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M E M O R A N D U M

To: City Council
From: Crystal Turner, City Clerk
Topic: Annual Business License Report
Date: 1/14/2025

HISTORY:

Please accept this memorandum as my annual report on the status of business licenses pursuant to #4-1-9-C1 of the Three Forks City Code. These numbers are current as of 1/8/2025.

The business license “season” runs from October 1st of one year to September 30th of the following year. As a policy, the City only lists businesses which are licensed with us on our website, as well as refer the businesses for anyone seeking a particular service/goods provider. The annual fee is \$50, or \$15 for a seasonal business. These may not be “brick and mortar” buildings here in town, but also those providing services/goods within the city limits.

REPORT:

For the 2023-2024 year, 228 businesses were licensed. Seasonal businesses ended up renewing prior to the end of the season. 10 of those were new for 2023-2024 (Exhibit A attached). 18 did not renew from the previous year due to a variety of reasons. 10 were sent to the Gallatin County Sheriff Office as “operating in violation without a license,” but ultimately complied without citations issued. GCSO and City Attorney was used to intervene one business that was noncompliant. That business ultimately complied.

For the 2024-2025 season which began in October, there are a total of 216 businesses that have renewed or are new. 12 are new for this year (Exhibit B). 13 previously licensed businesses informed City Hall they would not be renewing due to a variety of reasons. Three reminder letters have now been sent, pursuant to #4-1-9-C2. 11 have not communicated with City Hall that they are no longer in operation so are assumed to still be in operation. These unlicensed businesses are listed in the attached Exhibit C. 7 are noted as “seasonal” which in my experience will renew prior to commencing business in whichever season they operate (Exhibit D).

Please see attached Exhibit C referencing those annual and seasonal businesses remaining to be licensed in order to comply with Ord. #4-1-9-C1.

COUNCIL DIRECTION:

How would the Council like me to proceed with attempting to get these businesses licensed?

Exhibit A: 2023-2024 New Businesses:

Company	FEE	BUSINESS CATEGORY
406 Construction, LLC	\$50.00	General Contracting
AAV Contracting	\$50.00	Construction Services
AS Realty, LLC	\$0.00	Real Estate/Construction
Follow Your Arrow	\$15.00	Pop up retail clothing boutique in TF Saddlery
Freedom Forever Montana, LLC	\$50.00	Solar Panel Installation
Gallatin Valley Tax Service	\$0.00	Bookkeeping
GV Builds, LLC	\$50.00	General Contracting
Patchways Retreat & Guest House	\$0.00	Retreat center and short term rental
Sawdust & Steel	\$0.00	Brewery
Shearman, LLC	\$50.00	Landscape & Construction

Exhibit B: 2024-2025 New Businesses:

Company	FEE	BUSINESS CATEGORY
A Touch of Class Painting	\$50.00	Painting, General Construction
Greater Goods Thrift Store	\$0.00	Thrift Store
Highline Meat Co.	\$50.00	Mobile frozen meat sales
Ironclad Gunworks LLC	\$50.00	Gunsmithing
Just Rad Market	\$50.00	Online boutique/dropship
Katie Sophia Photo	\$50.00	Photography
Kohtz Family	\$15.00	Flower Sales
Lone Moon Mountain	\$50.00	Construction/Handyman Services
Red Mountain Plumbing, LLC	\$50.00	Plumbing
T & T Electrical	\$50.00	Electrical Contractor
Three Forks Mixed Martial Arts	\$50.00	Martial Arts
Three Forks RV	\$50.00	Cabin Rentals/RV Park

Exhibit C: 2024-2025 Unlicensed Businesses:

Company	FEE	BUSINESS CATEGORY
AAV Contracting	\$50.00	Construction Services
Cutie Cakes Baking	\$50.00	In-home catering/baking
Frontier Plumbing and Home Services	\$50.00	Plumbing
GV Builds, LLC	\$50.00	General Contracting
MJ Flooring	\$50.00	Flooring contractor/installer
Pollywog Innovations	\$15.00	Pumpkin Sales

Rifle River Builders LLC	\$50.00	General Contracting
Roadrunner Remodel	\$50.00	General Contracting
Trisha Jones Photography	\$50.00	Photography
Two Tones Painting	\$50.00	Painting Contractor
Valley Roofing & Welding, LLC	\$50.00	Roofing/Welding

Exhibit D: 2024-2025 Seasonal Businesses (remain to be licensed):

Company	FEE	BUSINESS CATEGORY
Big Sky Hawaiian Ice	\$15.00	Food/Beverage
Bozeman Tropical Sno	\$15.00	Food/Beverage
Cravings Cruiser	\$15.00	Ice Cream truck/cart
Hometown Dogs	\$50.00	Mobile Hot Dog Cart
Jones Property Services	\$15.00	Yard Services and Landscaping
Old Glory Fireworks	\$15.00	Retail Sales
True North Tree Service	\$50.00	Yard/Tree Services