

ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - ____

TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 6, *BUSINESS AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS*, ARTICLE II, *BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS*, SEC. 6-19 THROUGH 6-45 AND AMENDING ARTICLE III, *SOLICITY AND MOBILE VENDING* OF THE TOWN CODE TO INCLUDE ADOPTING THE 2022 MODEL BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE, ADJUSTING THE FEE SCHEDULE, CHANGING THE RENEWAL DATE, AND INCLUDING INCENTIVES.

WHEREAS, the Town of Bluffton desires to improve the general safety, welfare, health and properties of the citizens of the Town of Bluffton; and,

WHEREAS, to establish the necessary provisions to accomplish the above, the Town of Bluffton has the authority to enact resolutions, ordinances, regulations, and procedures pursuant to Section 5-7-30 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, Act 176, the SC Business License Tax Standardization Act, requires every local government with a business license tax to administer the tax in the same way across the state starting on January 1, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Bluffton Town Council desires to repeal and replace Chapter 6, *Business and Business Regulations*, Article II, *Business Licenses and Regulations*, to include changing the license period to May 1 to April 30, extending the 2021 license period from December 31, 2021 to April 30, 2022, and adjusting the fee schedule to ensure revenue neutrality during the 2022 business license cycle; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Bluffton Town Council desires to amend Chapter 6, *Business and Business Regulations*, Article III, *Soliciting and Mobile Vending*, to add a definitions section to include words, terms, and phrases used in the article.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, in accordance with the foregoing, the Town hereby amends the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Bluffton as follows:

SECTION 1. REPEAL AND REPLACEMENT. The Town of Bluffton hereby repeals Chapter 6, *Business and Business Regulations*, Article II, *Business Licenses and Regulations sec. 6-19 through 6-74*, of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina, to replace the ordinance and rate classes as recommended by the Municipal Association of South Carolina, as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto and fully incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. The Town of Bluffton hereby amends Chapter 6, *Business and Business Regulations*, Article III, *Soliciting and Mobile Vending sec. 6-74 through 6-97*, of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina, to amend the ordinance to include a new section for definitions in Sec. 6-74, as shown on Exhibit B attached hereto and fully incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. All ordinances or parts of ordinances that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. ORDINANCE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. This entire Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon adoption.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ENACTED this ____ day of _____, 2021.

This Ordinance was read and passed at first reading on _____, 2021.

Lisa Sulka, Mayor
Town of Bluffton, South Carolina

Kimberly Chapman, Town Clerk
Town of Bluffton, South Carolina

This Ordinance was read and passed at final reading on _____, 2021.

Lisa Sulka, Mayor
Town of Bluffton, South Carolina

Kimberly Chapman, Town Clerk
Town of Bluffton, South Carolina