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# **CHAPTER 5 – BUSINESS REGULATIONS**

# **Article 1 – Alcoholic Beverages**

#### **SECTION 5-101: DEFINITIONS**

All words and phrases herein used are to have the definitions applied thereto as defined in the Liquor Control Act of the State of Nebraska. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-103)

# **SECTION 5-102: ACQUISITION AND POSSESSION**

It shall be unlawful for any person to purchase, receive, acquire, accept, or possess any alcoholic liquor acquired from any other person other than one duly licensed to handle alcoholic liquor under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act. Nothing in this section shall prevent:

- A. The possession of alcoholic liquor for the personal use of the possessor and his or her family and guests, so long as the quantity of alcoholic liquor transported, imported, brought, or shipped into the state does not exceed nine liters in any one calendar month;
- B. The making of wine, cider, or other alcoholic liquor by a person from fruits, vegetables, or grains or the products thereof by simple fermentation and without distillation, if made solely for the use of the maker and his or her family and guests;
- C. Any duly licensed practicing physician or dentist from possessing or using alcoholic liquor in the strict practice of his or her profession, any hospital or other institution caring for sick and diseased persons from possessing and using alcoholic liquor for the treatment of *bona fide* patients of such hospital or other institution, or any drug store employing a licensed pharmacist from possessing or using alcoholic liquor in compounding of prescriptions of licensed physicians;
- D. The possession and dispensation of wine by an authorized representative of any church for the purpose of conducting any *bona fide* rite or religious ceremony conducted by such church:

- E. Persons who are 16 years old or older from carrying alcoholic liquor from licensed establishments when they are accompanied by a person not a minor;
- F. Persons who are 16 years old or older from handling alcoholic liquor containers and alcoholic liquor in the course of their employment;
- G. Persons who are 16 years old or older from removing and disposing of alcoholic liquor containers for the convenience of the employer and customers in the course of their employment; or
- H. Persons who are 19 years old or older from serving or selling alcoholic liquor in the course of their employment. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§53-168.06, 53-175, 53-194.03)

# SECTION 5-103: DRINKING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY; POSSESSION OF OPEN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTAINER

- A. Except when the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission has issued a license as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-186(2), it is unlawful for any person to consume alcoholic liquor upon property owned or controlled by the state or any governmental subdivision thereof unless authorized by the governing bodies having jurisdiction over such property. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-186[1])
- B. It is unlawful for any person in the passenger area of a motor vehicle to possess an open alcoholic beverage container while the motor vehicle is located in a public parking area or on any highway in this city.
- C. Except as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-186, it is unlawful for any person to consume an alcoholic beverage (1) in a public parking area or on any highway in this city or (2) inside a motor vehicle while in a public parking area or on any highway in this city.
- D. This section does not apply to persons who are passengers of, but not drivers of, a limousine or bus being used in a charter or special party service as defined by rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the state Public Service Commission and subject to Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Article 3. Such passengers may possess open alcoholic beverage containers and may consume alcoholic beverages while such limousine or bus is in a public parking area or on any highway in this city if:
  - 1. The driver of the limousine or bus is prohibited from consuming alcoholic liquor; and
  - 2. Alcoholic liquor is not present in any area that is readily accessible to the driver while in the driver's seat, including any compartments in such area.

# E. For purposes of this section:

- 1. "Alcoholic beverage" means (a) beer, ale porter, stout, and other similar fermented beverages, including sake or similar products, of any name or description containing one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume, brewed or produced from malt, wholly or in part, or from any substitute therefor; (b) wine of not less than one-half of one percent of alcohol by volume; or (c) distilled spirits, which is that substance known as ethyl alcohol, ethanol, or spirits of wine in any form, including all dilutions and mixtures thereof from whatever source or by whatever process produced. "Alcoholic beverage" does not include trace amounts not readily consumable as a beverage;
- 2. "Highway" means a road or street including the entire area within the right of

way;

- 3. "Open alcoholic beverage container" means any bottle, can, or other receptacle that (a) contains any amount of alcoholic beverage; and (b) is open or has a broken seal; or (c) the contents of which are partially removed; and
- 4. "Passenger area" means the area designed to seat the driver and passengers while the motor vehicle is in operation and any area that is readily accessible to the driver or a passenger while in their seating positions, including any compartments in such area. "Passenger area" does not include the area behind the last upright seat of such motor vehicle if the area is not normally occupied by the driver or a passenger and the motor vehicle is not equipped with a trunk.
- 5. "Limousine" shall mean a luxury vehicle used to provide prearranged passenger transportation on a dedicated basis at a premium fare that has a seating capacity of at least five and no more than fourteen persons behind the driver with a physical partition separating the driver's seat from the passenger compartment. "Limousine" does not include taxicabs, hotel or airport buses or shuttles, or buses.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,211.08)

