

CITY OF ST. GEORGE

BY COUNCIL MEMBER HIMMEL

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-007

TO AMEND TITLE 9, CHAPTER 1 OF THE ST. GEORGE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE RELATIVE TO OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES FOR VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2024, the Council for the City of St. George adopted Ordinance No. 2024-019, which adopted Title 9. Licensing and Regulation of Trade, Chapter 1. Occupational Licenses, which includes regulations requiring businesses in the City of St. George to obtain occupational licenses;

WHEREAS, the Council desires to amend Title 9. Licensing and Regulations of Trades and Occupations, Chapter 1. Occupational Licenses, to include Section 5. Special Provisions, which provides for a reduction of the occupational license tax for Veteran-Owned Businesses in the City of St. George.

BE IT ORDAINED by the St. George City Council, State of Louisiana as follows:

Section 1. Enactment.

Title 9. LICENSING AND REGULATION OF TRADES AND OCCUPATIONS

Chapter 1. OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES

Section 9:5. Special Provisions

(a) Definitions.

(1) "Veteran" for purposes of this ordinance means a person who is currently serving full-time duty in the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Space Force, or National Guard, including the reserve components thereof), other than active duty for training, or has served in the U.S. Armed Forces, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.

(2) "Veteran-Owned Business" means a business certified by the Louisiana Department of Veteran Affairs as being 51% owned by a veteran, as defined in this Section, or Gold Star spouse of a veteran as defined herein.

(b) Special Provisions. The special provisions stated below, as well as the special provisions of R.S. 47:362, as amended, shall apply to any occupational license tax imposed by this Chapter.

For any Veteran-Owned Business, the occupational license tax shall be calculated in accordance with the following guidelines:

- a. Any business with annual gross receipts less than \$250,000 will be exempt from the fee imposed by this Chapter.
- b. For businesses with annual gross receipts exceeding \$250,000 but less than \$500,000, the fee shall be \$100 annually.
- c. For businesses with annual gross receipts exceeding \$500,000, the fee shall be \$150 annually.

Section 2. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or parts thereof, other than the part declared invalid. The remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected by the declaration of invalidity and shall remain in force and effect.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was:

For: Cook, Dellucci, Edmonds, Himmel, Monachello, Murrell, Talbot

Against:

Absent / Abstaining / Recused:

Introduced on February 24, 2026 and adopted on March 10, 2026.


Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk

Delivered to Mayor on March 11, 2026.


Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk

Approved:


Dustin Yates, Mayor

Received from Mayor on 11 March, 2026

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