

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 221.00

Establishing Annual Due Date for Occupational License Fee and Reduced Minimum License Fee for Part-Time Businesses

WHEREAS, the City of Camargo desires to establish a clear annual due date for payment of the occupational license fee; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to provide limited relief to genuine part-time business operations while preventing abuse of any reduced fee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF CAMARGO, KENTUCKY:

– Occupational License Application Required

(Section 2 of Ordinance No. 221.00)

The following sentence is hereby added at the end of Section 2: Occupational License Application Required

Each person or business entity required to obtain an occupational license shall pay the annual occupational license fee on or before January 31 of each year for the right to engage in business in the City of Camargo during that calendar year

– Reduced Minimum License Fee for Part-Time Businesses

(Section 3 of Ordinance No. 221.00)

Section 3 (1) Minimum and Maximum Tax Amounts Required is hereby amended by adding the following new subsections C, D, and E:

C. Any person or business entity that qualifies as a part-time business under subsections D and E below shall pay a minimum occupational license fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per calendar year in lieu of any higher minimum otherwise applicable.

D. For purposes of this ordinance, a “part-time business” means a business that operates thirty (30) hours per week or less based on a consistent, recurring weekly schedule.

E. Eligibility for the reduced minimum fee under this section must be approved in advance by the City Clerk and is subject to verification upon request. The City Clerk may require time logs, profit-and-loss statements, federal or state tax returns, or other documentation to confirm eligibility.

– Effective Date and Publication

This amendment shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor:

Attest:

City Clerk

Net Profits and Occupational License Tax

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Camargo, Kentucky that the current Tax Ordinance, Ordinance No. 220.00 and its Amendment, be repealed effective January 1, 2008 and that the Net Profits and Occupational License Tax Ordinance, Ordinance No. 221.00 be adopted effective January 1, 2008 as fully set out in the following text of the Ordinance attached hereto.

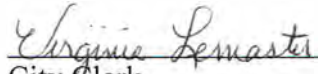
This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from January 1, 2008 after approval and publication provided by law.

Enacted by the City of Camargo Commission on this 4th day of Dec., 2007.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk

First Reading: 12/4/07

Second Reading: 12/18/07

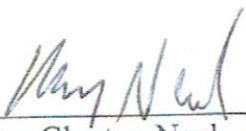
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Net Profits and Occupational License Tax Amendment

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Camargo that the Occupational License Tax Ordinance Number 221.00 be amended in Section 3 to increase the occupational license tax to 2%.

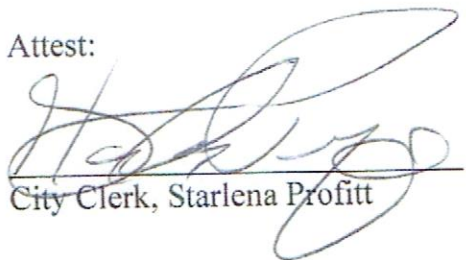
This Amendment shall be in full force and effect from July 01, 2019 after approval and publication as provided by law.

Enacted by the City of Camargo Commission on this 7th day of May, 2019.



Mayor, Clayton Neal

Attest:



City Clerk, Starlena Profitt

First Reading: 5/7/19

Second Reading: 6/7/19

Publication Date: 6/13/19

Occupational License Tax (Net Profits)

CITY OF CAMARGO

ORDINANCE NO. 221.00

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION AND ADMINISTRATION OF A OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE REQUIRMENT, AND PAYMENT OF AN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAX BY PERSONS AND BUSINESS ENTITIES CONDUCTING BUSINESSES, OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF CAMARGO, KENTUCKY.