# SECTION 5-104: CONSUMPTION IN PUBLIC PLACES; LICENSE; SPECIAL PERMIT FOR PUBLIC PLACES

A. It is unlawful for any person owning, operating, managing, or conducting any dance hall, restaurant, café, club, or any place open to the general public to permit or allow any person to consume alcoholic liquor upon the premises except as permitted by a license issued for such premises pursuant to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act. It is unlawful for any person to consume alcoholic liquor in any dance hall, restaurant, café, club, or any place open to the general public except as permitted by a license issued for such premises pursuant to the act. This division does not apply to a retail licensee while lawfully engaged in the catering of alcoholic beverages or to limousines or buses operated under Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,211.08.

B. Upon application for a special permit for the consumption of alcoholic liquor on public streets or other public places, the City Council may permit such consumption on such terms and conditions as it may determine. For such permit to be issued, written application must be made to the city clerk and the same must be acted upon at a special or regular meeting of the City Council. The terms and conditions for issuance of a special permit shall be set forth in the minutes of the meeting at which such application is considered.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §§53-186, 53-186.01)

#### **SECTION 5-105: LICENSE REQUIRED**

It shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture for sale, sell, keep for sale, or to barter any alcoholic liquors within the city unless said person shall have in full force and effect a license as provided by the Nebraska Liquor Control Act. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-168.06)

#### **SECTION 5-106: CITY POWERS AND DUTIES**

- A. The City Council is authorized to regulate by ordinance, not inconsistent with the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, the business of all retail, craft brewery, and microdistillery licensees carried on within the corporate limits of the city.
  - B. During the period of 45 days after the date of receiving from the Nebraska Liquor

Control Commission an application for a new license to sell alcoholic liquor at retail or a craft brewery or microdistillery license, the City Council may make and submit to the commission recommendations relative to the granting or refusal to grant such license to the applicant.

- C. The City Council, with respect to licenses within the corporate limits of the city, has the following powers, functions, and duties with respect to retail, craft brewery, and microdistillery licenses:
  - To cancel or revoke for cause retail, craft brewery, and microdistillery licenses to sell or dispense alcoholic liquor issued to persons for premises within its jurisdiction, subject to the right of appeal to the commission.
  - 2. To enter or authorize any law enforcement officer to enter at any time upon any premises licensed under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act ("the act") to determine whether any provision of the act, any rule or regulation adopted and promulgated pursuant to the act, or any ordinance, resolution, rule, or regulation adopted by the City Council has been or is being violated and at such time examine the premises of such licensee in connection with such determination. Any law enforcement officer who determines that any provision of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, any rule or regulation adopted and promulgated pursuant to the act, or any ordinance, resolution, rule, or regulation adopted by the City Council has been or is being violated shall report such violation in writing to the executive director of the commission:
    - a. Within 30 days after determining that such violation has occurred;
    - b. Within 30 days after the conclusion of an ongoing police investigation; or
    - c. Within 30 days after the verdict in a prosecution related to such an ongoing police investigation if the prosecuting attorney determines that reporting such violation prior to the verdict would jeopardize such prosecution, whichever is later.
  - 3. To receive a signed complaint from any citizen within its jurisdiction that any provision of the act, any rule or regulation adopted and promulgated pursuant to the act, or any ordinance, resolution, rule, or regulation relating to alcoholic liquor has been or is being violated and to act upon such complaints in the manner provided in the act.
  - 4. To receive retail, craft brewery and microdistillery license fees as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§53-124 and 53-124.01 and pay the same to the city treasurer after the license has been delivered to the applicant.
  - 5. To examine or cause to be examined any applicant or any retail, craft brewery, or microdistillery licensee upon whom notice of cancellation or revocation has been served as provided in the act, to examine or cause to be examined the books and records of any applicant or licensee, and to hear testimony and to take proof for its information in the performance of its duties. For purposes of obtaining any of the information desired, the City Council may authorize its agent or attorney to act on its behalf.
  - 6. To cancel or revoke on its own motion any license if, upon the same notice and hearing as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-134.04, it determines that the licensee has violated any of the provisions of the act or any valid and subsisting ordinance, resolution, rule, or regulation duly enacted, adopted, and promulgated relating to alcoholic liquor. Such order of cancellation or

revocation may be appealed to the commission within 30 days after the date of the order by filing a notice of appeal with the commission, which shall handle the appeal in the manner provided for hearing on an application in Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-133.

