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## ORDINANCE NO. 1111

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO BUSINESS LICENSES, ADDING A NEW SECTION TO CHAPTER 5.04 OF THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE REQUIRING BUSINESS LICENSEES TO NOTIFY THE CITY IN WRITING OF TERMINATION OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES AND CREATING A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION THAT A BUSINESS IS CONTINUING TO OPERATE UNLESS WRITTEN NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF THE BUSINESS HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE CITY.

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WHEREAS, to the extent possible, the provisions of this chapter relating to licensing should be enforced with respect to all nonexempt business activities within the City in a consistent and even-handed manner, and

WHEREAS, it is very difficult if not impossible for the City to determine in all cases whether or not an existing, licensed business for which a license fee is not paid in a subsequent year is continuing to operate within the City or has ceased business, and

WHEREAS, frequently telephone and written inquiries to determine whether a business continues go unanswered, and therefore it is reasonable to place the burden on the licensee to notify the City of termination of business activities, now, therefore,

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

Section 1. Chapter 5.04 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding a new Section 5.04.055 thereto to read as follows:

Every person who has obtained a business license required by this chapter and who thereafter ceases to engage in business within the City shall, prior to the end of the calendar year during which business operations have been terminated, notify the City Clerk in writing that business activities have ceased. Any business for which a license has been issued for the year 1983 or any subsequent year shall be presumed to continue in operation within the City unless notice of termination of business activities has been given as provided above, and enforcement proceedings may be commenced on the basis of such presumption.

Section 2. Evidence in the form of a sworn written statement by the City Clerk or his or her designee that the defendant obtained a business license in 1983 or thereafter and did not give written notice of termination of business shall constitute prima facie evidence of continuation of the business for the purposes of a charge of violation of the City's ordinance requiring businesses to be licensed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after passage and publication by posting as provided by law.

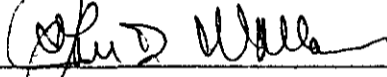
CITY OF REDMOND

  
MAYOR, CHRISTINE T. HIMES

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
CITY CLERK, PAUL F. KUSAKABE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

BY 

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: March 8, 1983  
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: March 15, 1983  
SIGNED BY THE MAYOR: March 15, 1983  
POSTED: March 17, 1983  
EFFECTIVE DATE: March 21, 1983