WHEREAS, the Camargo city commission desires to comply with the requirements of KRS 67.750 to 67.790 and deems it necessary and desirable that certain changes be made to existing ordinances imposing occupational license taxes on persons and businesses entities conducting businesses, occupations, and professions within the City of Camargo, so that the assessment and payment of Occupational License Taxes can be administered more efficiently;

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the city, commission, of the City of Camargo, Kentucky as follows:

Ordinance No. 221.00 is hereby enacted and shall read in full as follows:

Sections:

- 1 Definitions
- 2 License Application Required
- 3 Occupational License Tax Payment Required
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- 5 Employers to Withhold
- 6 Returns Required
- 7 Extensions
- 8 Refunds
- 9 Payment of Estimated Tax Quarterly
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- 14 Use of Occupational License Tax
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Sec. 1 – Definitions

As used in this ordinance, the following terms and their derivatives shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended:

- (1) “Business entity” means each separate corporation, limited liability company, business development corporation, partnership, limited partnership, registered limited liability partnership, sole proprietorship, association, joint stock company, receivership, trust, professional service organization, or other legal entity through which business is conducted.
- (2) “Business” means any enterprise, activity, trade, occupation, profession or undertaking of any nature conducted for gain or profit. “Business” shall not include the usual activities of board of trade, chambers of commerce, trade associations, or unions, or other associations performing services usually performed by trade associations or unions. “Business” shall not include funds, foundations, corporations, or associations organized and operated for the exclusive and sole purpose of religions, charitable, scientific, literary, educational, civic or fraternal purposes, where no part of the earnings incomes, or receipts of such until, group or association, inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or to her person.
- (3) “City” means the city of Camargo, Kentucky.
- (4) “Compensation” means wages, salaries, commissions, or any other form of remuneration paid or payable by an employer for services performed by an employee, which are required to be reported for federal income tax purposes and adjusted as follows:
 - (a) Include any amounts contributed by an employee to any retirement, profit sharing or deferred compensation plan, which are deferred for federal income tax purposes under a salary reduction agreement or similar arrangement, including but not limited to salary reduction arrangements under Section 401 (a), 401 (k), 402(e), 403 (b), 408, 414(h), or 457 of the Internal Revenue Code; and
 - (b) Include any amounts contributed by an employee to any welfare benefit, fringe benefit, or other benefit plan made by salary reduction or other payment method which permits employees to elect to reduce federal taxable compensation under the Internal Revenue Code, including but not limited to Sections 125 and 132 of the Internal Revenue Code.”

- (5) "Conclusion of the federal audit" means the date that the adjustments made by the Internal Revenue Service to net income as reported on the business entity's federal income tax return become final and unappealable;
- (6) "Final determination of the federal audit" means the revenue agent's report or other documents reflecting the final and unappealable adjustments made by the Internal Revenue Service.
- (7) "Fiscal year" means an accounting period of 12 months ending on the last day of any month other than December;
- (8) "Employee" means any person who renders services to another person or any business entity for compensation, including an officer of a corporation and any officer, employee, or elected official of the United States, a state, or any political subdivision of a state, or any agency of instrumentality of any one (1) or more of the above. A person classified as an independent contractor under the Internal Revenue Code shall not be considered an employee.
- (9) "Employer" means the person for whom an individual performs or performed any service, of whatever nature, as the employee of such person, except that:
 - (a) if the person for whom the individual performs or performed the services does not have control of the payment of the wages for such services, the term "employer" means the person having control of the payment of such wages, and
 - (b) in the case of a person paying wages on behalf of a nonresident alien individual, foreign partnership, or foreign corporation, not engaged in trade or business within the United States, the term "employer" means such person;
- (10) "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code in effect on December 31, 2003, exclusive of any amendments made subsequent to that date, other than amendments that extend provisions in effect on December 31, 2004, that would otherwise terminate;
- (11) "Net profit" means gross income as defined in Section 61 of the Internal Revenue Code minus all the deductions from gross income allowed by Chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code, and adjusted as follows:

- (a) Include any amount claimed as a deduction for state tax or local tax which is computed, in whole or in part, by reference to gross or net income and which is paid or accrued to any state of the United States, local taxing authority in a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States, or any foreign country or political subdivision thereof;
 - (b) Include any amount claimed as a deduction that directly or indirectly is allocable to income which is either exempt from taxation or otherwise not taxed;
 - (c) Include any amount claimed as a net operating loss carryback or carryforward allowed under Section 172 of the Internal Revenue Code;
 - (d) Include any amount of income and expenses passed through separately as required by the Internal Revenue Code to an owner of a business entity that is a pass-through entity for federal tax purposes; and
 - (e) Exclude any amount of income that is exempt from state taxation by the Kentucky Constitution, or the Constitution and statutory laws of the United States;
- (12) "Person" shall mean every natural person, whether a resident or non-resident of the city. Whenever the word "person" is used in a clause prescribing and imposing a penalty in the nature of a fine or imprisonment, the word, as applied to a partnership or other form of unincorporated enterprise, shall mean the partners or members thereof, and as applied to corporations, shall mean the officers and directors thereof;
- (13) "Return" or "Report" means any properly completed and, if required, signed form, statement, certification, declaration, or any other document permitted or required to be submitted or filed with the city;
- (14) "Sales Revenue" means receipts from the sale, lease, or rental of goods, services, or property;
- (15) "Tax district" means any city of the first to fifth class with the authority to levy net profits, or occupational license taxes;
- (16) "Taxable net profit" in case of a business entity having payroll or sales revenue only within the city means net profit as defined in subsection (11) of this section;

- (17) "Taxable net profit" in case of a business entity having payroll or sale revenue both within and without the city means net profit as defines in subsection (11) of this section, and as apportioned under Section (4) of this Ordinance: and
- (18) "Taxable year" mans the calendar year or fiscal year ending during the calendar year, upon the basis of which net profit is computed.

Sec. 2 – Occupational License Application Required

- (1) Every person and business entity engaged in any business in the city of Camargo shall be required to apply for and obtain a occupational license from the city of Camargo before the commencement of business or in the event of a change of business status. Licensees are required to notify the city of any changes in address, the cessation of business, or any other changes that render the information supplied to the city in the license application inaccurate.

Sec. 3 – Minimum and Maximum Tax Amounts Required

- (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, every person or business entity engaged in any business for profit and any person or business entity that makes a filing with the Internal Revenue Service or the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet shall be required to file and pay to the City an annual occupational license tax for the privilege of engaging in such activities within the city. The occupational license tax shall be measured by 1% of:
 - (a) All wages and compensation paid or payable in the city for work done or services performed or rendered in the city by every resident and nonresident who is an employee;
 - (b) The net profits from business conducted in the city by a resident or nonresident business entity, or \$50.00 whichever is greater.
- (2) The occupational license tax imposed in this section shall not apply to the following persons or business entities:
 - (a) Any bank, trust company, combined bank and trust company, or trust, banking and title insurance company organized and doing business in this state, any savings and loan association whether state or federally chartered;

- (b) Any compensation received by members of the Kentucky national guard for active duty training, unit training assemblies and annual field training;
- (c) Any compensation received by precinct workers for election training or work at election booths in state, county, and local primary, regular, or special elections;
- (d) Public Service Corporations that pay an ad valorem tax on property valued and assessed by the Kentucky Department of Revenue pursuant to the provisions of KRS 136.120. Licensees whose businesses are predominantly non-public service who are also engaged in public service activity are required to pay a license fee on their net profit derived from the non-public service activities apportioned to the city;
- (e) Persons or business entities that have been issued a license under KRS Chapter 243 to engage in manufacturing or trafficking in alcoholic beverages. Persons engaged in the business of manufacturing or trafficking in alcoholic beverages are required to file a return, but may exclude the portion of their net profits derived from the manufacturing or trafficking in alcoholic beverages;
- (f) Life insurance companies incorporated under the laws of and doing business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