- 7. Upon receipt from the commission of the notice and copy of application as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-131, to fix a time and place for a hearing at which the City Council shall receive evidence, either orally or by affidavit from the applicant and any other person, bearing upon the propriety of the issuance of a license. Notice of the time and place of such hearing shall be published in a legal newspaper in or of general circulation in the city one time not less than seven and not more than 14 days before the time of the hearing. Such notice shall include but not be limited to a statement that all persons desiring to give evidence before the City Council in support of or in protest against the issuance of such license may do so at the time of the hearing. Said hearing shall be held not more than 45 days after the date of receipt of the notice from the commission. After such hearing the City Council shall cause to be recorded in the minute record of its proceedings a resolution recommending either issuance or refusal of such license. The city clerk shall mail to the commission by first-class mail, postage prepaid, a copy of the resolution, which shall state the cost of the published notice, except that failure to comply with this provision shall not void any license issued by the commission. If the commission refuses to issue such a license, the cost of publication of notice shall be paid by the commission from the security for costs.
- D. When the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission mails or delivers to the city clerk a license issued or renewed by it, the clerk shall deliver the license to the licensee upon proof of payment of (1) the license fee if, by the terms of Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-124(5), the fee is payable to the city treasurer; (2) any fee for publication of notice of hearing before the City Council upon the application for license; (3) the fee for publication of notice of renewal, if applicable, as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-135.01; and (4) occupation taxes, if any, imposed by the city.
- E. Notwithstanding any ordinance or charter power to the contrary, the city shall not impose an occupation tax on the business of any person, firm, or corporation licensed under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act and doing business within the corporate limits of the city in any sum which exceeds two times the amount of the license fee required to be paid under the act to obtain such license. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§53-131, 53-132, 53-134)

#### **SECTION 5-107: LICENSEE REQUIREMENTS**

No liquor license shall be issued to any person unless he or she is a resident of Nebraska; is a person of good character and reputation in the community; is a U.S. citizen; has never been convicted of or pled guilty to a felony under the laws of this state, any other state, or the United States; has never been convicted of or pled guilty to any Class I misdemeanor pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-125; has never had a liquor license revoked for cause; and meets other requirements as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-125. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-125)

# **SECTION 5-108: LOCATION**

A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (B) of this section, no license shall be issued for the sale at retail of any alcoholic liquor within 150 feet of any church, school, hospital, or home for indigent persons or for veterans and their wives or children. This prohibition does not apply (1) to any location within such distance of 150 feet for which a license to sell alcoholic liquor at retail has been granted by the commission for two years

continuously prior to making of application for license, or (2) to hotels offering restaurant service, to regularly organized clubs, or to restaurants, food shops, or other places where sale of alcoholic liquor is not the principal business carried on, if such place of business so exempted was established for such purposes prior to May 24, 1935, or (c) to a college or university in the state which is subject to Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-177.01.

B. If a proposed location for the sale at retail of any alcoholic liquor is within 150 feet of any church, a license may be issued if the Liquor Control Commission gives notice to the affected church and holds a hearing as prescribed in Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-133 if the affected church submits a written request for a hearing. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-177)

# **SECTION 5-109: ACCESS TO DWELLINGS**

Except in the case of hotels and clubs, no alcoholic liquor shall be sold at retail upon any premises having any access which leads from such premises to any other portion of the same building used for dwelling or lodging purposes and which is permitted to be used or kept accessible for use by the public. Nothing herein shall prevent any connection with such premises and such other portion of the building that is used only by the licensee, his or her family, or personal guests. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-178)

#### **SECTION 5-110: SANITARY CONDITIONS**

It shall be unlawful to open for public use any retail liquor establishment that is not in a clean and sanitary condition. Toilet facilities shall be adequate and convenient for customers and patrons and said licensed premises shall be subject to any health inspections which the City Council may make or cause to be made. All applications for liquor licenses shall be viewed in part from the standpoint of the sanitary conditions, and a report concerning the said sanitary conditions shall be made at all hearings concerning the application for or renewal of a liquor license. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-118)

#### **SECTION 5-111: CATERING LICENSES**

- A. The holder of a Class C, Class D, or Class I license issued under Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-124(5) or a craft brewery license may obtain an annual catering license by filing an application and license fee with the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-124.12[1])
- B. Upon receipt from the commission of the notice and copy of the application as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-124.12, the City Council shall process the application in the same manner as provided in Section 5-106 (City Powers and Duties). (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-124.12)

#### **SECTION 5-112: DISPLAY OF LICENSE**

Every licensee under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act shall cause his or her license to be framed and hung in plain public view in a conspicuous place on the licensed premises. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-148)

#### **SECTION 5-113: HOURS OF SALE**

- A. For the purposes of this section:
  - 1. "On sale" shall be defined as alcoholic beverages sold by the drink for consumption on the premises of the licensed establishment.
  - 2. "Off sale" shall be defined as alcoholic beverages sold at retail in the original

container for consumption off the premises of the licensed establishment.

