

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 13

1ST READING 10/17/2023
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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 13-2019 ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE SETTING REQUIREMENT FOR BUSINESS LICENSE IN THE CITY OF MT. STERLING, KENTUCKY

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, wishes to amend the fee schedule and fining process for businesses obtaining a business license within the City limits of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDANIED by the City of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, by and through its City Counsel, as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MT. STERLING, KENTUCKY that a license for doing business in the City limits of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky shall be assessed and payable as follows:

1. (a) Each business or business entity engaged in any occupation, trade, profession or other business activity conducted for gain or profit in the City, except those activities that qualify as transient business, shall first make application in writing to the City Clerk on forms provided by the City before the applicant shall be authorized to do business. An annual business license fee of ~~fifty (\$50)~~ one hundred (\$100) dollars shall be made at the time of application and for any subsequent renewal.

(b) There shall be a fee of ~~\$25~~ \$50 for a license for part-time or occasional work within the City due annually. "Occasional" shall be defined as: less than one-half (1/2) of the

total of all business performed. "Part-time" shall be defined as: a business which operates on a regular basis in the City but which operates less than thirty (30) hours per week.

2. All business licenses must be purchased on or before January 31st of each calendar year and by the 31st day of January of each succeeding year.

3. The license shall be for the calendar year in which purchased.

4. Any business which enters into business in the City limits and purchases a license after September 30th of each calendar year shall be required to pay one-half the required fee for the year in which the license is purchased.

5. Refunds for engaging in a business for only part of the year will be pro-rated on a quarterly basis, but in no case will the refund be more than one-half of the license amount paid.

6. Any general contractor shall be responsible for and purchase a business license not only as a general contractor, but shall also purchase the license for each of its sub-contractors on any project.

7. As an incentive, the City may offer a discounted rate for those businesses who renew licenses before January 31st. Unless otherwise stated by the City Council, that discounted rate will be 50% of the annual license fee.

7. 8. Penalties for Failure to Purchase a License:

Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other legal entity not otherwise exempt as stated herein, failing to purchase a license by the date due shall be assessed a penalty of 10% of the license fee per month until paid, is guilty of and may be charged with a violation of the ordinances of the City of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. If found guilty of said violation, the violator may be fined according to the Kentucky Revised Statutes.


AL BOTTS, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JEANETTE BERTRAM, CITY CLERK

11/22/2023
DATE