§ 4 - Apportionment

- (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, net profit shall be apportioned as follows:
 - (a) For business entities with both payroll and sales revenue in more than one (1) tax district, by multiplying the net profit by a fraction, the numerator of which is the payroll factor, described in subsection (2) of this section, plus the sales factor, described in subsection (3) of this section, and the denominator of which is two (2); and
 - (b) For business entities with sales revenue in more than one (1) tax district, by multiplying the net profit by the sales factor as set forth in subsection (3) of this section.
- (2) The payroll factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the total amount paid or payable in the city during the tax period by the business entity for compensation, and the denominator of which is the total compensation paid or payable by the business entity everywhere during the tax period. Compensation is paid or payable in the city based on the time the individual's service is performed within the city.

- (3) The sales factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the total sales revenue of the business entity in the city during the tax period, and the denominator of which is the total sales revenue of the business entity everywhere during the tax period.
- (a) The sale, lease, or rental of tangible personal property is in the city if:
 - 1. The property is delivered or shipped to a purchaser, other than the United States government, or to the designee of the purchaser within the city regardless of the f.o.b. point or other conditions of the sale; or
 - 2. The property is shipped from an office, store, warehouse, factory, or other place of storage in the city and the purchaser is the United States government.
 - (b) Sales revenues, other than revenues from the sale, lease or rental of tangible personal property or the lease or rental of real property, are apportioned to the city based upon a fraction, the numerator of which is the time spent in performing such income-producing activity within the city and the denominator of which is the total time spent performing that income-producing activity.
 - (c) Sales revenue from the sale, lease, or rental of real property is allocated to the tax district where the property is located.
- (4) If the apportionment provisions of this section do not fairly represent the extent of the business entity's activity in the city, the business entity may petition the city or the city may require, in respect to all or any part of the business entity's business activity, if reasonable:
- (a) Separate accounting;
 - (b) The exclusion of any one (1) or more of the factors;
 - (c) The inclusion of one (1) or more additional factors which will fairly represent the business entity's business activity in the city; or
 - (d) The employment of any other method to effectuate an equitable allocation and apportionment of net profit.

- (5) When compensation is paid or payable for work done or services performed or rendered by an employee, both within and without the city, the license tax shall be measured by that part of the compensation paid or payable as a result of work done or service performed or rendered within the city. The license tax shall be computed by obtaining the percentage which the compensation for work performed or services rendered within the city bears to the total wages and compensation paid or payable. In order for the city to verify the accuracy of a taxpayer's reported percentages under this subsection, the taxpayer shall maintain adequate records.
- (6) All partnerships, S corporations, and all other entities where income is "passed through" to the owners are subject to this ordinance. The occupational license tax imposed in this ordinance is assessed against income before it is "passed through" these entities to the owners.
- (7) If any business entity dissolves, ceases to operate, or withdraws from the city during any taxable year, or if any business entity in any manner surrenders or loses its charter during any taxable year, the dissolution, cessation of business, withdrawal, or loss or surrender of charter shall not defeat the filing of returns and the assessment and collection of any occupational license tax for the period of that taxable year during which the business entity had business activity in the city
- (8) If a business entity makes, or is required to make, a federal income tax return, the occupational license tax shall be computed for the purposes of this ordinance on the basis of the same calendar or fiscal year required by the federal government, and shall employ the same methods of accounting required for federal income tax purposes.

§ 5 - Employers to Withhold

- (1) Every employer making payment of compensation to an employee shall deduct and withhold from the compensation an occupational license tax calculated under Section (3) of this ordinance.
- (2) Every employer required to deduct and withhold tax under this section shall, for the quarter ending after January 1 and for each quarter ending thereafter, on or before the end of the month following the close of each quarter, make a return and report to the city, and pay to the city, the tax required to be withheld under this section, unless the employer is permitted or required to report within a reasonable time after some other period as determined by the city.
- (3) Every employer who fails to withhold or pay to the city any sums required by this ordinance to be withheld and paid shall be personally and individually liable to the city for any sum or sums withheld or required to be withheld in accordance with the