B. It shall be unlawful for any licensed person or persons or their agents to sell at retail or dispense any alcoholic beverages within the city except during the hours provided herein:

Alcoholic Liquors incl. Beer and Wine		
Daily		
Off Sale	6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	
On Sale	6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	

- C. Such limitations shall not apply after 12:00 noon on Sunday to a licensee which is a nonprofit corporation and the holder of a Class C or Class I license.
- D. It shall be unlawful on property licensed to sell alcoholic liquor at retail to allow alcoholic liquor in open containers to remain or be in possession or control of any person for purposes of consumption between fifteen minutes after the closing hour applicable to the licensed premises and 6:00 a.m. on any day.
- E. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit licensed premises from being open for other business on days and hours during which this section prohibits the sale or dispensing of alcoholic beverages. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-179)

#### **SECTION 5-114: INSPECTIONS**

The Liquor Control Commission and City Council shall cause frequent inspections to be made on the premises of all retail licensees and if it is found that any such licensee is violating any provision of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act or the rules and regulations of the commission adopted and promulgated under the act or is failing to observe in good faith the purposes of the act, the license may be suspended, canceled, or revoked after the licensee is given an opportunity to be heard in his or her defense. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-116.01)

### **SECTION 5-115: OWNER OF PREMISES**

The owner of any premises used for the sale at retail of alcoholic beverages shall be deemed guilty of a violation of these laws to the same extent as the said licensee if the owner shall knowingly permit the licensee to use the said licensed premises in violation of any municipal code section or Nebraska statute. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-1,101)

# **SECTION 5-116: EMPLOYER**

The employer of any officer, director, manager, or employee working in a retail liquor establishment shall be held to be liable and guilty of any act or omission or violation of any law or ordinance, if such act is committed or omission is made with the authorization, knowledge, or approval of the employer or licensee. Each such act or omission shall be deemed and held to be the act of the employer and will be punishable in the same manner as if the said act or omission had been committed by him or her personally. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-1,102)

### **SECTION 5-117: HIRING MINORS**

It shall be unlawful for any person to hire minors under the age of 19 years to serve or dispense alcoholic liquors, including beer, in the course of their employment. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-168.06)

#### **SECTION 5-118: MINORS AND INCOMPETENTS**

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to sell, give away, dispose of, exchange, permit the sale of, or make a gift of any alcoholic liquors or to procure any such alcoholic liquors to or for any minor or any person who is mentally incompetent. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-180)

# **SECTION 5-119: CREDIT SALES**

No person shall sell or furnish alcoholic liquor at retail to any person on credit, on a pass-book, on an order on a store, in exchange for any goods, wares, or merchandise, or in payment for any services rendered. If any person extends credit for any such purpose, the debt thereby attempted to be created shall not be recoverable at law. Nothing in this section shall prevent any club holding a Class C license from permitting checks or statements for alcoholic liquor to be signed by members or guests of members and charged to the accounts of the said members or guests in accordance with the bylaws of any such club; and nothing in this section shall prevent (A) any hotel or restaurant holding a retail alcoholic beverage license from permitting checks or statements for liquor to be signed by regular guests residing in the said hotel and charged to the accounts of such guests, or (B) any licensed retailer engaged in the sale of wine or distilled spirits from issuing tasting cards to customers. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-183)

#### **SECTION 5-120: ORIGINAL PACKAGE**

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons who own, manage, or lease any prem-ises in which the sale of alcoholic beverages is licensed to have in their possession for sale at retail any alcoholic liquors contained in bottles, casks, or other containers except in the original package. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the refilling of original packages of alcoholic liquor for strictly private use and not for resale. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-184)

#### SECTION 5-121: CONDUCT PROHIBITED ON LICENSED PREMISES

No licensee in this city shall engage in, allow, or suffer in or upon the licensed premises any disturbances, lewdness, immoral activities or displays, brawls, or unnecessary noise; or allow, permit or suffer the licensed premises to be used in such a manner as to create public censure or become a nuisance, public or private.

#### SECTION 5-122: AUTOMATIC LICENSE RENEWAL; PROTESTS

A. An outstanding retail license issued by the commission may be automatically renewed by the commission without formal application upon payment of the renewal fee and license fee if payable to the commission prior to or within 30 days after the expiration of the license. The payment shall be an affirmative representation and certification by the licensee that all answers contained in an application, if submitted, would be the same in all material respects as the answers contained in the last previous application. The commission may at any time require a licensee to submit an application, and the commission shall at any time require a licensee to submit an application if requested in writing to do so by the City Council. If a licensee files an application form in triplicate original upon seeking renewal of his or her license, the application shall be processed as set forth in Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-131.

B. Any licensed retail premises located in an area which is annexed by the village shall file a formal application for a license. While such application is pending, the licensee may continue all license privileges until the original license expires or is canceled or revoked. If such license expires within 60 days following the annexation date of such area, the license may be renewed by order of the commission for not more than one year.

