

ORDINANCE NO. 516

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 450 REQUIRING A LICENSE FEE FOR BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF BARLING, ARKANSAS, RAISING THE LICENSE FEE FROM THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$35.00) TO ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00), DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARLING, ARKANSAS THAT:

SECTION 1: Business Privilege License. Pursuant to authority vested in the City of Barling by the A.C.A. §§ 26-77-101 *et seq.*, it is hereby declared a special privilege, subject to an annual fee and compliance with all ordinances of the City of Barling and the State of Arkansas, to engage in, carry on, or follow any trade, business, profession, vocation or calling within the corporate limits of the City of Barling, Arkansas. Each such trade, business, profession, vocation or calling shall be required to obtain a business privilege license.

SECTION 2: Definitions. The term “business” as used herein shall mean any trade, business, profession, vocation or calling as described in A.C.A. §§ 26-77-102 *et seq.* The term “license year” shall mean the calendar year in which the license is required.

SECTION 3: Fees and Penalties. The fee levied hereunder shall be due and payable at the office of the City Clerk on or before the first (1st) day of February of each license year. This City Clerk shall collect fees and penalties under the following schedule:

A. A fee of \$100.00 shall be paid when payment is received on or before January 31 of the license year;

B. A fee of \$100.00 and a penalty of \$15.00 shall be paid when payment is received on or after February 1 of the license year.

SECTION 4: Two or More Locations. No business shall be subject to more than one (1) fee hereunder during any license year for the conduct of the same trade, vocation, business or profession in more than one (1) location within the City.

SECTION 5: Posting of License. The Business Privilege License shall be posted in a visible and conspicuous place where such trade, business, occupation, profession, vocation or calling is carried on and the holder of such license shall exhibit such same to any agent or official of the City of Barling.

SECTION 6: Acquisition of License. All new businesses required to obtain a license under this Ordinance shall be required to do so within forty-five (45) days of the opening and operation of said business within the City of Barling.

SECTION 7: Penalty for Violation. On or after February 1 of the license year, the City Clerk shall advise the Police Department of the known violators of this Ordinance. Failure to obtain the required business privilege license after February 14 of the license year shall be deemed an unclassified misdemeanor. Violators of any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subject to court costs and a fine of not less than Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) and not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), with each day of violation constituting a separate offense.

SECTION 8: Severability. Any word, section or part of a section or provisions of a section or provision of this chapter, if held unconstitutional, void or invalid, shall not affect the validity of any other word, section or provision hereof which is itself not void or invalid.

SECTION 9: Emergency Clause. The enactment of this Ordinance insures the immediate protection of the health, safety and welfare of the properties and citizens of the City of Barling, Arkansas, such that an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26TH day of November, 2024.


Greg Murray - Mayor


Florene Brown – City Clerk

