

Staff Report

Public Hearing

Subject: Ordinance Revision
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Meeting Date: February 13, 2024
Item Description: Consideration to approve the amendment of the Code of Ordinances **Part II – Official Code: Chapter 70 – Taxation, Article II – Business License and Occupation Tax** of the Effingham County Code of Ordinances.

Summary Recommendation

Due to the increased growth of businesses in Effingham County, we have updated and condensed our Business License Ordinance.

Executive Summary/Background

- Home Occupation, Residential Businesses, and Rural Businesses have been combined into one type of License, being called “Residential Business”. Staff can add limitations of the scope of business under this category.
- Commercial/Industrial Businesses will now require a Life Safety Inspection performed by our Fire Inspector, as well as submitting a Pre-Plan for review by the Fire Department.
- Revocation of business license standards are now documented.
- Signage for Residential Businesses are allowed.
- Section 3.15 of the Zoning Ordinance and Article II of the Taxation Ordinance are now combined into one Ordinance to provide better service to Effingham County Residence.
- Newly Developed Commercial and Industrial Businesses must submit a Sketch Plan for approval by the Planning Board and Board of Commissioners.

Alternatives

1. **Approve an amendment** to the Code of Ordinances **Chapter 70 – Taxation; Article II – Business License and Occupation Tax**
2. **Deny an amendment** to the Code of Ordinances **Chapter 70 – Taxation; Article II – Business License and Occupation Tax**

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: **FUNDING: N/A**

Attachments:

1. Chapter 70 – Taxation, Article II – Business License and Occupation Tax Ordinance