- C. The city clerk shall cause to be published in a legal newspaper in or of general circulation in the village one time between January 10 and January 30 each year individual notice of the right of automatic renewal of each retail liquor and beer license within the village in the form prescribed by law; provided, Class C license renewal notices shall be published between July 10 and July 30 each year. Upon the conclusion of any hearing required by this section, the City Council may request a licensee to submit an application as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-135.
- D. Written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of a license may be filed by any resident of the village on or before February 10, 20...., or August 10, 20...., in the office of the city clerk and that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of the license should be allowed.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §§53-135, 53-135.01)

## **SECTION 5-123: CITIZENS' COMPLAINT**

- A. Any five residents of the city shall have the right to file a complaint with the City Council stating that any retail licensee subject to the jurisdiction of the council has been or is violating any provision of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act or the rules or regulations issued pursuant to the act. Such complaint shall be in writing in the form prescribed by the City Council and shall be signed and sworn by the parties complain-ing. The complaint shall state the particular provision, rule, or regulation believed to have been violated and the facts in detail upon which belief is based.
- B. If the City Council is satisfied that the complaint substantially charges a violation and that from the facts alleged there is reasonable cause for such belief, it shall set the matter for hearing within ten days from the date of the filing of the complaint and shall serve notice upon the licensee of the time and place of such hearing and of the particular charge in the complaint. The complaint must in all cases be disposed of by the City Council within 30 days from the date the complaint was filed by resolution thereof and said resolution shall be deemed the final order for purposes of appeal to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-1,115.
- C. The following form is hereby prescribed for the use of residents of this city desiring to complain to the mayor and the City Council that any licensee is violating any provision of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, regulations prescribed by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, or any provision of this ordinance:

To the Mayor and City Council of the City of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, the undersigned respectfully state:

1. That each one is a resident of the City	y of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska.
That they believe that the aforesaid city, has violated Section	, the holder of a Class license in of (check one or more):
the Nebraska Liquor Control Act. the regulations prescribed by the the municipal code of the City of F	Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. Fort Calhoun, Nebraska.
3. That the aforesaid belief is based on t	the following facts, to-wit:

(Name)	(Name)	
(Name)	(Name)	
<b></b>	(Name)	
STATE OF NEBRASKA )		
) ss. COUNTY OF WASHINGTON )		
Subscribed in my presence ar	nd sworn to before me by	
		and
this day of	, 20	
My commission expires	·	
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(Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-134.04)	Notary Public	

# **SECTION 5-124: COMPLAINT INITIATED BY COUNCIL**

The City Council may on its own motion by resolution fix the time and place for a hearing on whether a licensee has violated any section of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, the regulations of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, or this code, which resolution shall state the section or sections in question. Said resolution shall be served in the same manner and within the same time as the initial resolution mentioned in Section 5-123 (Citizens' Complaint), and insofar as possible the procedure shall be the same as is provided in that section. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-134)

#### **SECTION 5-125: REVOCATION OF LICENSE**

Whenever any licensee has been convicted by any court of a violation of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, the licensee may, in addition to the penalties for such offense, incur a forfeiture of the license and all money that had been paid for the license. The City Council may conditionally revoke the license subject to a final order of the Liquor Control Commission or the commission may revoke the license in an original proceeding brought before it for that purpose. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-116.02)

#### **SECTION 5-126: CHANGE OF PREMISES**

Any retailer licensee desiring to transfer his or her license from one premises to another shall file a written request for permission to do so with the city clerk and shall also file with said clerk a sworn statement showing that the premises to which removal is to be made comply in all respects with the requirements of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, as amended. The city clerk shall present said application and statement to the City Council at its next meeting and it shall by resolution approve or disapprove the transfer. If the transfer is approved, the said approval shall be endorsed on the license by the mayor and attested by the city clerk.

# SECTION 5-127: REMOVAL OF INTOXICATED PERSONS FROM PUBLIC OR QUASI-PUBLIC PROPERTY

A. County sheriffs and deputies, officers of the Nebraska State Patrol, and any other such law enforcement officers with power to arrest for traffic violations may take a person who is intoxicated and in the judgment of the officer dangerous to himself, herself, or others or who is otherwise incapacitated from any public or quasi-public property. An officer removing an intoxicated person from public or quasi-public property shall make a

reasonable effort to take such intoxicated person to his or her home or to place such person in any hospital, clinic, alcoholism center, or with a medical doctor as may be necessary to preserve life or to prevent injury. Such effort at placement shall be deemed reasonable if the officer contacts those facilities or doctors which have previously represented a willingness to accept and treat such individuals and which regularly do accept such individuals. If such efforts are unsuccessful or are not feasible, the officer may then place such intoxicated person in civil protective custody, except that civil protective custody shall be used only so long as is necessary to preserve life or to prevent injury and under no circumstances for longer than 24 hours.

