



Legislation Text

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Ordinance No. 14-79 amending Article 4 (Sexually Oriented Businesses) of Chapter 2 (Business Licensing, Liquor Regulation and Taxation) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to sexually oriented business 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 Sexually Oriented Business License Ordinance, effective as of January 1, 2015, is as follows:

1. Amend language in suspension and revocation provisions to align with the hearing process set forth in Article 1, Part 8;
2. Incorporate simplified general application requirements from section 2.1.403;
3. Minor language revisions to align with other General Licensing Code licenses, including fee language; and
4. 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.

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The City Clerk worked closely with City Attorney's Office, and CSPD staff during the review process. 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 during the review process. The Deputy City Clerk contacted representatives from the current 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 Article 4 (Sexually Oriented Businesses) of Chapter 2 (Business Licensing, Liquor Regulation and Taxation) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to sexually oriented business licenses on first reading.

N/A