

BILL NO. 2170

ORDINANCE NO. 1988

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 605.160 PERTAINING TO PROHIBITED ACTS FOR BUSINESS LICENSEES

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Valley Park, Missouri desire to allow the City Clerk to more effectively monitor and enforce the collection of business license fees.

WHEREAS, the current ordinance provides the City with enforcement mechanisms and penalties for business licenses at a low rate which does not effectively deter violations.

WHEREAS, the current ordinance provides the Collector shall examine license applications, but not the City Clerk.

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Valley Park, Missouri desires to amend Section 605.160 to increase interest rates for enforcement of the prohibited acts by business licensees and clarify that the City Clerk shall examine license applications for violations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF VALLEY PARK, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

Section One

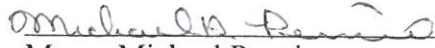
Section 605.160 pertaining to prohibited acts for business licensees is hereby amended as follows:

In addition to other penalties, any person who shall make or file with the City Clerk, under the provisions of this Article, a false statement under oath shall, on conviction hereof, forfeit his/her license, and the City Clerk shall carefully examine all statements filed with him/her and shall prosecute all violations of this Article according to law; provided that before instituting any such prosecution he/she shall give such person an opportunity of explaining the statement and correcting it and paying the additional tax due, if inadvertently made. The City may also enforce collection of any and all amounts due under this Article by suit in any court having jurisdiction of the amount thereof, together with interest and penalty at the rate of ten percent (10%) per month additional (but not to exceed a total of three months penalty), together with reasonable attorney's fees to the City Attorney (not exceeding any maximum fixed by law) for prosecuting such suit.

Section Two

This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN THIS 17th DAY OF July, 2017.



Mayor Michael Pennise

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ATTEST:



William C. Hanks, City Clerk