

**AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CITY OF GALAX BUSINESS LICENSE
TAX ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY LICENSE CATEGORY
FOR FOOD TRUCKS AND SIMILAR VENDORS**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Galax, Virginia ("Council") recognizes the importance of the various festivals and special events held within the City in promoting tourism, economic development and quality of life in the community; and,

WHEREAS, Council further recognizes that food trucks and other mobile food vendors play an important role in the success of such festivals and special events, and such vendors often add desirable dining options for the public at other times not including festivals and special events; and,

WHEREAS, Council is concerned that the current business license fee structure may disincentivize certain food trucks and mobile food vendors from offering their services on a short term basis, and wishes to create a temporary business license applicable to such vendors; and,

WHEREAS, Council previously considered and adopted an emergency measure on this topic, and subsequently advertised and held a public hearing as required by law to consider formal adoption and codification of the proposed amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Galax that § 86-9(B)(9)(b), Itinerant Merchants and Peddlers, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b)

For peddlers: Any person who shall carry from place to place any goods, wares or merchandise and offer to sell or barter such goods, wares or merchandise, shall be deemed to be a peddler and pay an annual license tax of \$200 per person per year, provided that any person operating a "mobile food unit" as that term is defined in Virginia Code Section 58.1-3715.1, and any other person carrying from place to place prepared food for sale may, in lieu of the annual license, obtain a temporary license for the cost of \$25, permitting such peddlers to operate for no more than 7 consecutive days. Nothing herein shall be deemed to waive or exempt such peddlers from any applicable requirements of any public health agency having jurisdiction over the offering of prepared food to the public.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Adopted by the following recorded vote this 12th day of August, 2024:

Member

Vote

Willie Greene

yea

Beth White

Absent

Sharon Ritchie

Absent

Martin Warr

yea

Evan Henck

yea

Kathy Burnett

yea

Hunter Bowers

yea



Clerk, City Council

City of Galax, Virginia