

I'd like to further explain why I think the city's tax ordinances should be amended for small businesses that hardly, if ever, make a profit.

I'm using my situation as an example.

As you know, I sell photographic note cards and calendars, with an occasional "photo shoot".

According to my tax returns, rarely, if ever, do I actually turn a profit.

In 2021, I sold 125 calendars for a total of \$2,200. But, the expenses just for materials to make those calendars is \$1,084.

I'm lucky to sell \$150 in cards each year; cost of those materials is easily \$50. When AC allowed people like me to sell items at the store, I sold quite a few more; they haven't allowed that for several years.

I purchased several thousand dollars in camera equipment last year, much more than the gross sales of cards and calendars.

Then, there's the business license fee which I do buy each year.

Many of my pictures were taken in places other than here in Aniak, so the fuel cost for running my boat and snow machine is easily several hundred dollars.

My particular business does not add any expense to the city's operation (e.g., landfill, sewer, or roads).

My business is my hobby, and I'd like to think that by showing the cards at Ravn/Ryan, it adds a little charm to Aniak, and provide something that visitors can remember their visit with.

The same with my calendars - I know lots of people buy these for their relatives who have moved away...or people who have moved away buy them to fondly remember the beauty we have here.

Since I rarely make money, I see my business more as a service than a true business.

Given that gas will likely sky rocket soon, and the fact that I haven't raised my prices since I started selling cards and calendars...the potential for any profit could evaporate.

That's why I would like to see the tax code amended for businesses who net less than \$1,000 not need to file any paperwork or pay tax. The amount of tax on \$1,000 would be only \$20/year.

As I said under people to be heard at the last meeting, I'm often too busy to check at Ravn/Ryan on a regular basis, sometimes not for three or four months.

Any extra burden, financially or time wise, would just make me realize that it's not worth the effort to make the cards and calendars, which I do all by hand.

For me, personally, the reason I'm proposing this change is that I don't want to feel guilty of not paying my fair share like a real business that does turn a substantial profit. As the saying goes, perceptions are real - and most people probably think that my business makes money.

With the proposed ordinance change, I'd like to think that people like me could still do what we do, and be within the rules.

Sincerely,

Dave Cannon