- B. The placement of such person in civil protective custody shall be recorded at the facility or jail to which he or she is delivered and communicated to his or her family or next of kin, if they can be located, or to such person designated by the person taken into civil protective custody.
- C. The law enforcement officer who acts in compliance with this section shall be deemed to be acting in the course of his or her official duty and shall not be criminally or civilly liable for such actions.
- D. The taking of an individual into civil protective custody under this section shall not be considered an arrest. No entry or other record shall be made to indicate that the person has been arrested or charged with a crime.
- E. For purposes of this section, "public property" shall mean any public right of way, street, highway, alley, park, or other state-, county-, or city-owned property. "Quasi-public property" shall mean and include private or publicly owned property utilized for proprietary or business uses which invites patronage by the public or which invites public ingress and egress.

  (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-1,121)

# **Article 2 - Nonresident Sales**

#### **SECTION 5-201: REGULATION**

- A. All nonresident individuals going door to door in the Residential District of the city with the intent to sell any goods, service, product or insurance or to solicit money for any purpose, shall, before doing business within the city, make application for and be issued a license.
- B. The registration and licensing is to prevent the sale of fraudulent, dangerous and unhealthful goods and services, to protect the public by maintaining records of the products sold and the persons and companies responsible for such sales, and for the purpose of raising revenue. Application for a license shall be made to the city clerk upon a form supplied by the city and shall contain all the necessary information and documents required for the protection of the residents of the city.
- C. Any person or persons granted a license shall be subject to any fees, occupation taxes and other rules and regulations which the City Council deems appropriate for the purposes stated herein. Any license so granted shall be subject to revocation in the event that the information provided is inaccurate or misleading. Any such licensing fee shall be as set by resolution by the council and kept on file in the office of the city clerk. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-525)

#### **SECTION 5-202: EXCEPTIONS**

Nothing herein shall be construed to apply to any person selling produce raised within the county, to wholesale salespeople soliciting merchants directly, to residential route

salespersons, to individuals not selling goods or services for profit, nor to persons canvassing residents of the city for religious, political or other noncommercial purposes.

## **SECTION 5-203: HOURS**

It shall be unlawful for any license holder to solicit any individual between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. unless they have a previous appointment with the resident of the premises solicited. It shall be unlawful at any hour for any person to solicit without having a proper license on his or her person at all times. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-134)

# **Article 3 – Occupation Taxes**

#### **SECTION 5-301: TAXES LEVIED**

For the purpose of raising revenue, there is hereby levied an occupation tax upon such occupations and businesses carried on within the corporate limits of this city and in such amounts as set by ordinance and placed on file with the city clerk; and every person, firm, association or corporation carrying on the occupation or business specified within the limits of said city shall pay to the city treasury the sum named as a tax upon such occupation or business. All money so collected shall be credited to the general fund, except as provided in Section 5-302(B) as to fire insurance companies. The said money shall be and remain under the control of the City Council for such use and purpose as other monies belonging to the general fund.

# **SECTION 5-302: POWER TO LEVY; CLASSIFICATION**

- A. The city shall have power to raise revenue by levying and collecting a license tax on any occupation or business within the limits of the city and regulate the same by ordinance. Any occupation tax imposed pursuant to this section shall make a reasonable classification of businesses, users of space, or kinds of transactions for purposes of imposing such tax, except that no occupation tax shall be imposed on any transaction which is subject to tax under Neb. Rev. Stat. §\$53-160, 66-489, 66-489.02, 66-4,140, 66-4,145, 66-4,146, 77-2602, or 77-4008 or which is exempt from tax under Neb. Rev. Stat. §77-2704.24. The occupation tax shall be imposed in the manner provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §18-1208, except that Neb. Rev. Stat. §18-1208 does not apply to an occupation tax subject to Neb. Rev. Stat. §86-704. All such taxes shall be uniform in respect to the classes upon which they are imposed. All scientific and literary lectures and entertainments shall be exempt from such taxation, as well as concerts and other musical entertainments given exclusively by the citizens of the city.
- B. The City Council shall have authority, by ordinance, to impose an occupation tax of not more than \$5.00 per annum on each fire insurance corporation, company or association doing business in the city for the use, support and benefit of the volunteer Fire Department. The city clerk shall collect with diligence the occupation tax so imposed. Upon the receipt of the tax, the clerk shall pay over the proceeds thereof to the city treasurer, who shall credit the same to a fund to be known as "special occupation tax fund" for the benefit of the Fire Department. Upon proper claim filed by the fire chief and allowed by the City Council, the treasurer shall pay over the proceeds of the tax in the fund from time to time for the use of the Fire Department as hereinbefore provided.
- C. Notwithstanding any ordinance or charter power to the contrary, the city shall not impose an occupation tax on the business of any person, firm, or corporation licensed under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act and doing business within the corporate limits of the city in any sum which exceeds two times the amount of the license fee required to be paid under the act to obtain such license.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §§17-525, 35-106, 53-132)

### **SECTION 5-303: INTERSTATE OR GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

The license tax levied by this ordinance is not levied upon any business or occupation which is interstate or which is done or conducted by any department of the government of the United States, the State of Nebraska, this city or the officers thereof, as such in the course of its or their official duties or by any county or subdivision of this state or its officers.

