

ORDINANCE 2018 - 32

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEARCY, ARKANSAS; AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION 17-9 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO BUSINESS LICENSES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The City Council of the City of Searcy, Arkansas, meeting in regular session, makes the following findings of fact and enacts the following provisions:

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council recognizes the need to provide for penalties for non-payment of sums due from business licensure; and

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council finds that, in light of the need to provide for the public peace, health, safety and welfare of its citizens, an emergency exists requiring the immediate enforcement of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Searcy City Council adopts the following amendment to the Code of Ordinances:

Section 1. Section 17-9 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Searcy, Arkansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 17-9. Taxes Payable; Delinquency, Collection by City Clerk; Publication of Delinquent Accounts.

- A. All taxes imposed by this chapter shall be due and payable to the City Clerk on the third Monday in January of the year for which it is imposed. The tax collected on said date shall be equal in amount to that rate of tax which shall be in effect as of said date.
- B. If the same be not paid on or before March 1, the City may enforce collection thereof by civil or penal proceedings and there shall be assessed a twenty-five percent (25%) late penalty on any sums due on such date.
- C. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to collect all occupational and privilege taxes and to issue licenses and permits to each qualified and acceptable applicant.
- D. In September of each year, the City Clerk/Treasurer or his or her designated representative shall compile a list of delinquent occupational permit fee accounts and shall cause the same to be published once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation within the city limits of the City of Searcy.

- E. It shall be unlawful to conduct business without a business license as provided in this Chapter and a business license may be revoked by the Mayor for nonpayment. ”

Section 2. The provision of this ordinance are separable and, upon any finding that any provision of this ordinance is unenforceable, the remaining provision shall be enforceable according to their terms.

Section 3. All ordinances, resolution or other acts of the City in conflict with the terms hereof are repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

Emergency Clause. The Searcy City Council has determined that an emergency exists and that the immediate adoption and enforcement of this ordinance being necessary for the public peace, health, safety and welfare, the provisions hereof shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Adopted this 13th day of November, 2018.

The City of Searcy, Arkansas

By:

/s/ David Morris
Mayor of Searcy

Attest

/s/ Jerry Morris
Searcy City Clerk-Treasurer