1st Reading: May 23, 2024 2nd Reading: May 23, 2024

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ORDINANCE NO. 4445

BILL NO. 24-47

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 605.030 OF CHAPTER 605 RELATING TO APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLICITING A RESIDENCE WITHOUT INVITATION.

WHEREAS, Chapter 605 of the Municipal Code provides regulations for Peddlers, Solicitors, and Canvassers and permit requirements for Soliciting a residence without invitation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fenton recently learned that the St. Louis County Police Department will no longer conduct background checks for the City related to solicitor permit applications; and

WHEREAS, the City can require applicants to obtain a background check through the vendor that provides the City employee background checks but desires to amend the solicitor permit fee to cover the costs of such services; and

WHEREAS, after discussion and deliberation, the Board of Aldermen finds it in the best interest of the City to amend Section 605.030 as recommended by Staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FENTON, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> Section 605.030, Soliciting a Residence Without Invitation, of Chapter 605, Peddlers, Solicitors, and Canvassers, of the Fenton Municipal Code is hereby amended by amending Subsection B.3 to delete the struck-through text and enact the underline, bold text to read as follows:

Following the submission of a complete application to the City and payment of a twenty-five dollar (\$250.00) application fee, eighteen dollars and fifty cents (\$18.50) per person background check performed, and five dollar (\$5.00) per person charge for each permit card, the City shall investigate as to the truth and accuracy of the information contained in the application. Upon completion of such investigation and if the application meets all requirements of this Article, the City Clerk shall issue the permit within a reasonable time, not to exceed seven (7) days, and in accordance with applicable law. If the City has not completed this investigation within a reasonable time, not to exceed seven (7) days, and in accordance with applicable law, the permit will nonetheless be issued, subject, however, to administrative revocation upon completion of the investigation.

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<u>Section 2.</u> The portions of this ordinance shall be severable. If any clause, word, paragraph, section, or other part or portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional for any reason, the Board of Aldermen hereby declares it would nevertheless have enacted the remaining portions thereof and such remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after the date of its passage and approval.

PASSED this 23rd day of May, 2024.

JOE MAURATH, MAYOR

APPROVED this 23rd day of May, 2024.

JOE MAURATH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jane Hungler, City Clerk

Motion to approve. Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Bereitschaft, Cruts, Wisbrock, Harrell, Clauss, Huels, Maserang, Jokerst

Abstain: 0 Nays: 0 Absent: 0