City of Sherwood, Oregon

ORDINANCE NO. 93-971

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 549, INCREASING CITY BUSINESS LICENSE FEES, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, license fees and regulations for businesses within the City were originally established by City Ordinance No. 549 and most recently amended by City Ordinance No. 91-925, approved May 22, 1991, and

WHEREAS, since 1977 business license fees have been adjusted only three times (1977, 1986, and 1991), and have therefore not kept current with the costs of regulating businesses within the City, and

WHEREAS, the current basic business license charge is \$55.00 annually, plus \$3.00 for each employee, and the license runs for one (1) year from January 1, and

WHEREAS, computerization of the City's business license records makes a modified way of expressing the term of the license more efficient,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Basic Fees. Section 3, Ordinance No. 549, as most recently amended by Ordinance No. 91-925, is hereby further amended to read:

(a) There is hereby imposed upon the business trades, shops, professions, callings and occupations specified in this ordinance a basic license fee of \$65.00, and it shall be unlawful for any person to transact and carry on any such business in the City of Sherwood without first having obtained the license therefore for the current calendar year as herein provided or complying with any and all application provisions of this Ordinance.

(b) In addition to the basic license fee, there shall be added an additional fee of \$5.00 for each full-time employee employed by the business and working within the City of Sherwood. For purposes of this Ordinance "full-time employee" shall mean any employee working more than twenty (20) hours

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(c) The business license shall be valid for threehundred sixty five (365) days from date of issuance.

(d) Business license fees are due and payable upon expiration of a previously issued license, or for new businesses upon the first day any trade, shop business, occupation, or profession is conducted within the City. Each branch establishment of business or location of a business conducted by any person shall, for the purposes hereof, be a separate business and subject to the license fee herein provided, but warehouses used solely incidental in connection with a business licensed pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance and operated by the person conducting such business shall not be separate places of business or branch establishments.

(e) Whenever a partnership or firm is established in any of the various professions in which two (2) or more members of the firm are licensed under state law to practice such profession, the basic license fee for such partnership or firm shall be \$130.00.

Section 2. Itinerant Merchants. Section 4, Ordinance No. 549, most recently amended by Ordinance No. 91-925, is hereby further amended to read:

Inasmuch certain trades, shops, businesses, as professions or callings are conducted within the corporate limits of the City of Sherwood, Oregon, by persons operating from vehicles within the City of Sherwood who pay no City ad valorem taxes, but nevertheless receive the benefit of police and fire protection, public streets and sidewalks, street lighting and other City services, the City Council of the City of Sherwood hereby finds that such trades, shops, businesses, professions, or callings having no business sites within the City of Sherwood or being operated from vehicles, and who pay no City ad valorem taxes upon real or personal property, shall pay a license fee of \$97.50 and said fee of 50 percent in excess of the basic fee of \$65.00 is a fair, equitable and non-discriminatory charge fixed in recognition of the circumstances herein recited.

Ordinance No. 93-971 August 18, 1993 Page 2 Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after passage and approval.

Duly passed by the City Council this 18th day of August, 1993 Approved by the Mayor this 18th day of August, 1993

Walter Hitchcock, Mayor

Attest:

City Recorder Po lankenbaker,

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