

ORDINANCE NO. 19-008

AN ORDINANCE amending Title 5 of the Camas Municipal Code, adding business licensing requirements and procedures, and adopting the new model Business License Ordinance as required by RCW Chapter 35.90.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Camas desires to better understand which businesses are operating within the City; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 State Legislature passed Engrossed House Bill (EHB) 2005, requiring all cities with business licenses to administer their business license through the state's Business Licensing System (BLS); and,

WHEREAS, EHB 2005, now codified as RCW Chapter 35.90, requires Washington Cities and Towns with business licenses to create a model business license ordinance with a minimum threshold and a definition of "engaging in business"; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Revenue and City staff have reviewed the business licensing process and procedures set forth in Title 5 of the Camas Municipal Code (CMC) and recommended additional definitions and clarifications; and

WHEREAS, City staff recommend amending Title 5 CMC to add the process and procedures to obtain business licenses through a combined license application and renewal process and, to have that application process directed through the Department of Revenue Business Licensing System; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reasonably believes the adoption of this Ordinance is in furtherance of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMAS AS FOLLOWS:

Section I

The respective provisions of the sections under Title 5 of the Camas Municipal Code are amended as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A".

Section II

This ordinance shall take force and be in effect five days from and after its publication according to law.

PASSED BY the Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 5th day of August, 2019.

SIGNED: _____

Mayor

SIGNED: _____

Clerk

APPROVED as to form:

City Attorney