

## Chapter 12

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## ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

### **Section 12.1**            **Definitions.**

The following words, terms, and phrases shall, for the purposes of this chapter, have the following meaning:

*Administrative Fee* is the component of the occupation tax which approximates the reasonable cost of handling and processing the occupation tax.

*City* means the City of Coolidge, Georgia.

*Employee* is any individual who, for compensation, exerts substantial effort within the State of Georgia for the purpose of soliciting business or serving customers or clients.

*Location or Office* means a fixed place located within the City of Coolidge from which a person conducts business but shall not include a work site located in the City for less than six months for the purpose of serving a single customer or project.

*Occupation Tax* means a tax levied for revenue purposes on persons, partnerships, corporations, or other entities for engaging in an occupation, profession, or business in the City of Coolidge.

*Occupation Tax Certificate* means a document issued by the City of Coolidge acknowledging payment of the occupation tax and administrative fee.

*Practitioners of Professions and Occupations* are those individuals listed in O.C.G.A. § 48-13-9(c)(1)-(18) but does not include a practitioner who is an employee of a business if such business pays an occupation tax.

*Regulatory Fee* means a fee which approximates the cost of regulatory activity by the City.

*Regulatory Fee Certificate* means a document issued by the City of Coolidge acknowledging payment of a regulatory fee.

### **Section 12.2**            **Administrative Fee.**

A non-prorated, non-refundable administrative fee of \$50 is required on all occupation tax accounts for the initial registration, annual renewal, or reopening of such accounts.

### **Section 12.3**            **Regulatory Fee.**

- a. Businesses and individuals engaging in the occupations or businesses set forth in

Appendix A must pay a non-refundable regulatory fee in accordance with the rate set forth in Appendix A.

b. If a business of individual initially engages in an activity regulated by the City on or after July 1 in any year, the regulatory fee for the remaining portion of the year shall be 50 percent of the regulatory fee for the entire year.

c. Every business, individual, and location subject to payment of a regulatory fee levied by this ordinance shall display a current regulatory fee certificate in a conspicuous place at the location for which such certificate was issued. If the taxpayer does not have a permanent location within the City, the regulatory fee certificate or an unaltered duplicate of such certificate shall be shown to any police officer or city clerk upon request.

**Section 12.4**                    **Occupation Tax Levied; Limitations.**

a. An occupation tax based upon number of employees in the State of Georgia is levied upon businesses and practitioners of professions and occupations with one or more locations or offices within the corporate limits of the City and, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-13-7, upon out-of-state businesses with no location or office in the City but with employees or agents engaging in substantial efforts to solicit business or serve customers or clients in the State of Georgia.

b. Each business or practitioner of professions or occupations shall be assessed a fee as provided in the scheduled attached hereto as Appendix B.

c. The City shall not require the payment of more than one occupation tax for each location of a business or practitioner.

d. A business or practitioner which is subject to an occupation tax by another local government and claiming an exemption from or limitation to the occupation tax imposed by this ordinance shall submit documentation as to current payment of the occupation tax to the other local government and the basis of such tax.

1. If a business or practitioner with no location or office in Georgia provides to the City proof of payment of a local business or occupation tax in another state which purports to tax the business's or practitioner's sales or services in this state, then the business or practitioner shall be exempt from this occupation tax.
2. A business or practitioner with no location or office in Georgia shall only be required to pay occupation tax to the local government in Georgia where the largest dollar volume of business is done or service is performed by such business or practitioner. This limitation shall only apply when the business or practitioner has provided to the City satisfactory proof of as to the applicability of this subsection.

3. A business or practitioner which has locations in Georgia subject to occupation tax by more than one local government in Georgia shall only be subject to the occupation tax by the City of Coolidge for the number of employees who are employed within the corporate limits of the City. This limitation shall only apply when the business or practitioner has provided to the City satisfactory proof of current payment of the occupation tax of the other local government(s).
4. If an employee works for the same business or practitioner in more than one municipal corporation or county and the business or practitioner submits proof of this, the employee shall be counted as an employee in the City only if the City is the jurisdiction where such employee works for the longest period of time within the calendar year.

e. If a business or practitioner commences business in the city on or after July 1 in any year, the occupation tax for the remaining portion of the year shall be 50 percent of the tax imposed for the entire year. The administrative fee shall not be reduced.

