

## SAHUARITA ORDINANCE NO. 2026-198

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SAHUARITA, ARIZONA, ADOPTING A TOWN CODE AMENDMENT TO TITLE 5 BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 5.05 BUSINESS LICENSE, OF THE SAHUARITA TOWN CODE, BY AMENDING SECTION 5.05.050 FEES-PAYMENT-TERM OF LICENSES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Sahuarita Town Code (“STC”) has been adopted by the Town Council, amended from time to time, and on February 13, 2006, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2006-02, the STC was codified and renumbered; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to amend the STC Chapter 5.05 Business License, by amending Section 5.05.050 Fees-Payment-Term of licenses, changing the annual renewal date of business licenses from July 1st of each year to January 31st each year; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to change the due date from July 1, 2026, to January 31, 2027, for all current business licenses; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find that it is in the best interest of the Town of Sahuarita and its residents to adopt an amendment to the Town Code by amending Section 5.05.050 Fees-Payment-Term of licenses of the Sahuarita Town Code, and extend the expiration date of current business licenses, as provided herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Sahuarita, Arizona, do hereby ordain as follows:

**Section 1. In General.** The Town of Sahuarita Municipal Code, Title 5 Business Regulations, Chapter 5.05 Business Licenses, Section 5.05.050(D) Fees-Payment-Term of licenses is hereby amended to read as follows (new text in **ALL CAPS**; deletions in ~~strikethrough~~):

**5.05.050 Fees – Payment – Term of licenses.**

D. The renewal fee for all licenses provided herein shall become due and payable on ~~July 1st~~ **JANUARY 31ST** of each year, except that any new license fee shall become due and payable and be paid on or before the day of commencing to carry on, transact, or practice the trade, calling, profession, occupation, or business for which a license is required by this chapter.

**Section 2. Providing for Authority.** The various Town officers and employees are authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary or desirable to give effect to this ordinance and sections of the Town Code.

**Section 3. Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance or any part of the Code adopted herein by reference are hereby repealed.

**Section 4. Providing for Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance or any part of the Code adopted herein by reference is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

**Section 5. Providing for Penalties.** The penalties for violating this Ordinance shall be in addition to any other penalty pursuant to the Town Code, and notwithstanding any other law.

**Section 6. Providing an Effective Date.** Pursuant to A.R.S. § 19-142, this Ordinance shall become operative 30 days after its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Sahuarita, Arizona, this 11th day of May 2026.

Approved:

*Tom Murphy*

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Mayor Tom Murphy

**CERTIFICATION OF RECORDING OFFICER**

State of Arizona        )  
County of Pima        ) ss.

I, the undersigned, Lisa Cole, MMC, being the duly appointed, qualified Town Clerk of the Town of Sahuarita, Pima County, Arizona, certify that the foregoing Ordinance is a true, correct, and accurate copy of Ordinance No. 2026-198, passed and adopted at a Voting Meeting of the Council of the Town of Sahuarita, Pima County, Arizona, held on the 11th day of May, 2026, at which a quorum was present and by 4-2 vote, 4 voted in favor of the said ordinance.

Council Member Gillespie and Vice Mayor Egbert voted no. Council Member Priolo was absent.

Given under my hand and sealed this 11th day of May 2026.

SEAL:



*Lisa Cole*

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Lisa Cole, MMC  
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Jon Paladini*

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Jon Paladini, Town Attorney