CITY OF LYNDON, KENTUCKY ORDINANCE # 3-28-22B, SERIES 2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 110 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES CONCERNING BUSINESS LICENSES AND PENALTIES FOR OPERATING A BUSINESS IN THE CITY WITHOUT A BUSINESS LICENSE

WHEREAS, The City of Lyndon wishes to update Ordinance Chapter 110 regarding the amount of the business license fee and the penalties for not getting the business license;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lyndon, Kentucky ("City") has been imposing a \$75 license fee for business that operate in the city;

WHEREAS, the city has had increases in costs in the past two years related to the pandemic and inflation;

WHEREAS, The City of Lyndon has had the same rate for business licenses for many years and the new rate of \$100 is timely and not overly burdensome; the penalty section for this ordinance also needs to be updated as it is outdated and overly simple;

WHEREAS, the City has determined and hereby declares it is necessary, desirable, and in the public interest for the City to amend Chapter 110 to increase the rate of the business license fee to \$100 and to add language to the penalty section;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF LYNDON, KENTUCKY:

Section 1: Chapter 110, Section 110.01 Licenses Required to Engage in Certain Trades, Businesses or Professions is hereby amended as follows:

§ 110.01 LICENSES REQUIRED TO ENGAGE IN CERTAIN TRADES, BUSINESSES, OR PROFESSIONS.

No person shall engage in any of the trades, businesses, or professions for which licenses are required by any provision of this code or any other ordinance of the city without first applying for and obtaining a license from the City Clerk or other duly authorized issuing authority. The annual fee of \$75 100 shall be due and payable on or before July 15 of each year. License fees shall be credited to the general funds of the city.

Section 2: Chapter 110, Section 110.99 Penalty is hereby amended as follows:

§ 110.99 PENALTY.

Whoever-violates any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than \$500.

(A) Any or all licenses fees due to be paid on July 15 and not paid within 30 days from that date shall be subject to the following penalties:

- (1) Any person who fails to pay the license fee when it shall become due shall be charged a one time penalty of \$20 and in addition be charged interest for each day of non-payment of \$2.00 per day until paid, up to a maximum penalty and interest of \$500.00, for each year's delinquency.
- (2) Any person who shall fail, neglect, or refuse to make any return required by this chapter, or any person who shall refuse to permit the collector or any agent or employee designated by him in writing, to examine books, records, and papers pertaining to information required thereunder, or who shall knowingly make any incomplete, false, or fraudulent return; or who shall attempt to do anything whatsoever to avoid the full disclosure of the amount of earnings in order to avoid the payment of the whole or any part of the license fee, shall become liable to the city for such fees as well as the interest and penalty thereon, and shall in addition, be subject to citation and upon conviction, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or to both fine and imprisonment, for each offense. Such criminal penalties shall be in addition to the civil penalties imposed above.

Section 3: This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption and publication.

First Reading 3/28/22Second Reading 4/25/2Passed and approved this the 25 day of 4 2022.

APPROVED:

Brent Hagan, Mayor

Attest:

Stacey Woodward, City Clerk

Those in Favor: 5

Those Opposed: 0