



## CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE #2024-22

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:**

That Chapter 26 – Business, Article II – Licenses, be amended to read as follows:

### **Sec. 26-31. Definitions.**

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Advertising agency* means every person engaged in the business of displaying advertising matter by billboards, posters or circulars, signs or window displays, or undertaking the writing or composition of advertisements for other persons on a commission, rental, or flat fee basis.

*Amusement operator* means every person or company engaged in the business of exhibiting public amusements, such as rides, games, demonstrations, and sideshows. This category shall include circuses, amusement parks, and carnivals, but shall not include persons defined as *Entertainers*.

*Architect* means every person engaged in the business of designing, planning, and technically supervising the construction of any building, edifice, or other structural unit.

*ATM machines (third-party or off bank premises)* means each machine that offers limited or full banking services.

*Attorney-at-law* means every individual duly admitted to the bar of any court of this state and engaged in the active practice of such profession, whether self-employed or a member or employee of a law firm or private corporation.

*Auctioneer* means every person engaged in the business of crying sales of real or personal property on behalf of other persons for profit, except as otherwise provided by this article. No auctioneer shall be authorized by virtue of the license granted to employ any other person to act as auctioneer in his behalf, except in his own store or warehouse or in his presence, nor shall the term "auctioneer" apply or extend to a judicial or executive officer making sales in pursuance of any execution, judgment, or decree of any court, nor to public sales made by executors or administrators.

*Automobile race operator* includes every person in the business of conducting motor vehicle races for profit, including competition involving all recognized classes of stock, modified or sports car, midget racers, drag racers, and every type of motor vehicle in any form of race, competition, or time trial. For purposes of this license, motorcycle races shall be included in such definition.

*Bank and loan and trust company* mean each bank, or building and loan association, or trust company, including non-deposit and limited-service banks.

*Barber* means every person operating a business of shaving the beard and cutting, trimming, washing, waving, or otherwise dressing the hair of human beings.

*Beautician* means any person operating a business of doing work which is generally and usually performed by so-called hairdressers, cosmetologists, beauticians, or beauty culturists and however denominated in so-called hairdressing and beauty shops, which work is for the embellishment, cleanliness, and beautification of women.

*Bottler* means any person engaged in the business of bottling from the bulk all beverages commonly known as soft drinks, whether the beverages shall be prepared in whole or in part by the bottler.

*Broker* means every person operating a business of buying and selling for the account of other persons for a commission or for profit, stocks, bonds, currency, negotiable paper, securities, and any other intangible personal property.

*Car wash* includes every person operating a continuing business of cleaning, washing, or waxing motor vehicles for profit and not for charitable or educational purposes.

*Certified public accountant* means every individual qualified and registered under the laws of the state to practice as a certified public accountant and engaged in the active practice of such profession, whether self-employed or a member or employee of a firm or private corporation.

*Cesspool cleaner* means every person engaged in the business of cleaning cesspools for profit or reward.

*Chiropodist* and *podiatrist* mean every person engaged in the practice of caring for the feet of human beings.

*Chiropractor* means every person engaged in the practice of treating human ailments by means of muscular or bone manipulation.

*Clinical social worker* includes every person qualified under the laws of the state to practice social work and engaged in active practice of such profession.

*Coin-operated amusement machine owner* means any person engaged in the business of owning and operating, on his own account or by his agent, or leasing to or placing with another on a commission or other basis, any coin-operated machine, device, or table upon or by means of which games are played by the general public for amusement and entertainment, but not for the purpose of obtaining any money or other thing of value.

*Coin-operated vending machine owner* means any person engaged in the business of owning and operating, on his own account or by his agent, or leasing to or placing with another on a commission or other basis, any coin-operated vending machine, contrivance or device which, upon the insertion of a coin, slug, token, plate, disc or key into any slot, crevice or other opening, or by the payment of any price, operates or may be operated for the emission of goods or services. Coin-operated stamp vending machines owned by the United States government and any pay telephone shall be exempted from any taxation.

*Coin-operated video machine* means any person engaged in the business of owning and operating, on his own account or by his agent, or leasing to or placing with another on a commission or other basis, any coin-operated video machine, device, or table upon or by means of which games are played by the general public for amusement and entertainment, but not for the purpose of obtaining any money.

