

AN ORDINANCE
NO. _____

An Ordinance amending Article IV of Chapter 19 of the Columbus Code to exempt certain Court Reporters hired by Superior Court Judges from the licensing requirements of the Article; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEARBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Section 19-36 of the Columbus code is hereby amended by striking paragraph (b) and inserting a new Section 19-36(b) to read as follows:

“(b) *Business dealings with the city.* Any person, club, organization, or their agents, employees, or representatives who wish to sell, barter, trade, build, pave, grade, haul, make studies, do planning, enter contracts, and any and all other kinds of businesses with the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, or any of its governmental agencies, shall, prior to doing said business, obtain, secure, and maintain a current city business license from the Columbus Consolidated Government. This shall be required whether business is on a contract or verbal agreement and whether or not labor and materials or both is supplied. Failure on the part of any one to fully comply with this section shall place that person in full violation of the Columbus Consolidated Government business license ordinance, and shall cause an automatic forfeiture of any agreements or contracts, or business dealings between the Columbus Consolidated Government and the violators. The revenue collection officer is hereby directed to initiate legal action against the violators. If any of the persons, businesses or organizations who wish to do business with the city can prove that they have paid an occupational tax to another municipality where they have a location in Georgia and the persons, businesses or organizations do not have a location in Columbus, they will not be required to obtain a license or owe the tax to the City of Columbus pursuant to this paragraph. Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, a court reporter who is an independent contractor hired by a sitting, visiting, or senior Superior Court Judge to handle Rapid Resolution or other cases not associated with a sitting Judge’s regular caseload and who lives outside of Columbus, will not be required to obtain a business license pursuant to this code section.”

SECTION 2.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed, and it shall take effect immediately upon signing by the Mayor.

First introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 11th day of October 2022, and introduced on second reading at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____
Councilor Barnes	voting	_____
Councilor Crabb	voting	_____
Councilor Davis	voting	_____
Councilor Garrett	voting	_____
Councilor House	voting	_____
Councilor Huff	voting	_____
Councilor Thomas	voting	_____
Councilor Tucker	voting	_____
Councilor Woodson	voting	_____

Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor