
REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 2, 2015

ITEM: COUNCIL BILL No. 2015-530

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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INTRODUCTION:

This Council Bill changes certain license classifications to more closely mirror new business type activities, as well as comply with certain state statute changes.

DISCUSSION:

The City recently completed the bi-annual user fee review, which was discussed with City Council at the budget work session on September 16, 2015. User fees are fees for services for specific users. User fees should recover most of the related cost of providing the service, so general taxes are not supporting services for specific users. Under Hancock provisions, the City is only allowed to recover the cost of providing the service.

The last major change to the business license ordinance was in 2009. There have been some state statute changes to licensing requirements of certain types of businesses, as well as new business type activities have begun. As a result, this ordinance change implements some needed language changes to the business license classifications.

The proposed changes are as follows:

- Change Classification "Bathhouses, masseurs, physical therapy, weight control, exercise or health studios or similar establishments" to "Masseurs, physical therapy, weight control, exercise or health studios or similar establishments".
- Change Classification "Detectives, private investigators and security guards" to "Private Investigators and security guards".
- Increase Health Permit Low Priority from \$93.00 to \$100.00, Medium Priority from \$186.00 to \$200.00, High Priority from \$279.00 to \$300.00, Change of Ownership from \$37.00 to \$40.00, New Construction/Remodel Inspection from \$112.00 to \$125.00, Swimming pools-seasonal from \$75.00 to \$100.00 and the additional seasonal pool from \$10.00 to \$15.00, Swimming pools-year-round from \$200.00 to \$250.00 and the additional year-round pool from \$35.00 to \$50.00.
- Remove Classification "Loan agent, loan companies and brokers, Money lender".

- Add a "Per Special Event" fee of \$5.00 to Temporary Merchant Classification and change to a "Per Week" fee of \$10.00 and a "Per Month" fee of \$20.00.
- Remove Classification "Miniwarehouse".
- Change Pawnbroker Classification to include "which shall include buying and selling of gold, silver and jewelry" and decrease the minimum fee from \$500.00 to \$200.00.
- Remove Nonresident Peddler and Indigent Peddler category and change Resident Peddler to "Peddler-Conducting business on foot and "Using a wagon, automobile, cart or other vehicle or conveyance, which shall include a concessions trailer" with a fee schedule of "Per Special Event" of \$5.00, a "Per Week" of \$10.00, a "Per Month" of \$20.00, and a "Per Year" of \$50.00.
- Add a "Per Special Event" fee of \$5.00 to the Street Stand classification.

On the removal of certain classifications, these categories are duplicates of other language already included in Section 30-121. With the increase in special events, there is a need to modify the classification language and implement a consistent fee schedule for the various license types for these activities. Lastly, the user fee review indicated a need to slightly increase the health permit fees.

The fee changes will be effective on January 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff recommends this Council Bill be approved on first reading.