f. If a business or practitioner does not know how many employees which are the basis of this occupation tax will be employed by the business or practitioner during the current calendar year, then the business or practitioner shall file a return estimating the number of employees who are the basis of this occupation tax. If such estimate is not accurate, then no later than December 31 the business or practitioner shall file an amended return indicating the actual number of employees during the previous calendar year. Any overpayment of the occupation tax may be credited to the business or practitioner's account for future tax liability, offset against other amounts due and owing to the City for any reason or paid to the business or practitioner at the discretion of the City Clerk.

g. Real estate brokers shall be subject to occupation tax pursuant to this ordinance only if they maintain a principal or branch office in the City.

#### **Section 12.5**                      **Occupation Tax Certificate.**

Every business, practitioner, and location subject to payment of the occupation tax levied by this ordinance shall display a current occupation tax certificate in a conspicuous place at the location for which such certificate was issued. If the taxpayer does not have a permanent location with the City, the occupation tax certificate shall be shown to any police officer upon request.

#### **Section 12.6**                      **Practitioners of Professions and Occupations.**

Practitioners or professionals and occupations as defined in this ordinance shall pay the occupation tax as set forth in Section 12.4 above or shall pay an occupation tax of \$100 per practitioner. On the tax return at such time as the practitioner first commences business in the City the practitioner shall elect a method of taxation. Such election shall be changed for

subsequent calendar years only by a written request filed by the practitioner on or before February 1 of the year in which the election is to be changed.

**Section 12.7**            **Exemptions.**

- a.     No occupation tax shall be levied on the following:
  - 1.     Any practitioner whose office is maintained by and who is employed in practice exclusively by the United States, the state, a municipality or county of the state, or instrumentality of the United States, the state, or a municipality or county of the state;
  - 2.     Those businesses regulated by the Georgia Public Service Commission;
  - 3.     Those electrical service businesses organized under Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia;
  - 4.     Any farm operation for the production from or on the land of agricultural products, but not including any agribusiness;
  - 5.     Non-profit, agricultural product cooperative marketing associations pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 2-10-105;
  - 6.     Motor common carriers pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-7-15;
  - 7.     Persons purchasing guano, meats, meal, flour, bran, cottonseed, or cottonseed meal or hulls in carload lots for distribution among the purchasers for use and not sale pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-5-355;
  - 8.     Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-5-356 for persons selling or introducing into the City agricultural products or livestock, including animal products, raised in this state when the sale and introduction are made by the producer of the product and the sale is made within 90 days of the introduction of the product into the City;
  - 9.     Depository institutions pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-6-93; or
  - 10.    Any business where the levy of such occupation tax is prohibited by the laws of the State of Georgia or the United States.

b.     The exemptions and limitations contained in this ordinance shall not be construed to repeal or otherwise affect in any way any franchise fees, business taxes, or other fees or taxes otherwise allowed by law.

**Section 12.8**                    **Evidence of State Registration, When Required.**

Each person who is licensed under Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated by the Examining Boards of the Secretary of State's Office shall provide evidence of proper and current state licensure before any City occupation tax certificate or regulatory fee certificate may be issued.

**Section 12.9**                    **Evidence of Qualification Required, If Applicable.**

a. Any business required to obtain health permits, bonds, certificates of qualification, certificates of competency, or any other regulatory matter shall first, before the issuance of an occupation tax certificate or a regulatory fee certificate, show evidence of such qualification.

b. Any business required to submit an annual application continuance of the business shall do so before the registration is issued.

**Section 12.10**                    **Filing Returns; Other Information Required or Requested.**

a. On or before October 1 of each year, an individual, business, or practitioner subject to this occupation tax ordinance shall file with the City Clerk on a form approved by and available from the City a signed return attesting to the number of employees of such business or practitioner during the calendar year.

b. Individuals, businesses, and practitioners doing business in the City shall submit to the City Clerk or make available within 30 days such information as may be required or requested by the City to determine the applicability and amount of the occupation tax or regulatory fee or to facilitate levying or collection of the occupation tax and/or regulatory fee(s).