- provisions of this section.
- (4) The city shall have a lien upon all the property of any employer who fails to withhold or pay over to the city sums required to be withheld under this section. If the employer withholds, but fails to pay the amounts withheld to the city, the lien shall commence as of the date the amounts withheld were required to be paid to the city. If the employer fails to withhold, the lien shall commence at the time the liability of the employer is assessed by the city.
 - (5) Every employer required to deduct and withhold tax under this section shall annually on or before February 28 of each year complete and file on a form furnished or approved by the city a reconciliation of the occupational license tax withheld where compensation is paid or payable to employees. Either copies of federal forms W-2 and W-3, transmittal of wage and tax statements, or a detailed employee listing with the required equivalent information, as determined by the city, shall be submitted.
 - (6) Every employer shall furnish each employee a statement on or before January 31 of each year showing the amount of compensation and occupational license tax deducted by the employer from the compensation paid to the employee for payment to the city during the preceding calendar year.
 - (7) An employer shall be liable for the payment of the tax required to be deducted and withheld under this section.
 - (8) The president, vice president, secretary, treasurer or any other person holding an equivalent corporate office of any business entity subject to this section shall be personally and individually liable, both jointly and severally, for any tax required to be withheld from compensation paid or payable to one or more employees of the business entity, and neither the corporate dissolution or withdrawal of the business entity from the city, nor the cessation of holding any corporate office, shall discharge that liability; provided that the personal and individual liability shall apply to each and every person holding the corporate office at the time the tax becomes or became obligated. No person shall be personally and individually liable under this subsection unless such person had authority to collect, truthfully account for, or pay over the tax imposed by this ordinance at the time that the taxes imposed by this ordinance become or became due.
 - (9) Notwithstanding subsections (7) and (8) of this section, every employee receiving compensation in the city subject to the tax imposed under Section (3) of this ordinance shall be personally liable for any amount due. In all cases where the employer does not withhold the tax levied under this ordinance from the employee, such employee or employees shall be responsible for filing with the city each quarter in the same manner as if they were the employer.

§ 6 - Returns Required

- (1) All business entity returns for the preceding taxable year shall be made by April 15 of each year, except returns made on the basis of a fiscal year, which shall be made by the fifteenth day of the fourth month following the close of the fiscal year. Blank forms for returns shall be supplied by the city.
- (2) Every business entity shall submit a copy of its federal income tax return and all supporting statements and schedules at the time of filing its occupational license tax return with the city. Whenever, in the opinion of the city, it is necessary to examine the federal income tax return of any business entity in order to audit the return, the city may compel the business entity to produce for inspection a copy of any statements and schedules in support thereof that have not been previously filed. The city may also require copies of reports of adjustments made by the federal government.
- (3) Every business entity subject to a occupational license tax governed by the provisions of this ordinance shall keep records, render under oath statements, make returns, and comply with rules as the city from time to time may prescribe. Whenever the city deems it necessary, the city may require a business entity, by notice served to the business entity, to make a return, render statements under oath, or keep records, as the city deems sufficient to determine the tax liability the business entity.
- (4) The city may require, for the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of any return or for the purposes of making an estimate of the taxable income of any business entity, the attendance of a representative of the business entity or of any other person having knowledge in the premises.
- (5) The full amount of the unpaid tax payable by any business entity, as appears from the face of the return, shall be paid to the city at the time prescribed for filing the occupational license tax return, determined without regard to any extension of time for filing the return.

§ 7 - Extensions

- (1) The city may grant any business entity an extension of not more than six (6) months, unless a longer extension has been granted by the Internal Revenue Service or is agreed to by the city and the business entity, for filing its return, if the business entity, on or before the date prescribed for payment of the occupational license tax, requests the extension

And pays the amount property estimated as its tax.

