

This instrument prepared by:
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ORDINANCE NO. 11-59

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA,
 FLORIDA AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
 OF THE CITY OF PALATKA TO REVISE CHAPTER
 78-162 (B); 78-165 (A) & (B), AND 78-
 167, SHIFTING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF
 ISSUING BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS FROM THE
 FINANCE DIRECTOR TO THE BUILDING AND
 ZONING DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, application has been made by the Building and Zoning Department, to the City for certain amendments to the Zoning Code of the City of Palatka, Florida; and

WHEREAS, all the necessary procedural steps have been accomplished, including a public hearing before the Planning Board of the City of Palatka on July 5, 2011, and two public hearings before the City Commission of the City of Palatka on September 22, 2011, and October 6, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Palatka has determined that said amendment should be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The following section of Chapter 78-162, of the Palatka Code of Ordinances, shall be revised:

Levy of tax, business tax receipt required.

- (b) No person shall engage in, manage, run or operate any business, profession or occupation subject to this article within the city without first having obtained from the ~~finance director~~ building and zoning department the business tax receipt provided for in this article for such business, profession or occupation.

The following sections of Chapter 78-165, of the Palatka Code of Ordinances, shall be revised:

Transfer of business tax receipt.

- (a) No transferable business tax receipt shall be transferred from the person to whom it is issued under this article, except upon written application of the transferee, endorsed by the transferrer, made to the ~~finance director~~ building and zoning department, and when such application is so made the ~~finance director~~ building and zoning department shall issue a duplicate of the original business tax receipt, marked "duplicate," and shall endorse thereon the names of the transferees.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a business tax receipt transfer may be made only when there is a bona fide sale of the business, upon payment of a transfer fee as set out in appendix A to this Code, as amended from time to time, and presentation to the ~~finance director~~ building and zoning department of evidence of the sale and upon presentation to the ~~finance director~~ building and zoning department of the original business tax receipt.

The following section of Chapter 78-165, of the Palatka Code of Ordinances, shall be revised:

Posting of business tax receipt; contents of business tax receipt.

All business tax receipts and transfers of business tax receipts shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the place of business of the person to whom issued, where the business tax receipt can be easily observed by the public, and shall show the amount paid for the business tax receipt, the date issued or the date transferred, and the business, profession or occupation thereby licensed, and shall bear the signature of the ~~city finance director~~ building and zoning department, the seal of the city and the holder's signature.

Section 2. All ordinances in conflict with the terms and provisions of this ordinance are hereby specifically repealed.

Section 3. A copy of this Ordinance shall be furnished to the Municipal Code Corporation for insertion in the Code of Ordinances for the City of Palatka, Florida.

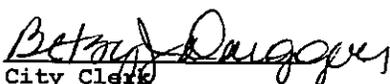
Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final passage by the City Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Palatka on this 13th day of October, 2011.

CITY OF PALATKA

BY: 
Its MAYOR

ATTEST:


City Clerk