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Licensing Private Detective Agencies, etc.

ORDINANCE NO. 1671

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.12 OF THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE LICENSING OF PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCIES AND PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANIES.

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond is a noncharter code city organized and existing under the provisions of Title 35A of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35A.82.020 the City is authorized to license any business or commerce operating within the City, and

WHEREAS, the City has exercised its authority to license detective agencies and security guards pursuant to Redmond Municipal Code Chapter 5.12, and

WHEREAS, the City now desires to amend this Chapter in order to maintain compliance with RCW Chapters 18.165 and 18.170 now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 5.12 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

5.12.010 Definitions. The words and phrases used herein, unless the context otherwise indicates, shall have the following meanings:

- (1) "City" means the City of Redmond;

(2) "Person" means and includes any individual, firm, corporation, partnership, association, company, society, manager, contractor, subcontractor, bureau, agency, service, office, or an agent or employee of any of the foregoing;

(3) "Private detective" means a person who is employed by a private detective agency for the purpose of investigation, escort or body guard services, or property loss prevention activities;

(4) "Private detective agency" means a person or entity engaged in the business of detecting, discovering, or revealing one or more of the following:

(a) Crime, criminals, or related information;

(b) The identity, habits, conduct, business, occupation, honesty, integrity, credibility, knowledge, trustworthiness, efficiency, loyalty, activity, movement, whereabouts, affiliations, associations, transactions, acts, reputation, or character of any person or thing;

(c) The location, disposition, or recovery of lost or stolen property;

(d) The cause or responsibility for fires, libels, losses, accidents, or damage or injury to persons or to property;

(e) Evidence to be used before a court, board, officer, or investigative committee;

(f) Detecting the presence of electronic eavesdropping devices; or

(g) The truth or falsity of a statement or representation.

(5) "Private security company" means a person or entity engaged in the business of providing the services of private security guards on a contractual basis.

(6) "Private security guard" means an individual who is principally employed as or typically referred to as one of the following:

(a) Security officer or guard;

(b) Patrol or merchant patrol service officer or guard;

(c) Armed escort or bodyguard;

(d) Armored vehicle guard;

(e) Burglar alarm response runner; or

(f) Crowd control officer or guard.

5.12.020 Additional Business License Requirement for Private Detective Agencies. Any person who applies for a business license for a private detective agency must, in addition to meeting the requirements of Chapter 5.04, provide the City Clerk with evidence that the person has a current state of Washington private detective agency license pursuant to RCW Chapter 18.165. Additionally, any individual employed as a private detective by a private detective agency licensed under this section must possess a current state of Washington private detective license pursuant to RCW Chapter 18.165. Copies of state licenses for the private detective agency shall be filed with the City Clerk at the time of business license application.

5.12.030 Additional Business License Requirement for Private Security Companies. Any person who applies for a business license for a private security company must, in addition to meeting the requirements of Chapter 5.04, provide the City Clerk with evidence that the person has a current state of Washington private security company license pursuant to RCW Chapter 18.170. Additionally, any individual employed as a private security guard by a private security company must possess a current state of Washington private security guard license. Copies of state licenses for the private security company shall be filed with the City Clerk at the time of business license application.

Section 3. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 4. This ordinance, being an exercise of a power specifically delegated to the City legislative body, is not subject to referendum, and shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication of the attached summary which is hereby approved.

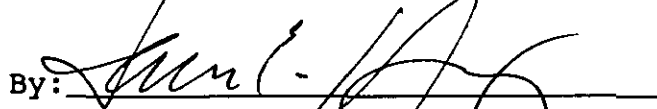
CITY OF REDMOND


MAYOR ROSEMARIE IVES

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


CITY CLERK, DORIS SCHAIBLE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

By: 

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