

Chapter 54 -- Business Licenses

SECTION 54.010: DEFINITION OF BUSINESS

For the purpose of this Chapter, "*business*" is defined as a person, business or other legal entity doing business within the City of Moscow Mills and maintaining an office or place of business within the City limits for more than thirty (30) consecutive days in a given year.

"*Business*" shall not include a person following for a livelihood the profession or calling of minister of the gospel, duly accredited Christian Science practitioner, teacher, professor in a college, priest, lawyer, certified public accountant, dentist, chiropractor, optometrist, chiropodist, or physician or surgeon in the City.

"*Business*" shall not include any person following for a livelihood the profession of insurance agent or broker, veterinarian, architect, professional engineer, land surveyor, auctioneer, or real estate broker or salesman in the City unless that person maintains a business office within the City of Moscow Mills.

"*Business*" shall not include any person selling goods or services for not-for-profit or charitable purposes on a temporary basis or any person selling agriculture products at a temporary location.

SECTION 54.020: LICENSE REQUIRED

All businesses shall be required to purchase and keep on display a City of Moscow Mills business license. Any business operated under the same name at multiple locations shall be required to have a separate license for each such location.

SECTION 54.030: PAYMENT FOR LICENSE

Business licenses shall be purchased at City Hall from the City Clerk each year at a cost of at least fifty dollars (\$50.00). Lost, stolen or destroyed business licenses shall be replaced within thirty (30) days after such loss, theft or destruction upon appropriate application for replacement at City Hall and upon payment of a replacement fee of at least five dollars (\$5.00). Business licenses shall be effective from July 1st through the next June 30th. Business licenses bought after July 1st in any given year shall only be good until the next June 30th with no reduction in fee. These fees are effective June 25, 2007, and may be increased by vote of the Board of Alderman without further amendment of this ordinance. Nothing in this ordinance shall prevent the Board of Aldermen from imposing additional licensing fees on certain businesses as allowed by law.

SECTION 54.040: DENIAL OF LICENSE

No business license shall be issued to applicants who have outstanding water and/or sewer charges due to the City. No business license shall be issued to applicants who have outstanding taxes, assessments, judgments, fines, or court costs due to the City. The City Clerk may establish procedures to ensure compliance with this Section.

SECTION 54.050: COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCES AND STATE STATUTES

- A. All holders of business licenses shall comply with all City ordinances and State Statutes.
- B. Business licenses may be revoked by the Board of Aldermen when it is found that the holder of a business license is in violation of City ordinances or State Statute, or that the applicant provided false information to obtain a business license. Prior to revocation, the holder of the business license shall be given a ten (10) day written notice and an opportunity to be heard at a regularly scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting.
- C. Any business that continues to do business after such revocation shall be liable for fines and penalties prescribed in Section 54.060.

SECTION 54.060: VIOLATIONS -- PENALTY

Any business doing business in the City of Moscow Mills who does not obtain and/or display a Moscow Mills business license shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) days, or by both. Each day of such violation shall constitute a separate offense.

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