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ORDINANCE NO. 2011-04

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE AMOUNT OF LICENSE FEES FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF ENGAGING IN, CARRYING ON, OR FOLLOWING ANY TRADE, BUSINESS, PROFESSION, VOCATION, OCCUPATION, OR CALLING, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF COTTER, BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS, AND PROVIDING THE MANNER AND MEANS OF COLLECTING SAID LICENSE FEES AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE IS TO PROVIDE A BASE AS TO HOW MANY BUSINESSES ARE OPERATING IN THE CITY OF COTTER AND NOT NECESSARILY A SOURCE OF REVENUE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTER, BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

Section 1.

That any person, firm or corporation engaged on the 1st day of July of any year in any trade, business, profession, vocation, occupation, or calling, shall procure from the City of Cotter, an occupation license which shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning on the 1st day of July and expiring on the last day of June the following year. Any such license which is not procured by the 1st day of August shall be subject to a penalty of 20% in addition to original cost. Any person, firm or corporation that fails to procure a license by the 1st day of September of the licensing year, will be fined not less than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) and not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and each and every day of such violation shall be considered a separate offense.

Section 2.

On the date, or within one month thereafter, on which any person, firm or corporation commences to engage, in any trade, business, profession, vocation, occupation, or calling within the City of Cotter, an occupation license must be applied for. This license shall expire on June 30 of the following year. The said license shall be subject to a reduction of twenty five percent (25%) for each three (3) months period preceding the next July due date. If the said license is not procured in thirty (30) days from commencement of work, a fine of not less than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) and not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be levied and each day of such violation will be considered a separate violation.

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Section 3.

The occupational license fees shall be based on the number of employees working for a person, firm or corporation. Following is a list of occupation license fee costs:

1 - 2 Employees = \$ 25.00	3 - 5 Employees = \$ 50.00
6 - 10 Employees = \$ 75.00	11 - 15 Employees = \$100.00
16 - 20 Employees = \$125.00	21 + Employees = \$150.00

Section 4.

Any person, firm or corporation engaged in more than one trade, business, profession, vocation, occupation, or calling shall pay the license fee for the one with the highest number of employees.

Section 5.

Any person, firm or corporation without a home base in the City of Cotter who wishes to do business in the City of Cotter may do so if they have an occupational license from any municipality in the State of Arkansas. If they do not, they must purchase a license from the City of Cotter before beginning work.

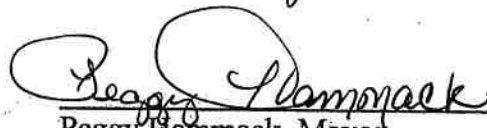
Section 6.

From the time of passage and effect, this ordinance shall supersede and make null and void all other City of Cotter Ordinances dealing with occupational licenses.

Section 7.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any provisions of this Ordinance should be held to be invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such holding shall not affect the validity, enforceability, or constitutionality of the remainder of the provisions hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF May, 2011.


Peggy Hammack, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sharon Sugg, Recorder/Treasurer

1st 3/24/11
2nd 4/28/11
3rd 5/26/11