

CITY OF ST. GEORGE

BY COUNCIL MEMBER COOK:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-019

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT TITLE 9, CHAPTER 1
RELATIVE TO OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING AND TO
PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the Council for the City of St. George desires to require businesses in the City of St. George to obtain occupational licenses;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the St. George City Council, State of Louisiana, Title 9, Chapter 1 be enacted as follows:

Section 1. Enactment

Title 9. LICENSING AND REGULATION OF TRADES AND OCCUPATIONS
Chapter 1. OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES

Sec. 9:1. Annual license tax.

There is hereby levied an occupational license tax upon each person pursuing and conducting any business, trade, calling, profession or vocation, within the corporate limits of the City of St. George, subject to license under the Louisiana Constitution and laws of this state.

Sec. 9:2. Adoption of state laws.

The amount of license tax levied in each case is hereby fixed, determined and ordained to be the same as that fixed, levied and collectable by the governing authority under, and shall be granted in accordance with Title 47, Chapter 3 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes both inclusive, as amended, and all other applicable laws, all of which for all purposes of this chapter are made a part hereof by reference as if written herein in extenso.

Sec. 9:3. Peddlers.

All peddlers, defined by La. R.S. 47:359(C) shall obtain a license costing \$200.

Sec. 9:4. Penalty and interest.

All license taxes levied herein shall be due and payable on January 1st of each year and all unpaid license taxes shall become delinquent on March 1st.

- (1) When any taxpayer fails to pay the tax, or any portion thereof, on or before March 1st, interest at the rate of 1.25% per month shall be added to the amount of tax due and such interest shall be computed from the due date until the tax is paid.
- (2) In addition to the interest there shall be imposed a penalty of 5% of the total tax due if the failure or delinquency is for not more than 30 days, with an additional 5% for each additional 30 days or fraction thereof during which the failure or delinquency continues, not to exceed 25% of the tax in the aggregate.

Section 2. Applicability

In the case of any business which has an unexpired occupational license issued by the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, no license tax shall be due and payable to the City of St. George until January 1, 2025.

Section 3. New Businesses

For any business which does not have a current, unexpired license issued by the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge on the effective date of this Ordinance, the license tax shall be due and payable on the later of the effective date of this Ordinance or within 40 days after the date of commencement of business within the City of St. George in accordance with La. R.S. 47:344.

Section 4. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication.

This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote after public hearings held on August 27, 2024, September 17, 2024, and September 24, 2024.

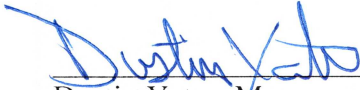
For: Cook, Edmonds, Heck, Himmel and Monachello
Against: NONE

Adopted this 24th day of September, 2024.

Delivered to Mayor on the 1st day of October, 2024:



Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk

Approved:



Dustin Yates, Mayor

Received from Mayor on the 1st day of October, 2024:



Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk

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