**Section 12.11**                    **Confidentiality.**

Information provided by a business or practitioner to the City for the purpose of determining the applicability and amount of the occupation tax or levying or collecting the occupation tax is confidential and exempt from disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia. Such information may be provided to the governing authority of another local government for occupation tax purposes or pursuant to court order or for the purpose of collecting occupation tax or prosecution for failure or refusal to pay occupation tax.

**Section 12.12**                    **Date Due; Penalty.**

a. Any occupation tax or regulatory fee due pursuant to this ordinance shall be due and payable annually on January 1. In the event that any person commences business or initially engages in a regulated activity in the City after January 1 in any year, the tax and/or fee shall be due and payable on the date of the commencement of the business or regulated activity.

b. Any individual, business, or practitioner subject to any occupation tax or regulatory fee imposed by this ordinance which is unpaid for 90 days after the date on which payment was due shall be subject to a penalty of 10 percent of the tax or fee due.

**Section 12.13**            **Enforcement; Violations.**

a. It is the duty of the City Clerk to administer and enforce the provisions of this ordinance, to perform all functions necessary to administer and enforce this ordinance, and to summon violators of this ordinance to appear before the Municipal Court. The City Clerk may issue executions against individuals, businesses, and practitioners for taxes and fees which are due and owing.

b. The City Clerk shall issue executions against individuals, businesses, and practitioners for taxes and fees which are due and owing. Such executions shall bear interest at the rate authorized by O.C.G.A. § 48-2-40 or, if such statute should be repealed, one percent per month. The lien shall cover the property of the individual, business, or practitioner liable for payment of the delinquent occupation tax or regulatory fee and become fixed as of the date and time the occupation tax or regulatory fee became delinquent. The execution shall be levied by the City Clerk upon property of the delinquent tax or fee payer located in the City, and sufficient property shall be advertised and sold to pay the amount of the execution, including penalty, interest, and costs. All other proceedings in relation thereto shall be as provided by the Code and Charter of the City and the laws of Georgia. The defendants at execution shall have the rights of defense, by affidavit of illegality of the tax or otherwise, as provided by the Charter of the City and the laws of Georgia in regard to tax executions.

c. When a nulla bona entry has been entered upon an execution, the person against whom the entry is made shall not be allowed or entitled to have or collect any fees or charges whatever for services rendered after the entry of the nulla bona. If, at any time after the nulla bona entry has been made, the person against whom the execution issues pays the tax in full together with all interest and costs accrued on the tax, the person may collect any fees and charges due to such person as if such person had never defaulted in the payment of the tax.

d. Individuals, businesses, and practitioners who fail or refuse to pay any occupation tax or regulatory fee charged pursuant to this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment for up to 30 days, or both, or in lieu of imprisonment, it may sentence an offender, upon conviction, to labor for this City on the streets, sidewalks, squares, or other public places for a period not to exceed 90 days.

e. Individuals, businesses and practitioners who fail or refuse to make a timely or truthful tax return or make available truthful and accurate information the City request or requires for determining applicability or amount of occupation tax or regulatory fee, or for levying or collecting such occupation tax or regulatory fee shall be subject to suspension of the right to conduct business.

f. All persons subject to the occupation tax or regulatory fee imposed by this



ordinance shall be required to file for and pay such tax or fee. For failure to do so, any officers or agents soliciting for persons, businesses, or practitioners shall be subject to the same penalty imposed on the persons, businesses, or practitioners who fail to make a return for or pay the applicable occupation tax or regulatory fee.

**Section 12.14**            **Public Hearing.**

After adoption of this ordinance, the City shall conduct at least one public hearing before adopting any ordinance or resolution which will increase the occupation tax rate specified in Section 12.4B and Appendix B.

**Section 12.15**            **Prior Ordinance.**

To the extent that any occupation taxes or regulatory fees are owed pursuant to an ordinance passed prior to this one, such amounts remain due and owing and the provisions of that prior ordinance will remain in effect with respect to such unpaid occupation taxes or regulatory fees until such time as they are paid in full.

**Section 12.16**            **Severability.**

In the event any portion of this ordinance shall be declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, it is the intention of the City Council of the City of Coolidge that such adjudication shall in no manner affect the other sections, sentences, clauses, or phrases of this ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect as if the invalid or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, or phrase were not originally part of the ordinance.

