CITY OF SAMMAMISH
WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. O2003-126

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2002-118 TO REVISE THE CITY’S BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. O2002-118, establishing the City’s business licensing requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Ordinance O2002-118 required certain businesses that are exempt from State business licensing requirements to be licensed by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to make certain modifications to the City’s business licensing requirements for ease of administration; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to keep the State and City registration requirements consistent;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. City Manager Authorized to Enter into Master License Service Agreement. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the State of Washington Master License Service under which that agency shall accept and process City Business License Applications.

Section 2. Ordinance No. O2002-118(3)(A) and (B) Amended. Subsections A and B of Section 3 of Ordinance No. O2002-118 are hereby amended to read as follows:

A. Except as provided in subsection C of this section, every person who engages in business within the City, and who is required to register with the State of Washington as outlined in WAC 458-20-101, shall apply for and obtain from the Director a license for each calendar year or portion thereof, regardless of the amount of income received:

B. Every business shall post the license issued to the business pursuant to this Ordinance on the premises of the business. Every transient merchant, peddler or street peddler shall have in his or her possession at all times, while conducting business as such, the license issued pursuant to this chapter or a copy of the completed license application with proof of payment.
Section 3. Ordinance No. O2002-118(4) Amended. Section 4 of Ordinance No. O2002-118 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4. License Fee. A. A business license fee shall be paid to the City in an amount set by resolution of the City Council.

B. Payment of the license fee shall be due before business commences and renewed on or before the last day of January of each successive year.

C-E. The license fee shall be in addition to any license fee or tax imposed or levied under any law or other ordinance of the City, except as otherwise expressly provided.

C-D. The following shall be exempt from payment of fee:

1. Nonprofit activities carried on by religious, charitable, educational, benevolent, fraternal or social organizations which have been determined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) of the United States to be exempt from the payment of income tax and whose charitable contributions would be deemed tax deductible, provided that the organization shall file a true and correct copy of a current IRS 501(c) exemption certificate. Such organizations with the city may be issued a business license at no charge shall register with the City Clerk.

Section 4. Ordinance No. O2002-118(5)(B) Amended. Subsection B of Section 5 of Ordinance No. O2002-118 is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. A business license shall expire on the date established by the Master License Service, and a licensee otherwise in compliance with the terms of this Ordinance may renew the licensee’s business license by payment of the annual licensing fee within the time period established by the Master License Service. December 31st of the year for which it is issued. A new license shall be required for each year and the license fee shall be paid on or before the last day of January.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force beginning May 1, 2003.


CITY OF SAMMAMISH

[Signature]
Mayor Kenneth J. Kilroy
ATTEST.AUTHENTICATED:

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Bruce L. Disend, City Attorney

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