



City Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: April 18, 2023
From: Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk
Item: Exempt Established Businesses from Private Security Licensing

Purpose: An Ordinance modifying Municipal Code Section 18-20, of The City of Arkansas City, KS, to exempt permanent established businesses with 100 or more employees, from licensing private security officers through the City of Arkansas City. **(Roll Call)**

Background:

Per our current municipal code regarding private security licensure, the first line of section 18-20 reads:

a.) Every private security officer and private security service within the city, must always have a valid license from the city at all times.

In 2022, city staff processed over 60 private security officer applications, handling fees, and running a criminal background check for each individual through the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, creating badges for those approved. All these applications were perspective employees of Securitas, currently doing business in the city limits of Arkansas City.

As a company, Securitas employees thousands of people globally running their own background checks beyond the state level. They also require a STAT swab oral drug screen of each applicant as part of their extensive hiring process. These two processes alone make the city application fee unwarranted.

Staff proposes to modify the first line of section 18-20 as to exempt permanent established businesses with 100 or more employees, from licensing private security officers through the City of Arkansas City, as listed below (new provision underlined and in italics):

a.) Every private security officer and private security service staffing less than 100 employees within the city, must always have a valid license from the city at all times.

This modification to section 18-20 would significantly reduce the burden on the applicant and permanent established business, like Securitas, who are already running their own criminal background checks.

Commission Options:

1. Approve the Ordinance
2. Disapprove the Ordinance
3. Table the Ordinance for further discussion

Fiscal Impact:

Amount:

Fund: Department: Expense Code:

☐ Included in budget ☐ Grant ☐ Bonds ☐ Other Not Budgeted

Approved for Agenda by:

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Randy Frazer, City Manager