

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO BUSINESS LICENSING AND AMENDING OLYMPIA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 5.02.015.**

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2016, the City of Olympia Finance Committee considered the issue of amending Olympia Municipal Code (OMC) Section 5.02.015 by eliminating the \$25 Business License Tax Registration Fee and the \$25 New Business Registration Fee in order to make it less costly for businesses, particularly small businesses, to begin doing business in the City of Olympia; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee directed staff to prepare an ordinance with its recommended amendments for full City Council consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the City of Olympia to eliminate the \$25 Business License Tax Registration Fee and the \$25 New Business Registration Fee and amend OMC 5.02.15 accordingly.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Amendment of OMC 5.02.015. Olympia Municipal Code 5.02.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**5.02.015 License fee**

The initial fee for the City business license required by this chapter is ~~\$80.00~~\$30.00. ~~The fee is comprised of an annual renewal business license fee of \$30.00, a onetime new business registration fee of \$25.00 and a onetime B&O tax registration fee of \$25.00.~~ The renewal fee may be prorated to accommodate the license term established under OMC 5.02.010. The license fees listed in this section are in addition to any other license or handling fee collected by the BLS.

**Section 2. Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or application of the provisions to other persons or circumstances shall remain unaffected.

**Section 3. Ratification.** Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Ordinance is hereby ratified and affirmed.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after publication, as provided by law.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



CITY ATTORNEY *(per)*

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**PASSED:**

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**PUBLISHED:**