*Commercial sign business* includes all persons engaged in an outside sign advertising business consisting of the erection, construction, maintenance, or leasing of outside signs, bulletin boards, and poster boards.

*Computer-related services* includes persons or companies engaged in computer program-related services, system designing and consulting, computer processing and data preparation and processing, information retrieval, computer facilities management, and computer maintenance and repair.

*Consultant* means every person operating a business, not more specifically defined otherwise in this section, who gives expert advice for profit or reward.

*Contractor* means any person or company, whether operating from a place within the city or not, engaged in the business of the construction, alteration, repairing, dismantling, or demolition of buildings, roads, bridges, sewers, water and gas mains and every other type of structure within the definition of real estate, including all subcontractors.

*Day care operator* means any person or company that provides care, supervision, and guidance for six or more children or dependent adults.

*Dentist* means every person qualified under the laws of the state to practice dentistry and engaged in active practice of such profession.

*Distributor* means every person engaged in the business of distributing samples, handbills, or posters for compensation or on commission.

*Drayperson* and *mover* mean every person operating a business of transporting for profit tangible personal property of other persons.

*Eating establishment* means any restaurant, coffee shop, cafeteria, short order cafe, luncheonette, tavern, sandwich stand, soda fountain, drink stand and all other public eating establishments where food is prepared, handled and served to the public at wholesale or retail prices or for no price at all, as well as kitchens and other places in which food is handled or prepared for sale elsewhere to the public, provided that food processing and distributing establishments that do not sell prepared food to the public directly are not included in such definition.

*Eating establishment operator* means any person engaged in the business of operating a public place for the sale of food prepared or consumed on the premises for the accommodation of casual visitors.

*Employment agent* means every person operating, for profit, a business of hiring laborers or securing positions for other persons to be employed within the limits of the state.

*Entertainer* means every person or group of persons, whether operating from within the city or not, performing together and engaged in the business of entertaining the public in the city through live or recorded music, theater, or dance.

*Entertainment agent or operator* means persons or companies in the business of collecting fees or commissions, or other payment for furnishing live or recorded music, theater, or dance entertainment, whether in their own place of business or in the place of another.

*Finance or small loan agency* includes every person engaged in the business of lending money, with or without security, to other persons, with repayments of the loans to be made by installments or otherwise, but shall not include, either in reference to future or past transactions, banks, or trust companies.

*Fitness trainer* means every person operating a business, whether full-time or part-time, of providing physical training services to paying clients.

*Food truck* means any mobile or temporary cooking operation that stores, transports, cooks, prepares, serves, or sells food and/or drinks. Any cooking apparatus or equipment operated on a one-time basis, interim basis, or for less than 90 days in the same location, other than at a fixed location, building, or structure that has been inspected and permitted by the City of Dover Fire Marshal's Office, City of Dover Licensing Office, and State of Delaware Public Health.

*Funeral director* means every person engaged in the business and qualified under the laws of the state to be so engaged as funeral directors and in active conduct thereof.

*Gaming position* means every individual space or seat, whether standing or sitting, authorized to conduct gaming activities as identified on an approved floor plan.

*General repairman* means every person operating a business of repairing, reconditioning, or otherwise restoring to useful service personal property of every kind and description not otherwise provided for under this section.

*Gas, light, and power company and cable TV and telephone company* include the license fee for utilities, provided that this license does not cover sales of appliances or equipment for which a separate license shall be required.

*Health spa and health club* include every person engaged in the business of operating private health, weight control, or physical culture facilities designed to establish and maintain the optimum weight or physical conditioning of other persons.

*Home daycare operator* means any person that provides care, supervision, and guidance for six or fewer children in an occupied residence excluding dependents of the operator or close relatives.

*Hotel* includes every person engaged in the business of operating a place where the public may, for a consideration, obtain sleeping accommodations and meals and which, within city limits, has at least ten permanent bedrooms for the use of guests.

*Income tax consultant* means every person, not licensed as an attorney or accountant under this section, engaged in the business of providing federal or state income tax assistance to other persons for a fee.

