

ORDINANCE NO. 04-21

ON ORDINANCE OF MADISON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, IMPOSING PRESCRIBED BUSINESS PERMIT LICENSE FEES FOR EXERCISING CERTAIN PRIVILEGES AND ENGAGING IN CERTAIN OCCUPATIONS, TRADES, AND PROFESSIONS IN SAID COUNTY, REQUIRING SUCH FEES TO BE PAID FOR AND DURING EACH LICENSE YEAR FROM JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> TO THE NEXT SUCCEEDING JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>; STATING THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH SAID LICENSES ARE IMPOSED; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MADISON COUNTY FISCAL COURT, KENTUCKY:

I. BUSINESS PERMIT LICENSE: ON WHOM IMPOSED

On and after July 1, 2004, every person, association, corporation, or other entity engaged in any occupation, trade, profession or other activity in the County shall pay an annual business permit license fee to the Madison County Fiscal Court, Kentucky, be and they are hereby imposed upon and required of all persons, firms and corporations who shall exercise the privileges or engage in businesses, trades, occupations and professions in Madison County, for and during each license year from July 1<sup>st</sup> each year to June 30<sup>th</sup> in the next succeeding year, and which business permit license fees are as follows, to wit:

The annual business permit license fees shall be ten dollars (\$10.00), except as provided in Section

II (a) and hereof due each year not later than June 30<sup>th</sup>.

II. EXEMPTED ACTIVITIES

(a) Because of the undue burden of administration, no business permit license under this Ordinance shall be required of agricultural business classified as farms

under the definitions as related to the Internal Revenue Service classification and those businesses that file a Schedule F for the purposes of reporting income taxes.

Provided that the above listed occupations may be exempt from business permit license fee, this Ordinance, however, does not exempt any business or business activity, including the above exemptions, from the necessity of pay occupational license fees and net profit fees as associated with Madison County Ordinance 87-3 enacted July 1, 1987.

### III. DEFINITIONS

That the following words, when used in this Ordinance, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

“Director of Finance” – The Director of Finance of the Madison County Fiscal Court, Kentucky.

“County” – Madison County Fiscal Court, Kentucky

“Business” – An enterprise, activity, profession or undertaking of any nature conducted for gain or profit, whether conducted by an individual, co-partnership, association, or any other entity, but shall not include the usual activities of boards of trade, chambers of commerce, trade associations or unions (or other association performing the services usually performed by trade associations or unions); Community Chest funds or foundations; corporation or associations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, educational or civic purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty of children or animals; or clubs or

fraternal organizations operated exclusively for social, literary, educational, or fraternal purposes, where no part of the earnings or income or receipts or such units, groups, or associations inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

“Association” – A partnership, limited partnership, or any other form of unincorporated enterprise, owned by two or more persons.

“Corporation” – A corporation of joint stock association organized under the laws of the United States, the State of Kentucky or any other state, territory, or foreign country or dependency.

“Employer” – An individual, co-partnership, association, corporation, governmental body or unit or administration or agency, or any other entity, who or that employs one or more persons on a salary, wage, commission or other compensation basis, regardless of whether such employer is engaged in business as above defined, or is excluded by the terms of said definition.

“Sales” – Net sales of merchandise or of services, or of both, computed by whatever method of accounting is authorized for Federal income tax purposes.

“Sales within the County” – Shall be deemed to include sales of merchandise delivered to a customer within the County or service performed within the County for a customer.

“Non-resident” – An individual, co-partnership, fiduciary, or association or other entity outside the County.

“Person” – Every natural person, co-partnership, fiduciary, association or corporation. Whenever the term “person” is used in any clause prescribing and imposing a penalty in the nature of a fine or imprisonment, the word, as applied to

association, shall mean the partners or members thereof and as applied to corporations, the officers and directors.

“Resident” – An individual, co-partnership, association, corporation, or other entity domiciled or having a business status in the County.

“Licensee” – Any person required hereunder to file a return or to pay a business permit license fee under this Ordinance. The singular shall include the plural, and the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter.

#### IV. BUSINESS PERMIT LICENSE CONDITIONS

The issuance and acceptance of each and all licenses hereinabove provided for and required, and enjoyment of the privileges thereby granted, shall be subject to the following provisions and conditions, to wit:

1. The words, “Person, Firms and/or Corporations” used in this Ordinance applies to individuals engaged and associated in the same occupation and conducting their business in the same manner as if one person was the sole owner and manager.
2. Before exercising any of the privileges or engaging in any business, trade, occupation or profession in Madison County, Kentucky during any license year, every person, firm or corporation desiring to do so shall first procure the County license and pay the fee thereon, as hereinabove provided. Provided, however that any person, firm or corporation in arrears for license fees and ad valorem taxes due and owing to said County, shall be denied a license, and shall be denied the privilege of engaging further in any trade, occupation, business or profession in

the County unless said arrearages have fully paid and satisfied, and any violator of this prohibition shall be subject to the penalties hereinafter provided.

3. No license shall be transferred under this Ordinance to any person, firm or corporation unless the transferee make written application to the Madison Fiscal Court therefore and only after same has been approved. Provided that, no license permitting the sale of alcoholic beverage shall be transferred, either from person to person or place to place.

4. No refund will be granted on surrendered business permit license for any part of the year unless the business was discontinued under circumstances or by reason of causes over which the licensee has no control.

