



Legislation Text

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Ordinance No. 14-87 repealing Part 9 (Going-Out-of-Business Sales) of Article 3 (Sales of Goods and Services) of Chapter 2 (Business Licensing, Liquor Regulation and Taxation) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to going-out-of-business sale licenses

From:

Sarah Johnson, City Clerk

Summary:

As part of an ongoing effort to make the City of Colorado Springs a more business friendly community, and as one of the City Clerk's 2014 Breakthrough Strategies, the City Clerk conducted a thorough review of all general and specific business license types, requirements, and fees to ensure they are relevant and necessary to regulate activities related to health, safety or other protective purposes. This review includes proposals for removal/clarification of requirements for standardization across all general business license types. These updates to our City code eliminate unnecessary steps and requirements for a business to operate in our great city, while also aiding the future creation of an online application/renewal business licensing system.

After a thorough review, the City Clerk recommends the repeal of the going out of business sales license type, effective upon final adoption and publication as provided by Charter.

Previous Council Action:

No previous Council action.

Background:

As part of an ongoing effort to make the City of Colorado Springs a more business friendly community, and as one of the City Clerk's 2014 Breakthrough Strategies, the City Clerk conducted a thorough review of general business license ("general business license") types, requirements, and fees to ensure they are relevant and necessary to regulate activities related to health, safety or other protective purposes. This review includes proposals for removal/clarification of requirements for standardization across all general business license types. These updates to our City code eliminate unnecessary steps for a business to operate in our great city, while also aiding the future creation of an online application/renewal business licensing system.

After a thorough review, the City Clerk recommends the repeal of the going-out -of -business sales license type, effective upon final adoption and publication as provided by Charter. Established in 1969, it appears this license type is not relevant in today's business license climate. Claims for misleading advertising can now be handled more effectively in the private/civil sector without the need for City licensing.

Financial Implications:

In 2014 the City Clerk has issued no going out of business sale licenses which could result in no loss in license fee revenue if the license requirement is repealed.

Board/Commission Recommendation:

N/A

Stakeholder Process:

The City Clerk worked closely with City Attorney's Office, CSPD, and Finance staff during the review process. City Clerk mailed a notice to all currently licensed entities in this category requesting comments on the possible removal of licensing requirements. The City Clerk published a notice for public comment in the Gazette three times seeking comment on this proposal. The City Clerk received no comments in response to these public notices.

Alternatives:

Not approve the ordinance.

Proposed Motion:

Motion to approve an ordinance repealing Part 9 (Going-Out-of-Business Sales) of Article 3 (Sales of Goods and Services) of Chapter 2 (Business Licensing, Liquor Regulation and Taxation) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to going-out-of-business sale licenses on first reading.

N/A