

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10**

**A RESOLUTION SETTING CERTAIN BUSINESS LICENSE FEES**

**WHEREAS**, Section 5.04.010 requires every business operating within the City of Mills to obtain a license in order to operate within the City, and :

**WHEREAS**, Certain businesses listed at Section 5.04.040 have more specific licensure requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, A principal reason for the business license requirement has been to provide for fire inspections to be conducted by the City of Mills Fire Department in order to provide for the safety and welfare of the municipality with that being the sole reason for the license in some circumstances: and

**WHEREAS**, During the fire inspection, fire crews use the opportunity to pre-plan structures, locate utility shut-off points and identify hazards to the occupants and responders; and

**WHEREAS**, The fire inspection fee/business license fee is not intended to be a deterrent to businesses coming to or staying in Mills, but to stress the importance to businesses that the City of Mills cares about their safety, the safety of the employees and anyone who visits the business, as well as for responder safety in the event of a catastrophic event.

**WHEREAS**, Section 5.04.050 provides that the City Council may set the fees for business licenses by resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, The City Council Resolves as follows:

- A. The business license fee for all businesses which are referenced only at Section, 5.04.040(F) shall be their annual Fire Inspection Fee.
- B. All businesses that are required to have a Business License which is specific to their business and occupation, and which is otherwise addressed in the Mills Town Code outside of Section 5.04.040(F), to include but not be limited to Section 5.04.040(A) through (E) and (G), as well as licensed trades such as electrical, building and plumbing trades, shall also have a Fire Inspection with a fee as set forth herein if they maintain a business location inside of the City of Mills, but the City Council may otherwise set the fee for their license. Where such a fee has been previously set, this Ordinance does not remove it, but the fire inspection fee shall be additionally required.
- C. The fees shall be as follows:
  - i. Businesses that qualify for the Self-Assessment Fire Inspection  
\$45

- ii. Businesses between 1-5000 sq. feet,  
\$75
  - iii. Businesses between 5001-10,000 sq. feet  
\$125
  - iv. Businesses greater than 10,000 sq. feet  
\$250
  - v. Businesses that have a fire alarm system, sprinkler system or commercial hood extinguishment system, an additional \$50 fee shall be assessed.
- D. For purposes of clarity, this may be referred as a Fire Inspection Fee.  
E. This Resolution shall become effective on July 1, 2023.

DATED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2023.

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Mayor, Leah Juarez

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Councilman, Sara McCarthy

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Councilman, Cheri Butcher

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Councilman, Tim Sutherland

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Councilman, Brad Neumiller

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Christine Trumbull