

## **ORDINANCE V21 - 02**

### **BUSINESS LICENSE**

**WHEREAS**, in order to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of individuals in the community at large; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village wishes to maintain a record of all the businesses located within the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, a record of all the businesses located within the Village will assist the fire department in their duty to conduct fire inspections; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin State Statutes allow municipalities to implement business licenses;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Village Board of the Village of Harrison, Wisconsin, does hereby adopt the following ordinance:

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- A. **Registration required.** It shall be unlawful for any individual, partnership, corporation, or other for-profit entity to conduct regular and ongoing business at a permanent location within the village without being registered for that purpose and obtaining a business license as provided herein. This section shall apply to all for-profit business entities whether classified as manufacturing, commercial, retail, wholesale, service, or a home-based business that requires a conditional use permit and shall also apply to all non-profit organizations.
- B. **Purpose.** The purpose of the registration and business license as described herein are as follows:
  - 1. The collection of current and accurate information identifying existing business entities within the village and the initiation or termination of such businesses.
  - 2. Assistance with the efforts of various village officials and departments, including the building inspector, village clerk and fire department in maintaining accurate records of business and commercial owners to enable the officials and departments to perform their respective duties.
- C. **Application.**
  - 1. Each owner of a regular and ongoing business within the village shall complete and return to the village clerk a registration form furnished by the clerk which shall require information pertaining to the business, including identification of the business owner, contact information, business location and type of business. This requirement shall apply to all business entities or establishments described in subsection (A) of this section which exist at or are initiated after the effective date of the ordinance from which this section is derived.

2. A nonprofit organization existing within the village shall complete and return to the village clerk a registration form furnished by the clerk which shall require information pertaining to the organization, including identification of the head of the organization, contract information, organization location or meeting place, and type of organization. This requirement shall apply to any nonprofit organization existing at or initiated after the effective date of the ordinance from which this section is derived.
3. At the time the registration is returned, a fee shall be paid to the village clerk to cover the cost of processing the registration. The village board is hereby provided with the power to enact resolutions when deemed necessary, establishing fees regarding this section. The amount of the fee shall be stated in such resolution. The village clerk shall maintain a current schedule of fees. Upon payment of such fee and review of the completed application, the clerk shall issue a business license to the applicant.
4. This fee shall not apply to nonprofit organizations.


**D. Term; termination of business**

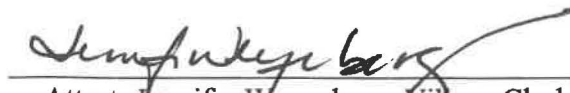
1. The business license described herein shall be effective and valid for the life of the business entity and no additional fees shall be collected. A new business license shall not be required for a change of ownership or a change of name in existing business if the new owners provides the village clerk with updated information as required under subsection (e) of this section.
2. Each holder of a business license shall notify the village clerk upon termination of the business entity or establishment. The clerk shall record such termination and cancel the business license.

**E. Duty to update.** Each holder of a business license shall notify the village clerk of any change pertaining to the information provided on the license application. The notification shall be made within 30 days of any such change.

**F. Penalty.** Any individual, partnership, corporation, or other for-profit business organization or nonprofit organization convicted of violating any provision of this section shall forfeit not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00 for each violation plus cost of prosecution.

Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Harrison, Wisconsin this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

  
Kevin Hietpas, Village President

  
Attest: Jennifer Weyenberg, Village Clerk