

ORDINANCE NO. 271

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING A LICENSE FEE FOR BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF BARLING, ARKANSAS, AND 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 Arkansas Code, 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. The term "license year" shall mean the calendar year in which the license is required. The first license year for which a fee is imposed shall be 2001.

SECTION 3:

A. 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 January of each license year. The City Clerk shall collect fees and penalties under the following schedule:

a. A fee of \$15.00 shall be paid when payment is received on or before January 31 of the license year.

b. A fee of \$15.00 and a penalty of \$5.00 shall be paid when payment is received on or after February 1 of the license year.

B. 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 location.

C. Posting of License. The business privilege license shall be posted in a highly visible place where such trade, business, occupation, profession, vocation or calling is carried on, and the holder of such license shall exhibit such license to any agent or official of the City of Barling.

SECTION 4: 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 beginning to do business in the City of Barling. All existing businesses, and new businesses beginning during the year 2000, shall be required to obtain a license for 2000 on or before December 31, 2000 (at no charge).

SECTION 5: Penalty for Violation. On or after March 15 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 March 14 of the license year shall be deemed a 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

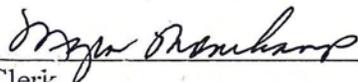
Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), with each day of violation constituting a separate offense.

SECTION 6: 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.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25 day of April, 2000.



Mayor



Clerk