5. All licenses must be conspicuously and permanently displayed in the original place of business for which they are granted.

6. No partial payments for any kind of license will be permitted or accepted.

7. It shall be the duty of the County Finance Director or his/her designee to inspect for proper licenses issued and proper display of same.

8. False information given to apply for the license shall result in the immediate revocation of license and subject to the penalties set forth in this Ordinance.

9. A business permit license shall not be issued without a zoning permit released from the County Planning and Development Department, stating that the property is properly zoned for such activity or has been duly authorized.

#### V. INITIAL LICENSE FEE

Every person conducting a business as defined in this Ordinance shall obtain a business permit license from the Director of Finance before the commencement of such business, the fee for which shall be \$10.00, except as provided in Section II hereof. All persons conducting business transient in

nature are required to obtain a business permit license from the Director of Finance not less than seven days preceding the commencement of business, the fee for which shall be \$200.00 per showing, except for as provided in Section II hereof. Transient businesses include, but are not limited to the following:

- Circus, regardless of local sponsorship
- Carnival, regardless of local sponsorship
- Amusement, athletic contest, or entertainment not part of a duly licensed business or not held in a regularly licensed theatre or in a publicly owned or religious or educational building, and not sponsored by a bona fide civic, patriotic, religious or educational organization.
- Itinerant Merchants
- Peddlers

#### VI. RECORDS OF COLLECTION

It shall be the duty of the Director of Finance to collect and to receive the license fees imposed by this Ordinance and the Director of Finance shall keep records showing the amount received by him/her from each licensee and employer and the date of such receipt of such fees to the County Finance Director.

#### VII. ENFORCEMENT: REGULATIONS.

The Director of Finance is hereby charged with the enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance, and is hereby empowered to prescribe, adopt, and enforce rules and regulations relating to any matter or thing pertaining to the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance.

The Director Finance or any agent or employee designated in writing by him/her is hereby authorized to examine the books, papers and records of any employer or

supposed employer or of any licensee or supposed licensee in order to determine the amount of license fee imposed by the terms of this Ordinance.

#### VIII. PENALTIES.

Any person or corporation who shall fail, neglect or refuse to obtain the business permit license required by this Ordinance, or who shall attempt to do anything whatever to avoid payment of the whole or any part of the license fee shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or imprisonment for a year in jail or both.

Any person, business, or employee of a business who conducts a business or trade or engages in a profession or other activity after having had the initial license revoked and after being ordered closed who conducts the business, trade, profession or activity shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction fined not more than \$500.00 and imprisoned for not more than one year in jail or both. Each day's violation of this prohibition is a separate offense. In addition to the above if the person or business reopens after the Director of Finance orders a license revoked, the Madison County Sheriff shall take whatever steps are necessary to physically close the premises.

In order to provide for the constitutional protections of any person who feels that the determinations of the Director of Finance are incorrect, there shall be an appeal process, in which any person can request the County Judge Executive to review all the data pertaining to that person's license. The County Judge Executive shall then have the responsibility

of meeting jointly with the complainant and the Director of Finance in order to reach an amicable agreement.

IX. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Any information gained by the Director of Finance or any other official or agent or employee of the County as a result of any returns, investigations, hearings or verifications required or authorized by this Ordinance, shall be confidential, except for official purposes and except in accordance with proper judicial order, or as otherwise provided by law.

X. UNLAWFUL IMPOSITON OF LICENSE

It is not the intention of the County or of this Ordinance to impose and require a business permit license fee prohibited by law.

XI. PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO OBTAIN LICENSE

Any person, firm or corporation who shall engage in any occupation without first obtaining the required license therefore, or who shall fail to pay the required license fee when the same shall be due, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction therefore, shall be fined not more than \$500.00 and imprisoned for up to a year in jail or both, and each day that any person, firm or corporation continues to operate without the required license shall be deemed a separate offense.

XII. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any sentence, clause or section or part of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any

particular state of case is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or repeal any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses or sections or parts of this Ordinance, it being the legislative intent of this body to ordain and enact each provision, paragraph, sentence and part hereof separately and independently of each other.

XIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage, pursuant to applicable legal and procedural requirements.

XIV. AUTHORITY

This Local Ordinance is enacted pursuant to applicable authority granted by the Commonwealth and federal government.

That the County Clerk cause this Ordinance to be published in accordance with the appropriate Kentucky Revised Statutes.

This Ordinance No. 04-21 shall become effective on the date of the second reading and adoption.

DATE OF FIRST READING: April 27, 2004  
MOTION BY: Larry Combs  
SECONDED BY: William Tudor

VOTE:

YES

NO

JUDGE KENT CLARK

MAGISTRATE LARRY COMBS

MAGISTRATE ROGER BARGER

MAGISTRATE WILLIAM TUDOR

MAGISTRATE BILLY RAY HUGHES

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DATE OF SECOND READING: May 11, 2004  
MOTION BY: Roger Barger  
SECONDED BY: William Tudor

VOTE:

YES

NO

JUDGE, KENT CLARK

MAGISTRATE LARRY COMBS

MAGISTRATE ROGER BARGER

MAGISTRATE WILLIAM TUDOR

MAGISTRATE BILLY RAY HUGHES

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MADISON COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William E. Howell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

MADISON COUNTY CLERK