**Sections 12.17 - 12.19**            **Reserved.**

## **ARTICLE II. INSURERS; LICENSE FEES**

### **Section 12.20            Insurers License Fees.**

There is hereby levied an annual license fee upon each insurer doing business within the City in the amount of \$15. For each separate business location in excess of one not covered by the following Section 12.21, which is operating on behalf of such insurer within the City, there is hereby levied a license fee in the amount of \$15. For the purposes of this article, the term "insurer" means a company which is authorized to transact business in any of the classes of insurance designated in O.C.G.A. §33-3-5.

### **Section 12.21            License Fees for Insurers Insuring Risks at Additional Business**

For each separate business location, not otherwise subject to a license fee hereunder, operated and maintained by a business organization which is engaged in the business of lending money or transacting sales involving term financing and in connection with such loans or sales offers, solicits or takes application for insurance through a licensed agent of an insurer for insurance, said insurer shall pay an additional license fee of \$10 per location for the year 2007 and for each year thereafter.

### **Section 12.22            Insurers Agency License Fees; Independent Insurance Agencies, Brokers, Etc., Not Otherwise Licensed.**

There is hereby levied an annual license fee upon independent agencies and brokers for each separate business location from which an insurance business is conducted and which is not subject to the company license fee imposed by preceding Section 12.20 hereof in the amount of \$15 for each such location within the City.

### **Section 12.23            Gross Premium Tax Imposed on Life Insurers.**

There is hereby levied an annual tax based solely upon gross direct premiums upon each insurer writing life, accident, and sickness insurance within the State of Georgia in an amount equal to one percent of the gross direct premiums received during the preceding calendar year in accordance with O.C.G.A. §33-8-8.1. Gross direct premiums as used in this section shall mean gross direct premiums as used in O.C.G.A. §33-8-4. The premium tax levied by this section is in addition to the license fees imposed by Section 12.20 of this article.

### **Section 12.24            Gross Premiums Tax; All Other Insurers.**

There is hereby levied an annual tax based solely upon gross direct premiums upon each insurer, other than an insurer transacting business in the class of insurance designated in subsection 1 of O.C.G.A. §33-3-5, doing business within the Sate of Georgia in an amount equal to 2.5 percent of the gross direct premiums received during the preceding calendar year in accordance with O.C.G.A. §33-8-8.2. Gross direct premiums as used in this section shall mean

gross direct premiums as used in O.C.G.A. §33-8-4. The premium tax levied by this section is in addition to the license fees imposed by Section 12.20 of this article.

**Section 12.25**            **Due Date for License Fees.**

License fees imposed in Sections 12.20 and 12.21 of this article shall be due and payable on the first day of each subsequent year.

**Section 12.26**            **Administrative Provisions.**

The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a duly certified copy of this article to the Insurance Commission of the State of Georgia within 45 days of its enactment.

**Section 12.27 - 12.29**            **Reserved.**

## ARTICLE III. FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

### Section 12.30      Tax Levied; Minimum Tax.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A § 48-6-93, there is hereby levied an annual business license tax upon state and national banking associations, federal savings and loan associations, and state building and loan associations at the rate of 0.25 percent of the gross receipts of such institutions. Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the minimum amount of business license tax due from any depository financial institution pursuant to this article shall be \$1,000.00 per year.

### Section 12.31      Calculation of Gross Receipts.

For purposes of this article, the term “gross Receipts,” pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-6-95, shall mean the total amount of revenue generated from the following sources during the calendar year immediately preceding the date on which the tax imposed by this article is due:

a.     *Banks.* Items to be included in the calculation of gross receipts with respect to banks are as follows:

1.     Interest and fees on loans, less any interest collected on those portions of loans sold and serviced for others;
2.     Interest on balance with other depository financial institutions;
3.     Interest on federal or correspondent funds sold securities purchased under agreements of resale;
4.     Interest on other bonds, notes, and debentures, excluding interest on obligations of the state or its political subdivisions and obligations of the United States;
5.     Dividends on stocks;
6.     Income from direct lease financing;
7.     Income from fiduciary activities;
8.     Service charges on deposit accounts;
9.     Other service charges, commissions, and fees; and
10.    Other income.