- (2) If the time for filing a return is extended, the business shall pay, as part of the tax, an amount equal to twelve percent (12%) per annum simple interest on the tax shown due on the return, but not been previously paid, from the time the tax was due until the return is actually filed and the tax paid to the city. A fraction of a month is counted as an entire month.

Sec. 8 – Refunds

- (1) Where there has been an overpayment of tax under Section (5) of this ordinance, a refund or credit shall be made to the employer to the extent of overpayment only if a written application for refund or credit is received by the city from the employer within two (2) years from the date the overpayment was made.
- (2) An employee who has compensation attributable to activities performed outside the city, based on time spent outside the city, whose employer has withheld and remitted to this city, the occupational license tax on the compensation attributable to activities performed outside the city may file for a refund within two (2) years of the date prescribed by law for the filing of a return. The employee shall provide a schedule and computation sufficient to verify the refund claim and the city may confirm with the employer the percentage of time spent outside the city and the amount of compensation attributable to activities performed outside the city prior to approval of the refund.
- (3) In the case where the tax computed under the provisions of this ordinance is less than the amount which has been declared and paid as estimated tax for the same taxable year, a refund or credit, if a credit is requested, shall be made upon the filing of a return.
- (4)
 - (a) Overpayment resulting from the payment of estimated tax in excess of the amount determined to be due upon the filing of a return for the same taxable year may be credited against the amount of estimated tax determined to be due on any declaration filed for the next succeeding taxable year or for any deficiency or nonpayment of tax for any previous taxable year;
 - (b) No refund shall be made of any estimated tax paid unless a complete return is filed as required by this ordinance.

Sec. 9 – Payment of Estimated Tax Quarterly

- (1) Every business entity, other than a sole proprietorship, subject to taxation under this ordinance, shall make quarterly estimated tax payments on or before the

fifteenth day of the fourth, sixth, ninth, and twelfth month of each taxable year if the tax liability for the taxable year exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

(2) The quarterly estimated tax payments required under subsection (1) of this section should be based on the lesser of:

(a) Twenty-two and one-half percent (22.5%) of the current taxable year tax liability;

(b) Twenty-five percent (25%) of the preceding full year taxable year tax liability; or

(c) Twenty-five percent (25%) of the average tax liability for the three (3) preceding full year taxable years' tax liabilities if the tax liability for any of the three (3) preceding full taxable years exceeded twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00).

(3) Any business entity that fails to submit the minimum quarterly payment required under subsection (2) of this section by the due date for the quarterly payment shall pay an amount equal to twelve percent (12%) per annum simple interest on the amount of the quarterly payment required under subsection (2) of this section from the earlier of:

(a) The due date for the quarterly payment until the time when the aggregate quarterly payments submitted for the taxable year equal the minimum aggregate payments due under subsection (2) of this section; or

(b) The due date of the annual return.

A fraction of a month is counted as an entire month.

(4) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any business entity's first full or partial taxable year of doing business in the city or any first taxable year in which a business entity's tax liability exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

(5) At the election of the business entity, any installment of the estimated tax may be paid prior to the date prescribed for its payment.

Sec. 10 Federal Audit Provisions

- 1) As soon as practicable after each return is received, the city may examine and audit the return. If the amount of tax computed by the city is greater than the amount returned by the business entity, the additional tax shall be assessed and a notice of assessment mailed to the business entity by the city within five (5) years from the date the return was filed, except as otherwise provided in this subsection.
 - a) In the case of a failure to file a return or of a fraudulent return the additional tax may be assessed at any time.
 - b) In the case of a return where a business entity understates net profit, or omits an amount properly includable in net profits, or both, which understatement or omission, or both, is in excess of twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of net profit stated in the return, the additional tax may be assessed at any time within six (6) years after the return was filed.
 - c) In the case of an assessment of additional tax relating directly to adjustments resulting from a final determination of a federal audit, the additional tax may be assessed before the expiration of the times provided in this subsection or six (6) months from the date the city receives the final determination of the federal audit from the business entity, whichever is later.

