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Presentation

Business Registration Discussion

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Purpose

- Overview of Business Tax Code
- Recent discussion on vendors at community events
- Seeking guidance from Council on next steps



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Chapter 5.08 Business Taxes

- 5.08.030 IMPOSED: *“No person shall maintain, operate, engage in, conduct, or carry on any business within the City **without first having paid the business tax** as established by this chapter.”*
- Business means *“enterprise, establishment, store, shop, activity, profession, management companies, or undertaking of any nature conducted directly or indirectly for private profit or benefit.”*



Chapter 5.08 Business Taxes

- Purpose: “*business taxes imposed by this chapter are for revenue purposes only*”.
- A single business in multiple location and multiple businesses in a single location requires a license for each business.
- Exclusions include: Nonprofit, garage sales, personal items, Metro License.



Current Fees

- Annual License \$187 plus \$10/FTE.
- License \$88 after July 1.
- \$30 for a 2-week Temporary License.



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Recent Feedback

- During planning for community events, question on business license.
- Code requires license.
- Communicated requirement.
- Waived fees this year.



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Other Cities – Farmers Mkts

- Majority require license and do not enforce code.
- 2 provide exemptions.
- 1 city enforces license requirement through market.
- Fee ranges from \$25 - \$80.



Staff Recommendation

- Meet with community event vendors
- Meet with impacted community event vendors
- Review and discuss options and considerations
- Return to Council by January with any code or fee adjustments



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Questions



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