b.     *Savings and loan associations.* Items to be included in the calculation of gross receipts with respect to savings and loan associations are as follows:

1.     Interest on mortgage loans less any interest collected on those portions of loans sold in service for others;
2.     Interest on mortgages, participations, or mortgage-backed securities;
3.     Interest on real estate sold on contract;
4.     Discounts on mortgage loans purchased;
5.     Interest on other loans, excluding interest on obligations of the state or its political subdivisions and obligations of the United States;
6.     Loan fees;

7. Loan servicing fees;
8. Other fees and charges;
9. Gross income from real estate owned operations;
10. Net income from office building operations;
11. Miscellaneous operating income;
12. Profit on sale of real estate owned, investment securities, loans and other assets; and
13. Miscellaneous nonoperating income.

c. *Deductions.* The following items shall be deducted from gross receipts calculated pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) of this section:

1. An amount equal to the amount of interest paid on all liabilities for the period;
2. An amount equal to income derived from the authorized activities of any domestic international banking facility operating pursuant to the Domestic International Banking Facility Act (O.C.G.A. § 7-1-730 et seq.);
3. An amount equal to any income arising from the conduct of a banking business with persons located outside of the United States or its territories or possessions; and
4. To the extent that any deductions are made pursuant to subparagraphs (2) and (3) of this paragraph, any deductions taken under subparagraph (1) of this paragraph shall be reduced by the same proportions that the deductions in subparagraphs (2) and (3) of this paragraph bear to the gross receipts of the depository financial institution as calculated before making any deductions pursuant to subparagraphs (1) through (3) of this paragraph.

**Section 12.32**

**Due Date for Payment of Tax; Filing of Return.**

a. Each depository financial institution within the city shall file a return of its gross receipts with the city by March 1 of the year following the year in which such gross receipts were measured. The returns shall be in the manner and in the form prescribed by the state revenue commission and shall be based upon the allocation method set forth in O.C.G.A. § 48-6-93(d). The tax levied pursuant to this article shall be assessed and collected based upon the information provided in the return.

b. The due date of taxes levied by this article shall be April 1 of each year.

**Sections 12.33 - 12.50**

**Reserved.**

## ARTICLE IV. POOL ROOMS, GAME ROOMS, AND BILLIARD HALLS

### **Section 12.51**            **Applicability.**

- a. The rules and regulations set forth in this ordinance shall govern the operation of all pool rooms, game rooms, and billiard halls in the City of Coolidge, Georgia.
- b. The terms “pool room” and “billiard hall” shall have the same definitions herein as the terms “billiards” and “billiard room” as defined in O.C.G.A. § 48-8-1, as said statute now exists or shall be amended from time to time.
- c. The term “game room” as used herein shall mean those establishments, any portion of whose revenue is from coin-operated pool or billiard tables, or coin-operated game machines of any kind, such as, for example only, pinball, baseball, or video games.

### **Section 12.52**            **Application; Filing Form; Contents.**

All persons 18 years of age or older desiring to obtain a license required for the operation of a pool room, game room, or billiard hall shall make written application at the business license office. Such application shall state the name and address of the applicant; the place where the proposed business is to be located; the nature and character of the business to be carried on; if a partnership, the names of the partners; if a corporation, the names of the officers and stockholders; and such other information as may be required by the director of the business license office or the police department; and be sworn to by the applicant or agent thereof.

### **Section 12.53**            **Investigation of Applicant.**

- a. All applicants shall be investigated by the Coolidge Police Department and a report made to the City Clerk. This requirement shall be waived if a current investigation report is on file. “Current” is defined as being within the past six months.
- b. The police reports shall be sent to the City Clerk to be placed in the applicant’s file.

### **Section 12.54**            **Grounds for Refusal of License.**

- a. No license shall be issued to any person, partnership, corporation, or any individual having an interest, directly or indirectly, either as owner, partner, or principal stockholder, who shall have been convicted or shall have taken a plea of nolo contendere, within the past five years immediately prior to the filing of said application, for any felony of any state or of the United States. The term “conviction” shall include an adjudication of guilt or plea of guilty or nolo contendere or the forfeiture of a bond when charged with a crime.
- b. No license shall be issued where there is evidence that the granting of such license will have an adverse impact on the health, safety, or welfare of the public.