The times provided in this subsection may be extended by agreement between the business entity and the city. For the purposes of this subsection, a return filed before the last day prescribed by law for filing the return shall be considered as filed on the last day. Any extension granted for filing the return shall also be considered as extending the last day prescribed by law for filing the return.

- 2) Every business entity shall submit a copy of the final determination of the federal audit within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the federal audit.
- 3) The city may include a civil action for the collection of any additional tax within the times prescribed in subsection (1) of this section.

Sec. 11 Administrative Provisions

- 1) No suit shall be maintained in any court to restrain or delay the collection or payment of the tax levied by this ordinance.
- 2) Any tax collected pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance may be refunded or credited within two (2) years of the date prescribed by law for the filing of a return or the date the money was paid to the city, whichever is the later, except that:

- a) In any case where the assessment period contained in Section (9) of this ordinance has been extended by an agreement between the business entity and the city, the limitation contained in this subsection shall be extended accordingly.
 - b) If the claim for refund or credit relates directly to adjustment resulting from a federal audit, the business entity shall file a claim for refund or credit within the time provided for in this subsection or six (6) months from the conclusion of the federal audit whichever is later.
- 3) The authority to refund overpayments of taxes expected pursuant to this ordinance is vested exclusively in the city.

Sec. 12. Information to Remain Confidential

- 1) No present or former employee of any tax district shall intentionally and without authorization inspect or divulge any information acquired by him or her of the affairs of any person, inspect or divulge any information acquired by him or her of the affairs of any person, or information acquired by him or her of the affairs of any person, or information regarding the tax schedules, returns, or reports required to be filed with the tax district or other property officer, or any information produced by a hearing or investigation, insofar as the information may have to do with the affairs of the person's business. This prohibition does not extend to information required in prosecutions for making false reports or returns for taxations, or any other infraction of the tax laws, or in any way made a matter of public record, nor does it preclude furnishing any taxpayer or the taxpayer's properly authorized agent with information respecting his or her own return. Further, this prohibition does not preclude any employee of the tax district from testifying in any court, or from introducing as evidence returns or reports filed with the tax district, in an action for violation of a tax district tax law or in any action challenging a tax district tax law.
- 2) The city reserves the right to disclose to the Commissioner of Revenue of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or his or her duly authorized agent all such information and rights to inspect any of the books and records of the city if the Commissioner of Revenue of the Commonwealth of Kentucky grants to the city the reciprocal right to obtain information from the files and records of the Kentucky Department of Revenue and maintains the privileged character of the information so furnished. Provided, further, that the city may publish statistics based on such information in such a manner as not to reveal data respecting net profits or compensation of any person or business entity.
- 3) In addition, the city is empowered to execute similar reciprocity agreements as described in subsection (2) of this section with any other taxing entity, should

there be a need for exchange of information in order to effect diligent enforcement of this ordinance.

Sec. 13 Penalties

- 1) A business entity subject to tax on net profits may be subject to a penalty equal to five percent (5%) of the tax due for each calendar month or fraction thereof if the business entity:
 - a) Fails to file any return or report on or before the due date prescribed for filing or as extended by the city ; or
 - b) Fails to pay the tax computed on the return or report on or before the due date prescribed for payment.

The total penalty levied pursuant to this subsection shall not exceed twenty-five percent or both.

Any person violating the provision of section (11) of this ordinance by divulging confidential taxpayer information shall be fined not more than one thousand (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one (1) year, or both.

Sec. 14 Use of Occupational License Tax

All money derived from the license taxes under the provisions of this ordinance shall be paid to the city and placed to the credit of the city's general revenue fund.

Sec. 15 Severability

Each section and each provision of each section of this ordinance are severable, and if any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or part thereof, or the application thereof to any person licensee, class or group, is held by a court of law to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such holding shall not affect or impair the remainder of this ordinance, it being the legislative intent to ordain and enact each provision, section, paragraph, sentence and part thereof, separately and independently of the rest.