

CITY OF CLARKSTON

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

ITEM NO: E2

HEARING TYPE:
Public Hearing

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

ACTION TYPE:
Ordinance

MEETING DATED December 6, 2016

SUBJECT: Amend Occupational Tax Ordinance Amendment

DEPARTMENT: City Council

PUBLIC HEARING: YES NO

ATTACHMENT: YES NO
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PURPOSE: To amend Chapter 11 Occupational Tax Ordinance.

NEED/ IMPACT:

The majority of the current occupational tax code was originally adopted in December 1998. The existing code provides certain authority for the City Clerk and Chief of Police to regulate the occupational tax licensing process. The code requires updating to be consistent with the Council-City Manager form of government and to define his authority to regulate occupational licensing in the city. This amendment includes proposed changes to increase the annual administrative fee from \$50 to \$100 and also includes adding an exemption for all businesses for the first \$20,000 of annual gross receipts used in the tax calculation. This amendment also includes minor updates to profitability ratios used for each business class with the profitability ratio calculation rate for all Class 1 businesses being reduced which applies to approximately 34% of all current Clarkston businesses. The City Attorney has reviewed all staff proposed amendments and will prepare the final draft amendment ordinance.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends adopting the attached amendment to Chapter 11 for Occupational Tax Ordinance.