

ORDINANCE 11-2025

Code of the Town of Bladensburg

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG TO AMEND § 76-4 OF THE TOWN CODE: BUSINESS LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES AND ADDS AN ALARM REGISTRATION FEE.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council understand that there are increased administrative and public safety costs for issuing Town Business Licenses and the overall operations of the program; and

WHEREAS, recapturing these administrative costs is through the Business License Fee Schedule, and the issuing of new fees is part of this process; and

WHEREAS, the Fee Schedule in §76-4 has not been updated since 2017 and must be updated periodically to keep up with the changing and evolving economic conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council realize the importance of updating this schedule in a timely and efficient manner as needed; and

WHEREAS, the Town staff recognizes that adding a Business Alarm Registration Fee will reduce the number of false alarm calls and make the Police Department more efficient in responding to incidents; and

WHEREAS, changes to the fee schedule will go into effect as part of the FY 2026 Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and Town staff will bill accordingly for these fees in May 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council by this ordinance approves increases of the Fee Schedule for FY 2027 Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize that the codification of the fee schedule is the most efficient way to update the License and Permit fees:

Section 1. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Bladensburg, that Chapter 76-4, “Business License and Fees” be and it is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Class	Description	Current License Fee	FY 26 Proposed License Fee	FY 27 Proposed License Fees
Class 1	Mobile Vendors (Ice Cream Trucks / Food Trucks), Dry Cleaning, Laundromats, Barber Shops, Beauty Salons, Nail Salons	\$125.00	\$200	\$225
Class 2	Retail (less than 10,000 sq. ft.), Drug Stores, Convenience Stores, Hardware, Clothing, Furniture, Appliance Sales/Service, Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning Contractors, Restaurants (Sit-in or Carryout), Business Offices (including Professional Offices – each separate firm/organization), Private Education Institutions (Nursery Schools & Licensed Daycare Centers), and other General Merchandise Stores	\$175.00	\$375	\$400
Class 3	Industrial, Motor Vehicle Repair, Paint/Body Shops, New/Used Car Sales, Boat Sales, Gas Stations, Banks, Trust Companies, Savings Institutions, Contractor Yards, Machine/Welding Shops	\$175.00	\$400	\$425
Class 4	Retail (more than 10,000 sq. ft.), Big Box Stores, Department Stores, Clothing Stores, Retail Furniture, Warehouses, Pawn Shops, Manufacturing Plants, Grocery Stores, Hardware Stores, Junkyards, Restaurants, and other General Merchandise Stores exceeding 10,000 sq. ft.	\$400.00	\$500	\$575
Class 5	Apartments / Senior Housing	\$25.00 per dwelling un	\$35.00 per dwelling unit	\$40.00 per dwelling unit
Alarm Fee	Business Alarm Registration Fee - NEW	NA	\$25	\$25
Late Fee	A late fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) will be charged when a required license or permit is purchased after July 1. In addition, a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the license fee will be charged on any payment thirty (30) days past the due date.	\$100 and 10%	\$100 and 10%	\$100 and 10%

Section 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days from the date of its adoption.

Section 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or applications, and to this end, all the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town Bladensburg at a regular meeting on **April 14, 2025**, and thereafter, this Ordinance was prominently posted in the Town Hall and available for inspection by the public.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg, Maryland, at a regular meeting on May ____**2025**.

WITNESS

TOWN OF BLADENSBURG

Regine Watson, Clerk

Takisha D. James, Mayor

First Reading: April 14, 2025
Second Reading: May 12, 2025