

ORDINANCE NO. 91-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF RIDGECREST AMENDING THE RIDGECREST
MUNICIPAL CODE AS IT RELATES TO BUSINESS
LICENSES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST
as follows:

Section 1. Purpose

This ordinance amends the Ridgcrest Municipal Code to provide
for a new business license classification.

Section 2. Amendment

Section 6-24.2 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
follows:

"Section 6-24.2 Rates

- (a) Classification 'A' -- Average Number of Employees: Fifty (\$50.00) dollars per year for the first five employees plus three (\$3.00) dollars per year for each additional employee.
- (b) Classification 'B' -- Average Number of Employees: Fifty (\$50.00) dollars per year for each professional practicing as an individual, partner, member of an association, or employee plus three (\$3.00) dollars per year for each non-professional employee.
- (c) Classification 'C' -- Average Number of Employees: Seventy (\$70.00) dollars per year for the first five employees plus three (\$3.00) dollars per year for each of the next 55 employees plus two (\$2.00) dollars per year for each employee more than 55.
- (d) Classification 'D' -- Average Number of Employees: Fifty (\$50.00) dollars per year for the first employee plus thirty-three (\$33.00) dollars per year for each additional employee.
- (e) Classification 'E' -- Fifty (\$50.00) dollars per year for the first vehicle plus eight (\$8.00) dollars per year for each additional vehicle.

- (f) Classification `F' -- Fifty (\$50.00) dollars per year for the first vehicle and Thirty-three (\$33.00) dollars per year for each additional vehicle.
- (g) Classification `G' -- One Hundred Thirty (\$130.00) dollars per year.
- (h) Classification `H' -- Three (\$3.00) dollars per residential accommodation per year; minimum annual license fee for 4 to 8 units, twenty-four (\$24.00) dollars; minimum annual license fee for 9 to 12 units, thirty-six (\$36.00) dollars; minimum annual license fee for 13 to 16 units, fifty (\$50.00) dollars; minimum annual for 17 or more, three (\$3.00) dollars each.
- (i) Classification `I' -- One (\$1.00) dollar per mobile home park space per year; minimum annual license fee for 4 to 20 units, twenty (\$20.00) dollars; minimum annual license fee for 21 to 50 units, fifty (\$50.00) dollars; minimum annual for 51 or more units, one (\$1.00) dollar each.
- (j) Classification `J' -- Fifty (\$50.00) dollars per year for the first commercial parcel or structure plus eight (\$8.00) dollars per year for each additional parcel or structure.
- (k) Classification `K' -- Sixty-six (\$66.00) dollars per year for the first table, alley, board, or device plus three (\$3.00) dollars per year for each additional table, alley, board, or device.
- (l) Classification `L' -- Three hundred twenty-seven (\$327.00) dollars semi-annually for the first table plus twenty (\$20.00) dollars semi-annually for each additional table.
- (m) Classification `M' -- Three (\$.03) cents per square foot of advertising surface in excess of 1667 square feet per year; minimum annual license fee, fifty (\$50.00) dollars.
- (n) Classification `N' -- Three hundred twenty-seven (\$327.00) dollars per year plus eight (\$8.00) dollars per day for each concession as defined in Section 6-1.
- (o) Classification `O' -- Fifty-five (\$55.00) dollars per day.

- (p) Classification `P' -- Thirteen (\$13.00) dollars per year for the first chair and three (\$3.00) dollars per year for each additional chair.
- (q) Classification `Q' -- Average Number of Employees: Fifty-five (\$55.00) dollars per year for the first employee plus three (\$3.00) dollars per year for each additional employee.
- (r) Classification `R' -- Average Number of Employees: Fifty (\$50.00) dollars per year for each licensed contractor contracting as an individual, partner, or member of an association, plus three (\$3.00) dollars per year for each employee.
- (s) Classification `S' -- Seven dollars (\$7.00) for each day during which retail sales occur.
- (t) Classification `T' -- Groups of more than ten (10), three hundred and twenty-seven dollars (\$327.00) per day, plus seven dollars (\$7.00) per day per vendor not possessing a City of Ridgecrest business license; groups of ten (10) or less, seven dollars (\$7.00) per day per vendor."

Section 3. Amendment

Section 6-24.3 of the Ridgecrest Municipal Code is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

"6-24.3 Classifications

(a) Classification `A' shall consist of:

(1) Retailing of goods, wares, or merchandise including, but not limited to, the following businesses selling tangible personal property at retail or conducting a business of a retail nature:

- Air conditioning or cooler supplies
- Appliances sales and service
- Automobiles -- New or used
- Automobile tires, batteries, parts, and accessories
- Automobile service station
- Awning sales
- Bakery
- Bicycle sales and service
- Book shop
- Brush and toiletries

