

Legislation Text

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Ordinance No. 14-75 amending Sections 701 (Definitions) and 702 (License Required; Fee; Term) of Part 7 (Peddler of Food Wares) 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 food peddler 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.

A summary of the proposed changes to the Peddlers of Food Wares License Ordinance, effective as of January 1, 2015, is as follows:

1. Modify the expiration date for licenses from December 31 of each year to one (1) year from the date of issuance;

2. Minor language revisions to align with definitions and language elsewhere in Part 7; and

3. Clarify that license and registration fees are "as established by the City Council under article 1, part 5 of this chapter".

# **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.

The City Clerk worked closely with City Attorney's Office and CSPD staff during the review process. The food peddler license type is needed for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City, and these changes are intended to align this license type with the standardized requirements across all general business license types.

## **Financial Implications:**

N/A

# **Board/Commission Recommendation:**

N/A

# **Stakeholder Process:**

The City Clerk worked closely with City Attorney's Office and CSPD staff during the review process. The Deputy City Clerk also contacted representatives from the current food peddler licensees to discuss the proposals and took into consideration any comments and requests received from those licensees into the proposed ordinance.

# Alternatives:

Not approve the ordinance.

## **Proposed Motion:**

Motion to approve an ordinance amending Sections 701 (Definitions) and 702 (License Required; Fee; Term) of Part 7 (Peddler of Food Wares) 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 food peddler licenses on first reading.

N/A