

Business Registration Ordinance

Section 1. Short Title.

This article may be cited as the "Business Registration Ordinance."

Section 2. Definitions.

For the purpose of this article, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

Person. The term "person" includes a corporation, firm, partnership, association, organization and any other group acting as a unit, as well as an individual.

Engaging in Business. Persons owning, operating, or conducting any business, profession, occupation, trade, forms of amusement or entertainment, or other activity for the purpose of profit.

Place of Business. The premises, whether it be a personal residence, main business location or an outlet, branch or other location thereof, temporary or otherwise, to which the public is expressly or impliedly invited for the purpose of transacting business.

Section 3. Purpose

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to N.C. Gen. 160A-174 and 160A-194. The adoption of this ordinance is intended to create a working list of businesses operating within the Town of Hope Mills, and in order to assist the Police Department and Fire Department in their abilities to perform their duties. Specifically, this ordinance will help ensure that the Fire Department and Police Department are aware of all businesses operating in the Town. This will ensure that fire prevention inspections pursuant to the Town's Fire Prevention Code, Section 38-88(e) can be conducted in a timely manner. This will further ensure that business check-ins by the Police Department can be done routinely.

Section 4. Imposition of Fee.

Each place of business located in the Town shall pay an annual Business Registration Fee in the amount of \$20. The business registration fee shall not be prorated for business conducted for a portion of the year.

Section 5. Exemptions.

No Business Registration Fee shall be imposed on any business which is licensed by any of the state's occupational licensing boards, non-profit corporations, on digital dispatching services for prearranged transportation services for hire, or on any other persons who are otherwise lawfully required to be exempt.

Section 6. Application to do Business.

All persons engaging in business within the Town of Hope Mills shall submit a form indicated the name, location, and the general nature of their business. Such forms will be made available upon request from the Town Clerk's office. As part of the submission of this form, persons will be responsible for payment of the Business Registration Fee for each outlet, branch, location, or Place of Business prior to engaging in business. The application shall be submitted to the Town Clerk. There will be a three month grace period from the date this Ordinance is adopted for currently operating businesses to submit the form and pay the Business Registration Fee.

Section 7. Renewal.

Prior to the expiration of the business registration, any person with a place of business in the city and subject to this article shall apply to renew the business registration and shall pay the annual fee of \$20 for each place of business to the Town.

Section 8. Other Requirements Not Affected

Upon payment of the Business Registration Fee, the Town will issue a Business Registration Receipt documenting the payment. The issuance of a Business Registration Receipt serves only to confirm that the Business Registration Fee has been paid. It is not considered to be a general license to conduct business within the Town, nor does it constitute a waiver of any requirement or provision contained elsewhere in North Carolina General Statutes, the Town's Code of Ordinances, or any other applicable zoning requirements.

Section 9. Enforcement.

Any person convicted of a violation of any provision of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a \$50 fine.

Miscellaneous Permits & Fees		
Asbestos Removal Permit		Same fee structure as Building Permit
Building Moving Permit		Same fee structure as Building Permit
Demolition Permit		Same fee structure as Building Permit
Insulation Permit		Same fee structure as Building Permit
Sign Placement Permit		Same fee structure as Building Permit
Driveway Permit (Residential/Commercial)		\$100.00/\$200.00
Sidewalk Permit (Residential/Commercial)		\$30.00/\$50.00
Mobile Home Tie-Down Permit		\$75.00
Home Owner Recovery Fee		\$10.00
Zoning Permit		\$35.00
Business Registry Fee		\$20.00
Yard Sale Permits	1 st Permit	\$10.00
	2 nd through 6 th permit	\$15.00
Code Enforcement Administrative Fee		\$75.00
Infrastructure Inspection Fee:		
Streets/Firelanes		\$1.50/LF
Sidewalks		\$1.50/LF
Greenway		\$1.50/LF
Re-Inspection Fee		\$0.25/LF

Building Plan Review Fees		
Up to 5,000 sq.ft.		\$150.00
5,001 to 10,000 sq. ft.		\$300.00
10,001 to 15,000 sq.ft.		\$450.00
15,001 to 25,000 sq. ft.		\$600.00
25,001 to 40,000 sq. ft.		\$900.00
Greater than 40,000 sq. ft.		\$1,000.00
Electrical Plan Review Only		\$75.00
Mechanical Plan Review Only		\$75.00
Plumbing Plan Review Only		\$75.00

Fire Sprinkler Permits		
Tap Connection		\$20.00
Fixtures (each sprinkler head)		\$1.00
Minimum Fee		\$50.00
Extra Inspection Fee (Call-Back)		\$40.00