Catalogue and mail order sales
 Carpet sales and installation
 Clothing store
 Cosmetics and toiletries
 Dairy products delivery to customer service routes from
 an established place of business in the City, (Otherwise
 see Classification `E')
 Department store
 Drug store
 Dry goods store
 Electric supplies and appliances
 Feed
 Fence sales (not installation, see Classification `G')
 Fish and poultry (not from vehicle, see Classification
 `G')
 Fire extinguisher sales and service
 Five and ten - variety store
 Florist
 Fruit and vegetable sales (not from vehicle, see
 Classification `G')
 Furniture and home furnishings
 Gasoline and gasoline tank sales
 Gift and novelty shop
 Glass and paint shop
 Groceries and meats
 Hardware, paint, and appliances
 Health foods
 Ice
 Ice cream parlors
 Ice cream sales from vehicles operated from an
 established place of business in the City (otherwise see
 Class `E')
 Jewelry store
 Lapidary shop
 Lumber and building materials
 Motorcycle sales and service
 Mobile home sales and repairs (not towing, see Class `E')
 Newspaper publishing (not distributors, see
 Classification `E')
 Nursery
 Paint sales
 Pet shop, pet food, pet supplies
 Pharmacy
 Photographer (not transient photographer, see
 Classification `G')
 Photo shop
 Plumbing supplies and appliances
 Sewing machine sales and service
 Shoe sales

Sporting goods
Stationery, office equipment, office supplies
Stamp redemption center
Wig sales

(2) Services including, but not limited to, the following businesses which are considered of a service nature:

Advertising and advertising agency (not billboards, see Classification `M')
Artist
Automobile or truck repairs (all types)
Automobile parking lot
Automobile or recreation vehicle or trailer rentals
Automobile towing service
Automobile wash
Animal kennels
Barber shop
Beauty shop
Bookkeeper (not public accountant, see Classification `B')
Bus depot
Cafe, restaurant, night club, tavern, without live entertainment or public dancing (with live entertainment or public dancing add twenty ((\$20.00) dollars per year)
Carpet cleaning
Cemetery
Cesspool cleaning
Collection agency
Credit checking agency
Dancing school
Dressmaking and tailoring
Dry cleaning and laundry (not out-of-City, see Class `E'; not coin-operated, see Class `D')
Finance company or loan company
Financial counselor
Gardener, yard cleaning (not landscaping, see Class `G')
Gunsmith
Gymnasium, health studio
Income tax service
Insurance broker or adjustor
Interior decorator
Janitorial service
Laundry (not coin-operated, see Classification `D')
Locksmith
Machine shop making repairs only (for fabricating machine shops, see Classification `C')
Musical instructor or school
Mutual fund broker

Moving and storage services
Nursery school
Painting, dry copying, mimeographing, multigraphing,
duplicating
Radio or television station
Real estate agent or broker
Repair services (all types except those under
'contractor' in Classification 'G' and those under
Classification 'Q')
Savings and loan institution
Saw sharpening
Steam cleaning
Stocks and bonds broker or agent
Sweeping service
Swimming pool, commercial operation
Telephone answering service
Travel services
Upholstering

(b) Classification 'B' shall consist of:

Accountant
Architect
Appraiser
Attorney
Bacteriologist
Certified Public Accountant
Chemist
Chiropractor
consultant
Clairvoyant
Dental or Medical Laboratory
Dentist
Detective
Engineer (all types)
Embalmer
Fortune Teller
Funeral Director
Geologist
Masseur
Medium
Mortician
Oculist
Optician
Optometrist
Osteopath
Palm Reader
Physician
Psychiatrist

Psychologist
Public Stenographer
Radiologist
Spiritualist
Surgeon
Surveyor
Veterinarian

(c) Classification 'C' shall consist of:

(1) Manufacturing, fabricating, processing, or other industrial businesses including data processing businesses, data analysis services and manufacturer's customer service representatives working in the City.

(2) Hospitals of all types.

(3) Telephone and other utility companies and communication companies not specifically classified in this ordinance or franchised by the City.

(4) Automobile dismantling yards including sale of used vehicle parts removed from dismantled vehicles.

(d) Classification 'D' shall consist of:

(1) Coin-operated laundrettes, laundromats, dry cleaning establishments, wet wash businesses including persons conducting businesses in which the public is permitted to enter to wash, dry, or dry clean clothes or other materials in individual machines and the public uses coins in coin-operated machines.

(2) Persons distributing and maintaining vending and self-service machines including but not limited to:

Merchandise dispensing machines
Music dispensing machines
Amusement machines
Beverage dispensing machines
Food dispensing machines
Automobile car wash machines
Copying machines

(e) Classification 'E' shall consist of:

(1) Wholesaling including any person primarily selling goods, wares, or merchandise directly to retailers, and including, but not limited to:

Automobile parts distributors (TBA)
Bakery products distributors
Dairy products distributors
Grocery products distributors
Gasoline and oil distributors
Produce distributors

(2) Laundry, dry cleaning, and other services conducted over customer routes from locations outside the corporate limits of the City.

(3) Retail sales conducted from vehicles over customer routes from locations outside the corporate limits of the City (but not itinerant merchants as defined in section 1).

(4) Pick-up and delivery services including, but not limited to:

Parcel and freight delivery (when delivery in the City is more than occasional and incidental to business conducted elsewhere)

Newspaper delivery (but not newspaper boys)

Mobilehome transport service

(5) Ice cream vending from vehicles.

(6) Bottled water distributors

(7) Propane or other gas or fuel distributors.