**Section 12.55**            **Sanitary and Toilet Facilities.**

The place of business shall have separate restrooms for males and females. Such restrooms *must be* kept clean, and the premises shall be in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations of the Thomas County Health Department or departments of the City.

**Section 12.56**            **Serving Food.**

If food is served, the applicant shall have a valid health certificate issued by the Thomas County Health Department before any license can be issued.

**Section 12.57**            **Hours of Operation.**

Licenseses for the operation of a pool room, game room, or billiard hall shall be permitted to engage in such activities between the hours of 6 a.m. and midnight.

**Section 12.58**            **Violations and Grounds for Revocation of License.**

Commission of any of the following acts by a licensee, agent, or employee of a pool room, game room, or billiard hall shall be a violation of law and shall be grounds for revocation of a billiard license:

1. Engaging in, or permitting or allowing on the premises, sales, in violation of state or federal law, of “controlled substances,” as that term is defined by state and/or federal law. The terms “permitting” and “allowing” as used herein include sales where the owner or operator in charge knew, or in the exercise of ordinary care should have known, that such sales were taking place, and failed to take effective action to stop them.
2. Permitting persons to loiter on the premises without legitimate business reasons who are known to the owner or operator or manager in charge of such business, or who in the exercise of ordinary care should be known to them, or who are reputed to be, illegal sellers or purveyors of controlled substances as heretofore defined.
3. Permitting any gambling or betting in the place of business or on the premises.
4. Permitting or committing any violation of state law or city ordinance.
5. It shall be unlawful for any person under 18 years of age to play billiards in, or for any other purpose to enter or remain in, a pool room, game room, or billiard hall during hours and times when alcoholic beverages are sold, consumed, or dispensed therein. This subsection shall not apply to persons under 18 years of age who are accompanied by a parent or guardian. Any person desiring admission thereto during hours and times

when alcoholic beverages are sold, consumed, or dispensed, who is or appears to be under 18 years of age, shall produce satisfactory identification and age verification or certify his or her age in writing or produce a written permit before he or she shall be allowed entry.

**Section 12.59**            **Transferability of License.**

A license for the operation of a pool room, game room, or billiard hall shall not be transferable except by application to the license review board in the same form and manner as an original application.

**Section 12.60**            **Gambling Devices Prohibited.**

No form of gambling shall be allowed in any pool room, game room, or billiard hall or in any other business place operated in connection therewith. No racing or other betting pool shall be exhibited or sold in such place of business. The use of baseball tickers and the posting of results of sporting events is expressly prohibited in billiard rooms or in any place operated in connection therewith. No alcoholic beverages shall be sold, served, or allowed to be used in or on the premises of any pool room, game room, or billiard hall or any place operated in connection therewith, except that this prohibition shall not apply if such premises or establishment is an establishment which is authorized to sell alcoholic beverages.

**Section 12.61**            **Further Restrictions.**

It shall be unlawful for any pool room, game room, or billiard hall to maintain connections with any place where gambling or illegal activity is conducted or where persons congregate for the illegal consumption, sale, possession, barter, manufacture, exchange, purchase, dispensation, delivery, or other dealing in of alcoholic beverages for any immoral purpose.

**Section 12.62**            **Enforcement.**

It shall be the duty of the police or other constituted authorities to inspect all public pool rooms, game rooms, and billiard halls in the City for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the provisions of this ordinance are being observed; and it shall be the duty of such officer to report all violations promptly to the City Attorney and furnish the City Attorney such information and assistance as is necessary for the prosecution of such violations. Whenever the state shall revoke any permit or license held by the licensee, the license shall thereupon be automatically revoked without any action of the City Council.

**Section 12.63**            **Exemption.**

This ordinance shall not apply to billiard tables or billiard rooms operated by private industrial concerns; Young Men's Christian Associations; religious orders; charitable



institutions; state, county, or city institutions; fraternal orders; or bona fide clubs using such tables for members or employees only.