*Incorporator* includes every person operating a business or procuring corporate charters or acting as resident, registration, or transfer agent of domestic corporations, except attorneys-at-law having a license to practice such profession in this state.

*Insurance adjustor office* includes any person engaged in the business of settling claims for any insurance company or for any other purpose where insurance is involved, and a fair appraisal must be made of the loss, injury, or damage.

*Itinerant merchant* means any person, whether as owner, agent, or employee, who engages in a temporary business of selling and delivering goods, prepared foods, beverages, wares, or merchandise within the city who is not located within a licensed "open market," as defined by this article, or participating in a "nonprofit sponsored event," as defined in this article, shall be required to obtain an itinerant merchant's license for each event or holiday season during which the itinerant merchant operates. The term "event" means any three-week period during which a special occurrence or holiday falls.

*Janitorial and cleaning service* includes persons or companies engaged in the business of maintaining and cleaning building and structures, including pool maintenance services, in-house rug and carpet cleaners, and house washing businesses.

*Land lease community operator* includes every person engaged in the business of providing home sites and facilities, for rent or lease, to owners of separately owned dwellings, including owners of mobile homes and manufactured homes.

*Landscape services* includes persons or companies, whether operating from a place within the city or not, engaged in the business of designing or maintaining lawns, trees, bushes, or other ornamental plants, including but not limited to tree surgeons, grass cutting services, and landscape architects.

*Laundry service operator* means every person engaged in the business of operating a laundry, including coin-operated self-service laundries, and/or of securing goods or fabrics to be so laundered, whether the actual work of laundering such goods or fabrics is done within or without the state.

*Linen supplier* means every person actively engaged in holding himself out to do the business of supplying, furnishing, or making available coats, caps, aprons, uniforms, towels, dresses, diapers, industrial wipers, smocks, linens, or other like articles and laundering and otherwise renewing such supplies for profit.

*Manicurist* means every person operating a business of caring for the appearance of hands.

*Manufacturer* means any person, as owner or agent, in the practice, conduct, pursuit, or carrying on the business of working raw materials into products of a different character, finished or unfinished, or of effecting any combination or composition of material, the nature of which is changed; or of finishing, by hand or machinery, goods, wares, or merchandise, or any article or material.

*Manufacturer's agent or representative* means every independent contractor in the business of representing one or more manufacturers for purposes of promoting the sale of the goods, product, or line of goods or products of such manufacturer or manufacturers within the city.

*Massage and bodywork therapist* shall mean a person who represents himself or herself to the public by any title or description of services incorporating the words "bodywork", "massage", "massage therapist", "massage therapy", "massage practitioner", "massagist", "masseur", "masseur", or who engages in the practice of massage and bodywork for a fee, monetary, or otherwise.

*Mercantile agency* and *collection agency* include every person operating a business or investigation of financial ratings and credit and/or the collection of commercial accounts for other persons, except attorneys-at-law having a license to practice such profession in this state.

*Merchant* means any person, as owner or agent, in the business of buying and selling merchandise for cash or by barter, or engaged in prosecuting, following, or carrying on a retail or wholesale business by purchasing and selling produce, goods, wares, or any property of whatever description.

*Motel* includes every person engaged in the business of furnishing, for a consideration, transient guests with sleeping accommodations, private bath and toilet facilities, linen service, and a place to park an automobile and who is not in the business of operating a "hotel" or "tourist home," as such terms are defined in this section.

*Motion picture theater* includes every person engaged in the business of displaying motion pictures for public entertainment, regardless of the physical location of the projection facilities, and shall include drive-in theaters.

*Motor vehicle serviceman* means every person operating a business of repairing, rebuilding, repainting, or otherwise reconditioning motor vehicles or their parts.

*NAICS* means the North American Industry Classification System developed by the United States Census Bureau and published as a manual. The NAICS was developed for use in the classification of establishments by type of activity in which they are engaged. The licensing officer shall use the NAICS to assist in the determination of license classes for this article and shall keep a current copy of the NAICS on file in the licensing office.

*Nursing, rest, or convalescent home (private)* includes every person engaged in the business of operating any institution, building, or agency in which accommodation is maintained, furnished, or offered for any fee, gift, compensation, or reward for the care of aged, infirm, chronically ill, or convalescent persons.

