

AN ORDINANCE amending Article IV, Pawnbrokers and other Secondhand Goods Dealers, Division 2, License, of Chapter 98, Secondhand Goods, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin to implement certain fee language changes.

WHEREAS, by Ordinance Number 2008-030, passed on February 14, 2008, the City amended Chapter 30, Businesses, to increase fees; and,

WHEREAS, many Sections of the Code make reference to Chapter 30 and its requirements; and,

WHEREAS, in order to bring consistency to the Code, the Council of the City of Joplin is desirous of amending those Sections of the affected Code Sections in relation to license fees and license processes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, as follows:

Section 1. That Article IV, Pawnbrokers and other Secondhand Goods Dealers, Division 2, License, of Chapter 98, Secondhand Goods, be amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 98 SECONDHAND GOODS

ARTICLE IV. PAWNBROKERS AND OTHER SECONDHAND GOODS DEALERS

DIVISION 2. LICENSE

Sec. 98-161. Required.

No person shall carry on or engage in business as a pawnbroker, secondhand dealer or junk dealer in the city without having first obtained a license from the city. The fee for such license shall be such as may be established by section 30-121.

Sec. 98-162. Certificate from chief of police.

Before any license to engage in business as a pawnbroker, secondhand dealer or junk dealer is issued, it shall be necessary for the applicant to procure a certificate from the chief of police of the city that he has caused an inquiry to be made as to the character and integrity of the applicant and has found no reason why a license should not be issued to such applicant.

Sec. 98-163. Bond requirements for pawnbrokers, secondhand dealers and junk dealers.

Every person applying for a license to engage in or carry on the business of pawnbroker, secondhand dealer, or junk dealer in the city shall, before such license is issued to such applicant, enter into a bond to the city, in the amount of \$10,000.00, conditioned that such applicant will strictly and faithfully observe all provisions of this Code and ordinances, regulations and requirements of the city in relation to pawnbrokers or their business, and will pay all costs, fines and penalties incurred on account of the applicant's failure or neglect in that behalf, and will pay all damages resulting to any person by reason of such applicant wrongfully purchasing, taking or receiving in pledge or on deposit any stolen property, or the property of any minor. Such bond shall be filed with the director of finance, and may be sued upon by any person damaged, as described in this section, in his own name, but in no event shall the city be liable for any costs in any such suit. Whenever a pawnbroker's bond is deemed insufficient, the director of finance may require a new bond or additional sureties.

Sec. 98-164 Revocation.

The revocation of this type of business license shall follow the terms as set forth in section 30-104.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective on June 1, 2008.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 5th day of May, 2008.

Gary L. Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara L Hogelin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brian W Head, City Attorney