**Section 12.64**            **Additional Ground to Revoke or Suspend a License to Operate a Pool Room, Game Room, or Billiard Hall.**

In addition to revocation or suspension of a license for the reasons herein before specified, the license to operate a pool room, game room, or billiard hall may be further revoked for violation of any of the following standards:

1. In the event the licensee permits public drunkenness and disorderly conduct among his patrons or employees after warning by the City officer, such failure to act shall be grounds for revocation or suspension.
2. In the event the licensee receives notice from police or county officials of any violations of any ordinance other than the above, without correction thereof, such failure to act shall be grounds for automatic revocation.
3. In the event of the violation of any state or federal laws by the licensee, his agents, or servants on the premises, said violations shall be grounds for revocation or suspension.
4. In the event of conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude by the licensee off premises, said conviction shall be grounds for revocation or suspension.

**Section 12.65**            **Appeals.**

a. No license required by this ordinance shall be denied, suspended, or revoked without the opportunity for a hearing.

b. The business license director shall provide written notice to the owner-applicant and licensee of his order to deny, suspend, or revoke the license. Such written notification shall set forth in reasonable detail the reasons for such action and shall notify the owner-applicant and licensee of the right to appeal under the provisions of this ordinance. Any owner-applicant or licensee who is aggrieved or adversely affected by a final action of the business license director may have a review thereof in accordance with the appeal procedures specified in this ordinance.

**Section 12.66**            **Notices.**

For the purpose of this ordinance, notice shall be deemed delivered when personally served or, when served by mail, within three days after the date of deposit in the United States mail.

**Section 12.67**      **Penalties.**

Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance may, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each offense and/or imprisoned in the common jail of the county for a period not to exceed 180 days.

**Section 12.68**      **Severability.**

Should any part, portion, or paragraph of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the remaining portion of this ordinance not so declared to be invalid; and same shall remain of full force and effect as if separately adopted.

**Sections 12.69 - 12.78**      **Reserved.**

**ARTICLE V. CABLE FRANCHISES.**

**Section 12.79            Franchise Fee for State Issued Cable or Video Franchise.**

a.        *Franchise fee specified.* The City hereby requires a franchise fee of 5% of gross revenues generated within the City for any cable or video state franchise issued in its corporate boundaries by the State of Georgia.

b.        *Authorized designee.* The City hereby authorizes the City Clerk, upon receipt of notice to the City of its right to designate a franchise fee for an applicant for or holder of an existing state franchise, to provide written notice to the Secretary of State and each applicant for or holder of a state franchise within a service area that is wholly or partially located within the city limits of the 5% franchise fee rate applicable to such applicant or holder of a state franchise.

**Sections 12.80 - 12.85            Reserved.**

## APPENDIX A

Examples of businesses or practitioners of professions or occupations which may be subject to regulatory fees of local governments include, but are expressly not limited to, the following:

Auctions	\$100
Billiard and Pool Rooms	\$200 per table
Bonding Companies	\$150
Burglar and Fire Alarm Installers	\$75
Carnivals/Circus	\$250 (Council may waive)
Contractors, General	\$75
Contractors, Electrical & Electricians	\$75
Contractors, HVAC & HVAC Technicians	\$75
Contractors, Plumbing & Plumbers	\$75
Gas Fitters	\$50
Other Subcontractors	\$50
Firearm Dealers	\$50
Flea Markets	\$100
Fortune Tellers	\$500
Game Rooms	\$100 per video machine
Garbage Collectors, Private	\$350
Hotels and Motels	\$100
Hypnotists	\$250
Junk Dealers, Salvage Companies	\$200
Pawn Brokers	\$200
Peddlers	\$100
Private Investigators	\$200
Recycling Firms	\$50
Taxicab and Limousine Operators	\$100
Used Clothing	\$50
Doctors	\$100
Financial Institutions	\$1000
Funeral Directors	\$100

## APPENDIX B

An occupation tax based upon the number of employees in the state is levied upon businesses and practitioners of professions and occupations with one or more locations or offices within the corporate limits of the City and, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-13-7, upon out-of-state businesses with no location or office in the City but with employees or agents engaging in substantial efforts to solicit business or serve customers or clients in the state in accordance with the following schedule:

<b>Base Fee</b>		<b>\$45</b>	
<b><u>Tax Class</u></b>	<b><u>Number of Employees</u></b>	<b><u>Tax Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Flat Rate</u></b>
		<b><u>per Employee</u></b>	
1	1 - 10	\$15	
2	11 - 40	\$14	
3	41 and over		\$600