# SECTION 5-304: COLLECTION DATE; DUTIES OF PARTIES LIABLE

A. All occupation taxes shall be due and payable on May 1 each year, except in the event that the said tax is levied daily. Upon the payment thereof by any person, company or corporation, the city clerk shall give a receipt, dated and specifying the person paying the said tax and the amount paid; provided, occupation taxes collected from Class C liquor licensees shall be due and payable on November 1. All forms and receipts herein mentioned shall be issued in duplicate and one copy shall then be kept by each party in the transaction.

B. It is hereby made the duty of each and every person, firm, association or corporation to pay the tax levied against him, her, them or it at the time the same becomes due as provided in subsection (A) above.

## SECTION 5-305: PAID TO TREASURER; NOT ASSIGNABLE

The tax herein levied shall be paid to the city treasurer who, upon the payment thereof, shall issue receipt therefor to the person, persons, partnership, firm or corporation paying the same, properly dated and specifying on behalf of whom and for what the sum is paid. The city treasurer's receipt shall be the warrant and proper authority of any person to carry on and conduct the business specified in said receipt and for which the money has been paid; provided, said receipt shall not be assignable.

#### **SECTION 5-306: CERTIFICATES**

The receipt issued after the payment of any occupation tax shall be the occupation tax certificate, which shall specify the amount of the tax and the name of the person and business that paid the said tax. The occupation tax certificate shall then be displayed in a prominent place or carried in such a way as to be easily accessible while business is being conducted.

#### **SECTION 5-307: FAILURE TO PAY**

If any person, company, or corporation fails or neglects to pay the occupation taxes as provided herein on the day they become due and payable, the city shall then proceed by civil suit to collect the amount due. All delinquent taxes shall bear interest at the rate of 1% per month until paid.

# **SECTION 5-308: NO REFUND**

No person paying occupation tax shall be entitled to a refund of any part of the tax so paid.

# **SECTION 5-309: VIOLATION; PENALTY**

Any person, firm, association or corporation who shall refuse or neglect to pay the occupation tax or taxes herein levied or who shall transact any such business or engage in any such occupation without having complied with the provisions of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined as provided in the penal provision of this chapter and

assessed the court costs of prosecution; provided, every suit brought under this section shall be in the name of this city and may be commenced by a warrant and arrest of the person or persons against whom the suit is brought, or that suit may be commenced by a common summons; and provided further, whenever any of the above-enumerated businesses or occupations shall be conducted by an agent for a corporation or a nonresident, such agent shall be subject to arrest and punishment under the provisions of this section if his or her principal shall not have complied with the provisions of this ordinance.

# **Article 4 – Trailer Courts**

#### **SECTION 5-401: DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this article, the following terms and definitions shall prevail:

"Court" shall mean and include any tract of land upon which are located two or more trailers or other temporary enclosures used for living purposes, whether a charge is made or not.

"Trailer" or "mobile home" shall mean and include any vehicle commonly designated as such, constructed to permit occupancy for sleeping, advertising, or business purposes and so designed that it is or may be mounted on wheels and used as a conveyance on the public ways, and does not comply with the city building code.

"Unit space" shall mean and include the ground space that is actually set aside in a trailer court for the occupancy by and use of a trailer or other temporary dwelling.

#### SECTION 5-402: PERMIT REQUIRED

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to establish a trailer court within the city or within one-half mile beyond the corporate limits until he or she shall first obtain a permit for such purpose from the City Council. The city clerk shall provide permit application forms, which shall require:

- 1. The name and address of the applicant;
- 2. The name and residence of the proposed manager of the premises;
- 3. The location and size of the court;
- 4. A plat of the court showing the number and location of each unit space;
- 5. The water service available:
- 6. The sewer service available:
- 7. The proposed means of disposing of garbage;
- 8. The electrical current sources available; and
- 9. The type of buildings proposed to be erected thereon.
- B. Upon receipt of any such permit application, the city clerk shall furnish the mayor with a copy of the application. The mayor shall then examine the premises involved and the proposed unit spaces for the purpose of determining whether the proposed court will violate any of the provisions of the municipal code or state laws. The mayor's findings shall then be submitted in writing to the City Council.
- C. The council at its next regular meeting shall consider such application and, if the members find that all of the provisions of this article are complied with, shall issue a permit for the operation of the trailer court. In the event that any of the provisions of this article shall not be provided for in such permit application, then such trailer court permit shall not be issued until the council receives assurances that all provisions of this article shall be complied with.