(8) Pest exterminator services

(f) Classification 'F' shall consist of:

Food catering service when conducted primarily from a vehicle (otherwise see Classification 'A').

(g) Classification 'G' shall consist of:

(1) Theater (motion picture or playhouse) except that only one license shall be required for a firm operating theaters at separate locations alternately and not simultaneously.

(2) Skating rink.

(3) Public dance hall (but not night club or restaurant with dancing, see Classification 'A').

(4) Itinerant merchant as defined in Section 6-1, see also Section 6-31 of this chapter.

(5) Solicitor as defined in Section 6-1 of this chapter.

(6) Transient photographer as defined in Section 6-1 of this chapter.

(7) Junk dealer as defined in Section 6-1 of this chapter.

(h) Classification `H' shall consist of:

Persons regularly engaged in the business of renting residential property or accommodations including all those types of residential accommodations listed in Section 6-1 of this chapter but not including mobilehome park spaces and not including a residential accommodation usually rented which is being occupied by its owner.

(i) Classification `I' shall consist of:

Persons regularly engaged in the business of renting mobile-home park spaces. Persons owning mobilehome park spaces who rent out or lease out mobilehomes on those spaces shall also obtain a license under Classification `H' for the number of mobilehome units so rented or leased.

(j) Classification `J' shall consist of:

Persons regularly engaged in the business of renting commercial property or accommodations including offices, stores, shops, or other commercial structures and parcels of land occupied by any business use. Several parcels used together as part of the same local business (lessee) shall be considered one parcel for the purposes of applying the tax rate in this Classification.

(k) Classification `K' shall consist of:

Persons engaged in the business of providing recreation involving the following games:

Pool, billiards or bagatelle
Bowling
Shuffleboard
Skeeball

A table, alley, board, or device licensed under this Classification shall not be licensed under any other classification.

A person licensed under this Classification shall not be required to obtain an additional license under Classification `A' for the serving of food or beverages on the same premises.

(l) Classification `L' shall consist of:

Persons operating card rooms approved by the Chief of Police as prescribed by City ordinance. See also Section 6-32.

(m) Classification `M' shall consist of:

Persons erecting and maintaining outdoor advertising structures as defined in Section 6-1 of this chapter.

(n) Classification `N' shall consist of:

Persons operating carnivals, circuses, animal shows, and exhibitions not sponsored by a local charitable organization.

(o) Classification `O' shall consist of:

(1) Persons operating carnivals, circuses, animal shows and exhibitions sponsored by a local church, school, PTA club, veteran's organization or other recognized local charitable organization.

2. Fortune teller, clairvoyant, palm reader, spiritualist, medium or other prognosticator who provides such services in connection with an event described in the preceding paragraph 1.

(3) A masseur or masseuse who provides such services in connection with an event described in the preceding paragraph 1.

(p) Classification `P' shall consist of:

Persons engaged in the business of shining shoes.

(q) Classification `Q' shall consist of:

Persons engaged in businesses not required to be licensed under the California Contractors License Law but which involve maintenance or repair of structures, or installation, maintenance or repair of improvements to structures, including but not limited to:

Air conditioning
Building, moving and wrecking
Cabinet making
Carpentry and building alterations

Concrete finishing
Coolers
Earth moving, grading, trenching, paving
Electrical alterations
Flooring and tiling
Heating
Landscaping
Masonry
Metal Working
Mobilehome installation and accessory building erection
Painting and decorating
Plumbing, including sewer repairing and rodding
Refrigeration
Roofing
Sign painting
Welding
Well drilling

All persons applying for a license under Classification `Q' shall be required by the City Clerk to sign a statement under penalty of perjury that they are exempt from and will not do any work in violation of the California Contractors License Law (Bus. & Prof. Code Sections 7000 et seq.) If it appears that any person licensed under Classification `Q' has performed work different from that permitted hereunder, the City Clerk may, after conferring with the City Attorney notify such person in accordance with Section 6-25 that his business is being reclassified to Classification `G'. Notwithstanding provisions of Section 6-25 to the contrary, such reclassification shall apply during the current licensing year and such person shall pay the difference in licensing fees. Procedures in Section 6-2 for appeal to the City Council shall apply to any such reclassification.

(r) Classification `R' shall consist of contractors as defined in Section 6-1.f.

(s) Classification `S' shall consist of persons who engage in business on a part-time or intermittent basis.

(t) Classification `T' shall consist of: Persons carrying on, conducting, or managing such events as arts exhibitions, crafts exhibitions, swap meets, flea markets, and similar events."

Section 4. Other

Except as provided herein, the Ridgecrest Municipal Code is hereby reaffirmed and readopted.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED June 19, 1991.

Florence S. Condos
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce M. Taft
City Clerk

(SEAL)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF KERN)
CITY OF RIDGECREST)

I, Joyce M. Taft, City Clerk of the City of Ridgecrest, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance had its first reading on June 5, 1991 and had its second reading on June 19, 1991, and was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Condos, Council Members Auld and Mower.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Council Members Corlett and Lilly.

Joyce M. Taft
Joyce M. Taft, City Clerk