*Open market operator* means any person or company primarily engaged in the business of renting space, on a temporary or limited basis, to persons or businesses selling products and services. This category shall include but not be limited to flea markets, bazaars, farmers' markets, and common areas of shopping malls available for lease. Persons or businesses operating from open markets shall not be required to obtain licenses under this Code.

*Optometrist* includes every person qualified under the laws of the state to practice optometry and engaged in active practice of such profession.

*Pawnbroker* means every person operating a business of lending money on pledge of tangible personal property or purchasing the same on the condition of returning it to the seller at a stipulated price and of selling the property in default of the pawner.

*Payment* means the annual license taxes paid by persons engaged in the occupations listed and defined in this section, at the rates specified in section 26-35(d). In addition to the annual license fee indicated in such section, each such person shall pay a fee for each additional separate branch or business location.

*Pest control services* includes persons or companies engaged in the business of exterminating or controlling vermin from structures or properties.

*Pharmacist* means every person qualified under the laws of the state to practice pharmacy and engaged in active practice of such profession.

*Photographer* means every person operating a business of taking, making and/or developing photographs or pictures by action of light, for profit or reward.

*Physical therapist* means every person operating a business of practicing physical therapy as defined in 24 Del. C. § 2601 et seq.

*Physician* and *surgeon* mean every individual qualified under the laws of the state to practice medicine, osteopathy, and surgery, and engaged in active practice of such profession, whether self-employed or a member or employee of a firm or private corporation.

*Plant nursery* and *florist* include every person in the business of operating a place where trees, shrubs, plants, flowers, and the like are cultivated, grown, or propagated from seed or otherwise for transplanting, for use as stock, for grafting, and for sale. Persons purchasing trees, shrubs, plants, flowers, and the like for resale are subject to the appropriate license fee in this article.

*Pool table operator* means every person operating a business of maintaining pool or billiard tables for public use.

*Printer* means any person engaged in the business of impressing letters or characters upon paper or other substance by mechanical act.

*Professional counselor* means every person qualified under the laws of the state to practice counseling and engaged in active practice of such profession.

*Professional engineer* means every individual qualified under the laws of the state to practice professional engineering and is engaged in active practice of such profession, whether self-employed or a member or employee of a firm or private corporation offering professional engineering services to the general public.

*Professional land surveyor* means every individual who is a professional specialist in the techniques of the principles of mathematics and the related sciences; is experienced in the application of the principles of mathematics and the related sciences; understands the relevant requirements of law for the presentation of adequate assistance relating to property descriptions and the surveying of real property; is efficient in the practice of land surveying; and holds a valid certificate to practice land surveying as defined by the state.

*Psychologist* means every person qualified under the laws of the state to practice psychology and engaged in active practice of such profession.

*Public accountant* means every person actively operating a business of general public accounting, who is not qualified and registered under the laws of the state to practice as a certified public accountant.

*Publisher* includes any person engaged in the business of manufacturing, promulgating, or selling books, pamphlets, magazines, newspapers, or other literary productions, or issues or causes to be issued books, pamphlets, magazines, newspapers, or other literary productions from the press, for sale or for circulation.

*Real estate brokers of record, appraisers, and property managers* mean and include every person or company, whether operating from the city or not, either certified by the state real estate commission as brokers or appraisers engaged in the real estate business and/or those engaged in real estate property management, whether owned by the management company or when acting as an agent. The term includes those among such persons who deal exclusively or partly with rental property. Persons or companies that combine one or more of these services shall pay for one license only.

*Real estate development corporation* means every person or company in the business of real estate development.

*Real estate property manager* means every person or company, whether operating from the city or not, in the business of real estate rental property management and not required to be licensed as a real estate broker of record, appraiser, or real estate agent by the state real estate commission.

*Real estate salesperson or associate broker* means every person, whether operating from within the city or not, certified as such by the state real estate commission, and engaged in the real estate business. Such term includes those among such persons who deal exclusively or partly with rental property.

*Rental services* includes persons or companies engaged in the business of renting equipment, motor vehicles, machinery, tools, furniture, videotapes and games, electronic sound, computer or video systems, tents, and any other article.

