



Legislation Text

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Ordinance No. 14-73 amending Part 4 (Alarm Licenses and Registration) 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 alarm 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 Alarms Ordinance, effective January 1, 2015, is as follows:

1. Specify an expiration date of one (1) year from the date of issuance;
2. Clarify that license and registration fees are "as established by the City Council under article 1, part 5 of this chapter";
3. Allow for statement that workers' compensation insurance coverage is not required in lieu of coverage certificate; and
4. Shift notice of cancellation requirement from insurer to licensee and delete 30-day notice period.

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.

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 to recommend changes to the alarm company license portion of the Code. CSPD continues to research the concept of this Code section and plans to come forward with more comprehensive revisions at a later date. These interim changes are intended to align the alarm company license type with the standardized requirements across all general business license types.

Alternatives:

Not approve the ordinance.

Proposed Motion:

Motion to approve an ordinance amending Part 4 (Alarm Licenses and Registration) 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 alarm licenses on first reading.

N/A