's Kensington neighborhood.

The small company has been hand-making chocolates since the 1920s. It's noted for its buttercreams and giant Easter eggs.

City officials say the business was delinquent in paying taxes. The city says it sent numerous warnings.

Owner Phillip Kerwick says he tried to negotiate his \$12,000 tax bill but city officials didn't appear for the court hearing. He says he's being harassed by city revenue officials.

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