



MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

September 5, 2007

Subject: Amending the City Code to Include Provisions for Page: 1 of 1
Implementing the New Business License Policy (City-Wide)

Issue – The attached ordinance to change Chapter 19 of the Tucson Code needs to be approved in order to proceed with the implementation of the new business license policy approved by Mayor and Council on March 28, 2006.

Staff Recommendation – It is recommended that Mayor and Council approve the attached ordinance that amends Chapter 19 of the Tucson Code.

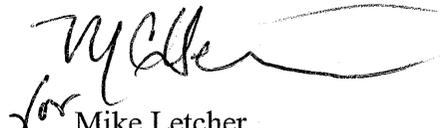
Background – On March 28, 2006, Mayor & Council unanimously approved a new business license policy and directed staff to implement this policy as recommended by the Business License Procedures Task Force. The new policy could not be implemented without first replacing the Business License Management System (BLMS). A new software package that was purchased in March 2007 is scheduled to be operational in mid-March 2008. The Finance and Information Technology departments have worked with the vendor to be able to implement the new business license policy effective January 1, 2008, even though the new system will not be fully operational at that time.

Project Description and Analysis – Adoption of the ordinance at this time allows the Finance Department a sufficient lead-time to inform and educate the business community about the new licensing requirements before they go into effect. The Mayor & Council Memorandum submitted for the March 28, 2006 Study Session is attached for additional information related to the work that was done by the Business License Procedures Task Force to develop the new business license policy. These changes do not require approval by the Municipal Tax Code Commission.

Legal Considerations – The City Attorney's Office has prepared the attached ordinance amending the City Tax Code to reflect the changes in the new business license policy.

Financial Considerations – The Finance Department originally estimated that the net gain to the City of implementing the new business license policy would be \$10,000. Current data has been reviewed, and the change is still considered to be basically revenue neutral, a goal of the Business License Procedures Task Force.

Respectfully submitted,


for Mike Letcher
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Attachment:

- A. Mayor & Council Memorandum, March 28, 2006
Ordinance (including strike-through)