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The City Council has adopted changes to the Mesa Tax Code. The changes in Ordinance 4852 relate to the Transaction Privilege Tax License Fees. The effective date of these changes will be January 1, 2009.

CHANGE IN TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX LICENSING FEES

Every person desiring to engage in business activities within the City of Mesa beginning business on or after January 1, 2009 will need to make application for a Transaction Privilege Tax License prior to engaging in such activities, accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$30. **NOTE:** In the event the start of business occurred prior to January 1, 2009, the non-refundable fee will then be \$50.

Taxable business activities include the following:

Retail Sales; Construction Contracting or Speculative Builder Income; Restaurant and Bar; Rental, Leasing or Licensing for Use of Real Property or Tangible Personal Property; Manufactured Building Sales; Advertising Income; Amusement Activities; Job Printing; Publishing; Telecommunication Services; Utility Services; Mining; Transporting for Hire; Timbering & Extraction; Jet Fuel Sales; Use Tax; and Transient Occupancy Rentals.

The privilege license shall be valid only for one (1) year from the date issued unless renewed each year by filing the appropriate application for renewal and paying the renewal fee of \$20 on or before the last business day of the month prior to the annual anniversary of the original issuance of such license.

Any licensee who fails to obtain a license prior to engaging in business activity for a new business or renew the license on an existing business on or before the expiration date shall be deemed to be operating without a license and shall be subject to a penalty on the license fee imposed under the ordinance. (Example: Licensing fee of \$30 would have a \$15 penalty for a total amount due of \$45.00.)

"It is unlawful (a crime) for any person who is required to have a Transaction Privilege Tax License to engage in or continue in business without a license. Any person convicted of operating without a license shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$2,500.00 or by imprisonment for up to 6 months, or by both fine and imprisonment. (Mesa City Code Sections 5-10-330 and 5-10-2)."

Please refer to the Mesa Tax Code and Ordinance 4852 for the exact language change to the City of Mesa Tax Code. See the Tax & Licensing webpage at www.mesaaz.gov/salestax for additional information.