

**TOWN OF PIERCE, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04**

SENT FOR PUBLICATION
DATE: 9/10/24
BY: KPD

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 1 OF THE
TOWN OF PIERCE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING BUSINESS LICENSES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Town of Pierce (the “Town”) desires to amend certain provisions of the Town’s Code related to business licenses; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that Chapter 6, Article 1 of the Municipal Code should be amended as further set forth in this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the changes set forth below are in the best interests of the Town and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PIERCE, COLORADO, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 6, Article 1, Section 6-1-30 repealed and reenacted as follows:

Sec. 6-1-30. – Operating without license.

- (a) *Fines for Operating without License.* If any business fails to obtain a license within 60 days of commencing operations, or fails to renew its license by March 1 of each year, it shall be subject to a fine in an amount set forth in the Town’s fee schedule. The Town will not issue a license if the applicant fails to complete all pages of the application.
- (b) *Cease and Desist.* If any business is operating without a license, the Mayor may issue an order to the business to cease and desist all further operation until a license is issued for the business. The order shall give the business three days to pay all amounts due the Town; or to post a bond in the amount owing the Town and to request in writing a hearing with the Town Clerk. If the business does nothing, it shall cease operations on the third day. The hearing will be before the Board of Trustees. The proceedings shall not relieve or discharge anyone from the civil liability for the payment of the taxes, penalty and interest or from the prosecution of the offense.

Section 2. In the opinion of the Board, this Ordinance is necessary for the preservation and protection of the health, safety, welfare and property of inhabitants and owners of property in the Town of Pierce.

Section 3. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of this ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have

passed this ordinance in each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more parts, sections, subsections, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be so interpreted and construed to effectuate its general purpose pursuant to the laws of the State of Colorado.

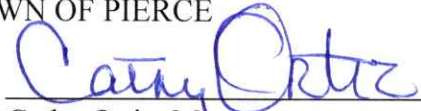
Section 5. The Town Clerk shall certify the passage of this Ordinance and cause notice of its contents and passage to be published.

Section 8. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the provisions enacted by this Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication as provided by law.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

TOWN OF PIERCE

By:


Cathy Ortiz, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kristina Duran, Town Clerk