*Sales representative* means every person, whether operating from a place within the city or not, who works selling or supplying goods, commodities, or merchandise from place to place, including fuel, food, services, goods, wares, and other articles. The term shall include peddlers, home demonstrators, solicitors, and hucksters.

*Schools and educational services (nonvocational)* includes persons or companies engaged in the business of providing instruction in areas of knowledge and skill not intended or principally designed to provide a career. This definition shall include but is not limited to nonvocational art, music, dance, driving, charm, and athletic instruction.

*Schools and educational services (vocational)* includes persons or companies engaged in the business of providing instruction in areas of knowledge and skill intended or designed to provide a career. This definition shall include but is not limited to barber, beautician, and modeling instruction.

*Scientific laboratory* includes every person who operates, as a private business for a profit, a scientific or medical laboratory offering testing, research, analytical, and other such technical services to the public.

*Scrap and waste material dealer* includes every person or company engaged in assembling, breaking up, sorting, and distributing, either wholesale or retail, scrap, or waste material of all compositions, including but not limited to junkyards, salvage yards, and recycling centers.

*Security services* includes every person or company engaged in the business of providing private security services, including security officers, guards, or private patrol officers.

*Shoe repairman* means any person engaged in the business of repairing or rebuilding shoes.

*Tailor and garment services* include persons or companies who make repairs and alterations to clothes and other fabric products, including textile renovators.

*Taxicab or bus operator* means every person in the business of the operation of motor vehicles in transporting persons for hire in the accommodation of the general public. The tax shall not apply, however, in the operation of school buses used solely in the transportation of children to and from kindergarten, grade school, vocational school, and high school.

*Tourist home* includes every person who operates a place where tourists or transient guests, for a consideration, may obtain sleeping accommodations and which has at least two permanent bedrooms for the use of tourists or transient guests and who is not in the "hotel" or "motel" business as defined in this section.

*Travel agency* includes every person who operates a full-service travel bureau which assists in the planning and acquisition of tickets for trips of its customers by land, sea, or air and for related accommodation, and includes transportation agents who sell tickets on behalf of others, for commission, and airline ticket sales offices.

*Veterinarian* means every person qualified under the laws of the state to practice veterinary medicine and engaged in active practice of such profession.

*Warehouse Operator* means every person operating a business of public storage of tangible personal property, including all services in connection therewith.

### **Sec. 26-35. License required; fees.**

- (a) *Nonprofessional service businesses.* Except where expressed by definition in section 26-31, nonprofessional service businesses shall pay an annual license fee for each store, place



of business or vehicle from which the licensee conducts the business operated within the city.

- (b) *Professional services.* Persons engaged in professional services, such as accountants, certified or public, landscape architects, architects, optometrists, lawyers, dentists, physicians and surgeons, psychologists, physical therapists, podiatrists, professional engineers, and veterinarians shall pay an annual license fee for engaging in such professional services within the city.
- (c) *Corporate employees.* No license shall be required of any individual practicing a profession or trade who is in the employ of any corporation licensed under any other provision of this article and who does not practice his profession, except in his capacity as an employee of such corporation and, provided further, that no attorney in the employ of any such corporation shall be required to obtain a license under this section so as to fulfill assignments made to him by any state court.
- (d) *Businesses licensed.*
  - (1) No person shall conduct or engage in any of the following trades, businesses, or occupations within the city without a license and paying the appropriate fee as provided for in Appendix F—Fees and Fines.
  - (2) Manufacturers and contractors shall pay a license fee as provided for in Appendix F—Fees and Fines.
  - (3) Merchants and bottlers shall pay a license fee as provided for in Appendix F—Fees and Fines.
  - (4) Sports betting and horse racing (Simulcast) shall be licensed for each activity and shall pay a license fee as provided for in Appendix F—Fees and Fines.

