

## ORDINANCE

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

An ordinance extending the business and occupation tax licensing deadline established by local law for the year 2022; and for other purposes.

**WHEREAS**, the United States and Columbus, Georgia, specifically have continued to feel the economic effects of the National Public Health Emergency created due to the COVID-19 virus and its subsequent variants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Georgia continues to declare monthly a Declaration of State of Emergency for Continued COVID-19 Economic Recovery in Georgia on June 30, 2021, and has continued to extend that State of Emergency through the present;

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council desire to extend the 2022 business license tax deadline to June 1, 2022, due to the continued COVID 19 pandemic and the resulting economic hardship.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of Columbus, Georgia, hereby ordains 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 2022 is hereby extended from April 1, 2022, to June 1, 2022.

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.

Section 4.

This ordinance shall become effective as of April 1, 2022.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 22nd day of March, 2022, introduced a second time 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.

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| 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 _____. |

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Sandra T. Davis  
Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III  
Mayor