

**TOWN OF IRVINGTON, VIRGINIA  
ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #2023-01**

**An Ordinance Amendment Reducing Business, Professional, and  
Occupational License Requirements for itinerant merchants and peddlers,  
and identifying places for same**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of Irvington, Virginia, adopted a professional, occupational license (BPOL) requirement and accompanying licensure fee for certain businesses, professions and occupations (hereafter “businesses”) which are not exempted by state law in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council is concerned that some itinerant merchants and peddlers already register for certain events in public places for events approved by the Town Council and applying for and receiving a business license is duplicative and unnecessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the legal authority for this amendment is §§ 58.1-3700, 58.1-3703 and 58.1-3717 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, Article IV, § 1 and Article XI, §§ 2 and 3 and of the Town Charter.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Irvington, Virginia does hereby amend Chapter 120 of the Irvington Town Code as follows to provide for an automatically granted business license to any business validly registered for an event approved by Town Council on Town-owned property, and to allow Town Council to grant a “blanket” business license to the organizer for other temporary events at which businesses operate on private property.

**TITLE XI – BUSINESS REGULATIONS**

**CHAPTER 120. – BUSINESS LICENSE AND SHORT-TERM RENTAL  
REGISTRY**

**Sec. 120.00 – Business License Required.**

- a. Unless exempted below, it shall be unlawful to engage in a business, occupation or profession (hereafter “business”) within the Town without first obtaining a required business license.
- b. Every person shall apply for a license for each business when engaging in such a business in the Town if (i) the person has a definite place of business in the Town; (ii) there is no definite place of business anywhere and the person resides in this Town; or (iii) there is no definite place of business in this jurisdiction but the person operates amusement machines or is classified as an itinerant merchant, or peddler as defined in Virginia Code § 58.1-3717, carnival, circus, or a contractor subject to Virginia Code § 58.1-3715 as it may be amended from time to time, or public service corporation.
- c. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Chapter 120:
  1. Businesses validly registered for an event approved by Town Council on Town-owned property will thereby each automatically receive a business license to operate at that event, and
  2. An organizer of a lawful temporary event on private property at which multiple businesses will operate may apply to the Town for one “blanket” business license for all of the businesses validly registered and operating at that event. “Blanket” business licenses on private property shall be applied for in the manner otherwise provided for individual business licenses.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, that this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

**ADOPTED:** This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

**AYES:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSTENTIONS:**

**ABSENT:**

**ATTEST:**

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Mayor, Irvington, Virginia