**Sec. 26-36. Determination of license fee; duties of license officer; refunds.**

- (a) *Generally.* License fees shall be in the amounts established in this article, and as further determined in this section.
- (b) *Duties of license officer.* The license officer shall:
  - (1) *Higher fee.* Require the payment of an additional or higher license fee, to be prorated for the balance of the license period, when a licensee places himself in that status under this article by:
    - a. Increasing the number of his employees.
    - b. Expanding the size of his business, plant, or premises.
    - c. Increasing the number or size of his vehicles.
    - d. Making any other lawful and material change of any kind in his business.
  - (2) *Partial refund.* Refund a proportion of the amount of fee already paid, prorated for the balance of the license period, upon notification by a licensee of his voluntary retirement from business.
  - (3) *Late commencement of business.* Prorate the license fee quarterly for the balance of any license period, including minimum license fees of any business commenced after the beginning of the license period. Prorating of the license fee shall not occur for contractors who receive a per job license, or for itinerant merchant licensees. The first

pro-ration begins on November 1<sup>st</sup>, the second pro-ration begins on February 1<sup>st</sup>, and the third pro-ration begins on May 1<sup>st</sup>, of each year.

(c) *Refund.*

- (1) Except as provided, no rebate or refund of any license fee or part thereof shall be made by reason of the nonuse of the license or by reason of a change of location or business rendering the use of the license ineffective. The license officer shall have the authority to refund a license fee or prorated portion thereof where:
- a. *Error.* The license fee was collected through an error.
  - b. *Hardship.* Some particular hardship might be involved.
  - c. *Death or incapacity.* The licensee has been prevented from enjoying the full license privilege due to his death or incapacity to engage in the business.
  - d. *Armed services.* The licensee has entered the armed services of the United States through induction or enlistment and is thereby rendered unable to conduct the business.
  - e. *Government takeover.* The licensed business is forced to close before the expiration of the license period by reason of the taking over of the business or licensed premises by the United States government, the state, or this city.
  - f. *Fire, casualty.* The licensed business was destroyed by fire or other casualty through no fault of the licensee.
- (2) A rebate or refund provided for in this subsection (c) shall be based upon the number of days in the license period remaining after the occurrence of the event relied upon for the rebate.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED:**

That Appendix F – Fees and Fines, be amended by inserting the text indicated in bold, blue font and deleting the text indicated in red strikeout as follows:

**Chapter 26. – Business**

<b>Chapter 26. Businesses</b>	<b>Fees and Fines</b>
<i>Article II. Licenses</i>	
Fines not paid within 14 days of the day the fine was issued, including the day the fine was issued, shall be automatically doubled in amount.	
Sec. 26-35. License required; fees	
Subsec. (d)(1) Businesses licensed	
Advertising agency	\$96.00
Amusement operator	\$160.00
Architect (per person)	\$256.00
Attorney-at-law (per person)	\$320.00
ATM machines (third-party or off-bank premises)	\$52.00
Auctioneer	\$160.00
Automobile race operator	\$380.00
Bank, or loan and trust company	\$320.00
Barber	\$64.00
each additional chair over two	\$4.00

Beautician	\$64.00
each additional chair over two	\$4.00
Broker	\$160.00
Car wash	\$192.00
Certified public accountant (per person)	\$256.00
Cesspool cleaner	\$128.00
Chiropractor (per person)	\$320.00
Clinical social worker (per person)	\$100.00
Coin-operated amusement machine owner, per machine	\$4.00
Coin-operated vending machine owner, per machine	\$4.00
Coin-operated electronic video machine, per machine	\$128.00
Commercial sign business	\$128.00
Computer-related services	\$128.00
Consultant	\$52.00
Daycare operator:	
Center or home provider with greater than six children	\$52.00
Dentist (per person)	\$320.00
Distributor	\$64.00
Dray person or mover	\$128.00
Eating establishment and/or eating establishment operator	\$128.00
Employment agency	\$128.00
Entertainer:	
One—three entertainers per group	\$52.00
Four—nine entertainers per group	\$96.00
Ten or more	\$128.00
Entertainment agent	\$192.00
Finance or small loan agency	\$256.00
Fitness trainer	\$72.00
Food Truck	\$180.00
Funeral director	\$256.00
Gaming position	\$160.00
Gas, light, power, cable TV, and telephone company	\$960.00
General repairman	\$64.00
Health spa or health club	\$192.00
Home daycare operator	\$28.00
Hotel:	
Per room	\$12.00
Per suite	\$12.00
Income tax consultant	\$192.00
Incorporator	\$128.00
Insurance adjustor office	\$128.00
Itinerant merchant, per event	\$100.00
Janitorial and cleaning service:	
One—three employees	\$52.00
Four—nine employees	\$96.00
Ten or more employees	\$128.00

