CITY OF STRAFFORD

BILL NO. 23-74

ORDINANCE 1023

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A NEW BUSINESS LICENSE FEE, AMENDING
TITLE VIII FEES, CHAPTER 805 FEE SCHEDULE, SECTION 805.060 BUSINESS,
AND ADOPTING TITLE VIII FEES, CHAPTER 805 FEE SCHEDULE, SECTION
805.060(I) MERCHANT LICENSE FEES TO BE PAID BY BUSINESSES,
AND AMENDING SECTION 605.020(A) MERCHANT LICENSE FEES
TO BE PAID BY BUSINESSES
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF STRAFFORD, MISSOURI

WHEREAS, the City of Strafford wishes to adopt a new Business License Fee, amending Title VIII Fees, Chapter 805 Fee Schedule, Section 805.060(I) Business, and amending Section 605.020(A) Merchant License Fees to be Paid by Businesses, and

WHEREAS, the business license fee is as follows:

Section 805.060

1. Merchant License Fees to be Paid by Businesses

License fee \$20

AND WHEREAS, the City of Strafford wishes to amend Section 605.020(A), as follows:

(Note for the following: Language to be added is <u>underlined</u> and language being removed is <u>stricken</u>.)

Section 605.020(A) Merchant License Fees to be Paid by Businesses.

A. No person shall engage in any of the following occupations, trades, callings, professions, privileges or any of the following institutions or establishments without securing a license as set out in this Chapter and paying a license fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) as provided for in Section 805.060(I) Business, as amended from time to time by the Board of Aldermen.

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

<u>Section 1:</u> The Board of Aldermen hereby adopts a new business license fee as laid out above.

Ashley French, Mayor

<u>Section 2:</u> This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage by the Board of Aldermen and after its execution and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.

ATTEST:

Sandy Strecker, City Clerk

EXPLANATION SHEET

Purpose: To adopt a new Business License Fee schedule.

Background: As growth continues in the community, companies are seeking to establish themselves in Strafford. The City continues to receive more inquiries regarding business licenses related to their various desired locations and business purposes.

The staff-related costs of evaluating and processing the business licenses has increased. Review of new business license applications and administrative costs are not covered by the current \$10 business license fee.

To collect reasonable fees sufficient to cover the costs of staff review, evaluation, processing, and administration, a fee of \$20 is proposed.