D. In the event that all of the terms and conditions of this article have been complied with and the council votes to permit such trailer court to exist, then the city clerk shall issue a permit to such applicant, which shall be for a one-year period, to be renewed annually.

#### **SECTION 5-403: PERMIT RENEWAL**

The annual fee for such permit shall be set by resolution of the City Council and shall be kept on file at the office of the city clerk. The same procedure shall apply for the renewal of a permit as was heretofore prescribed for the issuance of a permit. No permit shall be issued for any period longer than one year.

## **SECTION 5-404: ASSIGNING PERMIT PROHIBITED**

It shall be unlawful to assign or transfer, without the written consent of the city clerk and the authorization of the City Council, any permit issued by the city for the purpose of allowing the operation of a trailer court.

# **SECTION 5-405: REVOCATION OF PERMIT**

Any permit granted under the provisions of this code shall be subject to revocation at any time by the City Council. Notice shall be served by the city clerk upon the person holding such permit, setting forth the manner in which the owner or operator of the court has failed to comply with the provisions of this code and allowing him or her an opportunity for a hearing before the council at a day and hour therein specified. The hearing shall be held not less than three days after the personal service of the said notice. The owner or operator shall then be required to show cause why the said permit should not be revoked. Any owner or operator allowed an appearance under the provisions herein shall have the right to be represented by counsel.

#### **SECTION 5-406: UNIT SPACES**

Each trailer home shall be located on a site not less than 1,000 square feet. No trailer home shall be parked closer than five feet to the lot lines of the trailer court without the permission of the City Council; provided, nothing herein shall be construed to allow any trailer to be parked or located in such a manner as to obstruct the traffic on or the use of any public way or public property and, in the event that the lot line is adjacent to the public ways and property, the trailer shall be parked not less than ten feet therefrom. Each unit space shall abut a driveway of not less than 20 feet in width and shall have unobstructed access to a public street or alley. There shall be an open space of at least 10 feet between the ends of the trailers located thereon and there shall be on each trailer space an additional parking space for one vehicle for each unit in said court.

#### **SECTION 5-407: DRAINAGE**

Every trailer court shall be located on a well-drained area and the premises of such shall be properly graded so as to prevent the accumulation of stagnant water thereon.

## **SECTION 5-408: PLUMBING FACILITIES**

The owner or operator of a trailer court shall make available connections with the sewer system for the trailer homes thereon unless other arrangements are agreed to in writing by the City Council.

# **SECTION 5-409: WASTE DISPOSAL**

For garbage and refuse collection, tight receptacles of the type permitted for use within

the city shall be provided for each unit space within the trailer court.

#### **SECTION 5-410: ELECTRICAL SUPPLY**

Each unit space within the trailer court shall be provided with an electrical service outlet installed and maintained in accordance with the current edition of the National Electrical Code as provided in Section 9-301.

# **SECTION 5-411: UNLAWFUL PARKING**

It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to place, allow to be placed, or to occupy for any purpose a trailer home within the city or one-half mile beyond the corporate limits unless the same shall be located within the boundaries of a duly established trailer court. Modular homes shall not be subject to this prohibition if they have their towing tongue and axles removed and are placed on a permanent concrete or concrete block foundation.

# **SECTION 5-412: CONVERSION**

It shall be unlawful for any person to remove the wheels or transporting device from any trailer or to otherwise affix the said trailer to the ground without first obtaining a written permit from the City Council; provided, the trailer so converted shall be subject to all rules and regulations prescribed herein for other habitable dwellings. Applications for such permits shall be made through the city clerk.

### **SECTION 5-413: LIMITATION**

There shall be a limit of three trailer home courts which shall be licensed within the city or within one-half mile beyond the corporate limits thereof.

#### **SECTION 5-414: LIABILITY**

The owner of the property upon which any trailer or trailer court is located shall be primarily liable for any violations of the provisions of this article and shall also be primarily liable for the cost of any and all utility services provided by the city to the owner or occupant of a trailer located thereon.

# **SECTION 5-415: INSPECTIONS**

It shall be the duty of the owner, manager, or occupants of any public trailer court to allow any city officials to enter upon the premises for the purpose of inspection at any reasonable time.

# **Article 5 – Penal Provision**

# **SECTION 5-501: VIOLATION; PENALTY**

Any person who shall violate or refuse to comply with the enforcement of any of the provisions of this chapter, set forth at full length herein or incorporated by reference, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$500.00 for each offense. A new violation shall be deemed to have been committed every 24 hours of such failure to comply.