

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 605 REGARDING THE
ISSUANCE OF BUSINESS LICENSES;
FIXING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, after careful review, the City staff has determined that the late fees associated with the issuance of Business Licenses are not an adequate enough deterrent to ensure yearly compliance with some businesses; and

WHEREAS, in order to urge business owners to be more mindful and conscientious of good business practices, the City Staff has recommended an increase to the late fee for anyone who does not renew their business license in accordance with Chapter 605 of the City municipal; and

WHEREAS, the City Council agrees that certain rate increases are needed in order to protect citizens and the City from unfair or illegal business practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAYNESVILLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The following section of Chapter 605 shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 605-020 – Issuance and Duration of License

- H. The amount of license fee fixed by the provision of Chapter 605 of the Municipal Code of the City of Waynesville shall be increased by the following amounts if the fee is not paid within ten (10) days after the expiration of the previous license (if any) or if the fee is not paid prior to commencement of any new business, to-wit:
 - 1. An additional sum of \$5.00 shall be paid for the first calendar month, or any portion thereof, that default exists in the payment of the license fee; and
 - 2. An additional sum of \$10.00 shall be paid for each calendar month, or any portion thereof, after the first calendar month, that default exists in the payment of the license fee.

Section 2. Except to the extent amended by this ordinance, the provisions of Chapter 605 of the Municipal Code of the City of Waynesville shall remain in full force and effect and the definitions and other provisions contained in those Chapters shall be applicable to this ordinance to include penalties which read that Any person convicted of violation of Sections 605.010 thru Section 605.050 shall, upon conviction therefore, be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the approval and date of its passage.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THIS 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020.



Luge Hardman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Michele Brown, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor on this 20TH Day of February, 2020.



Luge Hardman, Mayor

