

ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An ordinance extending the business and occupation tax licensing deadline established by local law for the year 2021; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the President of the United States declared a National Public Health Emergency on Friday March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Georgia declared a Public Health State Emergency in Georgia on March 14, 2020 and has continued to extend that State of Emergency through the present;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to extend the 2021 business license tax deadline to June 1, 2021 due to the continued COVID 19 pandemic and the economic hardship that has resulted from it; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Charter also grants to the Council the power to determine that a state of emergency exists due to a natural disaster and adopt an ordinance addressing the emergency without a second reading of that Ordinance, Columbus Charter § 3-201(3).

NOW THEREFORE, in a public and regularly called meeting, the Mayor and Columbus Council declare and ordain as follows:

Section 1.

The Mayor and Council adopt and make the findings discussed in the "Whereas" paragraphs the factual findings of the Council.

Section 2.

The April 1 deadline for obtaining business licenses and paying any business occupational tax as required by Columbus Code Sections 19-47 and 19-53 for the year 2021 is hereby extended by from April 1, 2021 to June 1, 2021.

Section 3.

Occupation taxes remaining due for any prior tax year are not affected by this extension, and shall remain due and payable with penalties and interest from their due date.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 23rd day of February, 2021; and adopted at said meeting after one reading in accordance with Section 3-201(3) by the affirmative vote of ____ members of 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