

## **CHAPTER V. BUSINESS REGULATIONS**

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### **ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 5-101. **LICENSE REQUIRED.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, either as principal or agent or employee, to conduct, pursue, carry on or operate any calling, trade, profession or occupation in the city without first paying the license fee prescribed and procuring such a license from the city clerk whenever the procuring of the license is required by the city. (Code 1999)
- 5-102. **APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.** Every person, firm or corporation desiring to do business in the city shall apply to the city clerk for a license to operate such business at an annual fee of \$25.00. The city clerk shall issue to the applicant a license which shall be signed by the city clerk. (Ord. 1118, Sec. 1; Code 1999)
- 5-103. **NOT ASSIGNABLE OR TRANSFERABLE.** No license granted by the city shall be assignable or transferable; nor shall such license authorize any person to do business or act under it but the person named therein, nor at more than one place. There shall be no refunds except as specifically provided. (Code 1999)
- 5-104. **LICENSE PERIOD; DURATION.** Unless otherwise provided, licenses shall commence and endure from January 1 and expire on December 31. (Code 1999)
- 5-105. **INVESTIGATION OF APPLICANT.** The city clerk may defer the issuance of any license until he or she shall have had a reasonable time in which to investigate the moral character and financial responsibility of the applicant, and he or she may require the applicant to deposit the sum of \$15 to secure to the city the payment of all necessary costs of such investigation. (Code 1987, 5-106)
- 5-106. **ISSUANCE; SIGNING.** Upon application made for a license under this article, and the payment of the amount of tax due by the applicant, the city clerk shall, subject to the provisions of this article, issue to such applicant a license signed by the mayor, city administrator and city clerk. (Code 1987, 15-7)
- 5-107. **CITY SEAL TO BE AFFIXED.** Whenever the city clerk issues any license, he or she shall affix the seal of the city thereto. (Code 1987, 15-8)
- 5-108. **CONTENTS.** Every license issued by the city shall be dated on the day of its issue, and shall state the name of the licensee, the kind of business he or she is authorized to engage in, the place where such business is to be carried on, the amount paid and the time the license shall expire. (Code 1999, 15-9)

- 5-109.           RENEWAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FOR DELINQUENT BUSINESS LICENSE. Unless otherwise specifically provided each annual license issued under this article shall be renewed on or before the thirty-first (31) day of January of each year, beginning in 2006. The license fee shall be paid to the city clerk at his or her office at the time of such renewal. In addition to the license fee, the Clerk shall collect late fees in the amount of \$10 for each month that the person, firm, corporation or business fails or neglects to pay the business license fee.  
Violators may be assessed late fees in addition to prosecution in Municipal Court pursuant to section 5-112.  
(Ord. 1140, Sec. 2; Code 2005)
- 5-110.           EXHIBITION UPON DEMAND. Every person required to obtain the license provided for in this article shall, upon demand, exhibit the same to any police officer or other authorized agent of the city. (Code 1987, 15-15)
- 5-111.           RECORDS TO BE KEPT. The clerk shall keep a log in which shall be entered the name of each and every person licensed by the city, the date of the license, the purpose for which it was granted, the amount paid therefore, and the time when the same will expire. (Code 1987, 15-16)
- 5-112.           VIOLATION AND MUNICIPAL COURT PENALTIES. In addition to administrative late fees assessed by the City Clerk, any person, firm, corporation or business attempting to conduct business in the City of Columbus, Kansas, who fails to comply with the provisions of this Article, may be subject to citation and Municipal Court fines in an amount no greater than \$500.00.  
(Ord. 1140, Sec.3; Code 2005)