

BILL NO. _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE CITY CODE,
BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION LICENSES TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024.

WHEREAS, Article 1 of Chapter 5 of the City Code requires business licenses for any business, profession or occupation before engaging in the activity; and

WHEREAS, additional procedures and regulations are necessary to monitor and ensure the compliance with the Business and Occupation licenses requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to amend the Business and Occupation Licenses regulations of Article 1, Chapter 5.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 5.01.004 of the City Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 5.01.004. Occupation license required.

- A. Every person, whether or not located in the City, desiring to engage in any business, profession or occupation in the City shall be required to obtain an occupation license before engaging in such activity as specified in this chapter. Occupation licenses are not transferable.
- B. Any person shall be deemed to be in business or engaging in non-profit enterprise and thus subject to the requirements of this chapter when any selling, manufacturing, soliciting, transfer, bartering or offering of any goods, wares, real, intangible and tangible personal property or services takes place. One act thereof shall constitute doing business.
- C. Every agent, general contractor, sub-contractor, or representative of any person desiring to engage in or to continue to engage in any business, profession or occupation shall be responsible for the compliance of such person in acquiring an occupation license as required by this chapter.
- D. No license shall be required of any person for any delivery in the City of any property purchased or acquired in good faith from any person at any regular place of business outside the City where no intent by such person is shown to exist to evade the provisions of this chapter.
- E. In order for customers to obtain utility service to an office, commercial and industrial establishment, a valid business license shall be issued by the City of Independence for that property address for any use, and if the business operates as a Limited Liability Company (LLC), said business shall file with the City of Independence a valid LLC registration in accordance with RSMo 347.048.**

SECTION 2. That all other parts and provisions of the City Code shall be in full force and effect unless previously or subsequently amended or repealed.

SECTION 3. That correction of any scrivener's errors identified within these articles are hereby authorized by this ordinance.

PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

Presiding Officer of the City Council
of the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED - FORM AND LEGALITY:

City Counselor

REVIEWED BY

City Manager

NOTE: Words struck through and bolded are being removed by this ordinance and words underscored and bolded are being added by this ordinance.