Land lease community operator, per home site within community	\$24.00
Landscape service company:	
One—three employees	\$52.00
Four—nine employees	\$96.00
Ten or more employees	\$128.00
Laundry service operator:	
Primary facility	\$128.00
Additional drop-off locations	\$52.00
Linen supplier	\$128.00
Manicurist (per person)	\$32.00
Manufacturer's agent or representative	\$128.00
Massage Therapist (per person)	\$60.00
Mercantile agency or collection agency	\$128.00
Motel, per room	\$8.00
Motion picture theater	\$192.00
Motor vehicle serviceman	\$96.00
Nursing, rest, or convalescent home	\$192.00
Open market operator:	
First 20 spaces, per rented space	\$24.00
21st—50th space, per rented space	\$12.00
Each space over 50, per rented space	\$8.00
Outdoor tables, per table	\$8.00
Optometrist (per person)	\$320.00
Pawnbroker	\$192.00
Pest control services	\$96.00
Pharmacist (per person)	\$192.00
Photographer	\$128.00
Physical therapist (per person)	\$192.00
Physician and/or surgeon (per person)	\$320.00
Plant nursery and florist	\$96.00
Podiatrist (per person)	\$320.00
Pool table operator, per table	\$64.00/ Maximum fee \$192.00
Printer	\$128.00
Professional counselor (per person)	\$64.00
Professional engineer (per person)	\$256.00
Professional land surveyor (per person)	\$256.00
Psychologist (per person)	\$320.00
Public accountant (per person)	\$192.00
Publisher	\$320.00
Real estate broker, appraiser, and manager	\$160.00
Real estate development corporation	\$352.00
Real estate property manager:	
One—three units managed	\$52.00
Four—ten units managed	\$128.00

Ten + units managed	\$128.00
Real estate salesperson or associated broker	\$52.00
Rental service	\$128.00
Sales representative	\$52.00
School and educational service (nonvocational)	\$64.00
School and educational service (vocational)	\$128.00
Scientific laboratory	\$256.00
Scrap and waste material service	\$128.00
Security service	\$192.00
Shoe repairman	\$52.00
Tailor and garment service	\$52.00
Taxicab or bus operator:	
First vehicle	\$28.00
Each additional vehicle	\$28.00
Tourist home, per room	\$8.00
Travel agency	\$128.00
Veterinarian (per person)	\$320.00
Warehouse Operator	\$256.00
All other businesses not listed:	
One—three employees	\$52.00
Four—nine employees	\$96.00
Ten—50 employees	\$128.00
51—100 employees	\$320.00
Subsec. (d)(2) Manufacturers/contractors rate	\$0.00046 of aggregate gross receipts/ Minimum fee \$128.00
Subsec. (d)(3) Merchants/bottlers rate	\$0.00046 of aggregate gross purchases for resale/ Minimum fee \$64.00
Subsec. (d)(4) Sports betting and horse racing (Simulcast)	rate of \$0.00046 of the aggregate gross receipts (defined as commission) for each activity/ Minimum license fee \$128.00
Sec. 26-42. Penalty for late payment of license fee	A penalty fee in the amount of ten percent per month of the amount of the licensee fee until the same is paid
<i>Article III. Going-Out-of-Business Sales; Fire Sales</i>	
Fines not paid within 14 days of the day the fine was issued, including	

the day the fine was issued, shall be automatically doubled in amount.	
Sec. 26-108. Violations; penalties	Not less than \$25.00, nor more than \$1,000.00
Sec. 26-137. Fees	\$25.00; renewal fee \$25.00

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### SYNOPSIS

It has been since 2010 that business license fees were adjusted. This ordinance revises the fees charged for a business license by class of license to provide clarity and to reflect continued inflation and rising cost of issuance. The fees are also adjusted to round numbers divisible by 4 to provide ease in pro-rating for part-year license applications and to simplify the application process.

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### Action History

07/08/2024 – Final Reading – City Council

06/24/2024 – First Reading – City Council

06/11/2024 – Introduction – Council Committee of the Whole/ Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee