

Introduced October 14, 2025, by Councilman
DiSanti, seconded by Councilman Brownfield

Item No. 25-10-3614

ORDINANCE NO. 4259

An ordinance amending portions of Chapters 8 and 20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell to provide certain exemptions to occupational licensing and private property sale permitting and to provide for other general licensing and permitting matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code section 8-21, et seq., the City of Slidell levies, generally, an occupational license tax upon persons conducting business in the City, consistent with and subject to Louisiana law; and

WHEREAS, under La. R.S. 47:363, any municipality imposing an occupational license tax may grant such exemptions or deductions as it deems necessary; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to grant certain exemptions related to occupational licensing not otherwise provided for in state law and to provide for the limited permitting exceptions set forth below; and

WHEREAS, the City further wishes to eliminate from the Code provisions related to occupational licensing that may be duplicative of other provisions of the Code and to clarify general provisions related to certain permits on public property.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Slidell City Council, in legal session convened, ordains as follows:

1. Section 8-24 of the Code is amended and restated to read as follows:

Sec. 8-24. – Exemptions.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code to the contrary, an occupational license, and thus payment of the occupational license tax, shall not be required for

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4 persons conducting business within the City provided all of the following conditions
5 are met:

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7 (a) The business is only conducted, with valid authorization, on real property owned
8 by: (i) a public entity; or (ii) a non-profit organization in good standing with the
9 Louisiana Secretary of State that is also a tax-exempt organization under the
10 Internal Revenue Code;

11 (b) The business is only conducted in connection with an event sponsored by: (i) a
12 public entity; or (ii) a non-profit organization in good standing with the Louisiana
13 Secretary of State that is also a tax-exempt organization under the Internal
14 Revenue Code; and

15 (c) The event at which the business is conducted is for a period not exceeding 72
16 hours and the event is not a Carnival parade or a St. Patrick's Day parade.

17 This exemption shall be in addition to those exemptions otherwise set forth in the
18 laws of this state related to the payment of an occupational license tax.
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- 20 2. Section 8-25 of the Code is amended and restated to a "reserved" designation as
21 follows:

22 **Sec. 8-25. – Reserved.**
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- 25 3. Section 8-28(5) of the Code is amended to read as follows:

26 **Sec. 8-28. – Permit to enter city property for business operations.**
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30 (5) Upon provision of all of the information required by subsection (4), the city may,
31 in its discretion, issue a permit allowing the applicant/permittee to enter city property
32 to conduct business operations in accordance with the specific information provided
33 to the city by the applicant/permittee, subject to terms and conditions acceptable to
34 the city.

- 35 4. Section 8-30 of the Code is amended to amend subsection B and add subsection F
36 as follows:
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4 **Sec. 8-30. – Temporary retail sales, pop-up markets or vendor events, food**
5 **sales, and outdoor events on private property.**

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8 B. *Permit required.* Except as otherwise provided in this section, the organizer of
9 any use specified in this section, or temporary use as defined in Appendix A
10 Chapter 9 – Definitions, must apply for an event permit with the Department of
11 Building, Safety, and Permits at least 30 days prior to the event. If the permit is not
12 issued prior to the event due to denial, lack of payment, or lack of documentation,
13 the event must be cancelled. The permit application must be signed and include the
14 following necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community
15 and/or to mitigate potential negative impacts to surrounding property owners and
16 residents:

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17 F. *Exemptions.* No permit shall be required under this section provided each of the
18 following conditions are met:

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- 20 1. The use/temporary use is only conducted, with valid authorization, on real
21 property owned by a non-profit organization in good standing with the Louisiana
22 Secretary of State that is also a tax-exempt organization under the Internal
23 Revenue Code; and
 - 24 2. The organizer of the use/temporary use is: (i) a public entity; or (ii) a non-profit
25 organization in good standing with the Louisiana Secretary of State that is also a
26 tax-exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code.

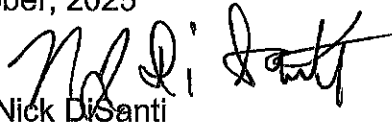
27 All other use/temporary use standards, restrictions, and requirements set forth in
28 this section or other applicable law shall remain applicable to operations governed
29 by this section when a permit is not required hereunder, subject to any exemptions
30 from occupational licensing as provided in the Code or the laws of this state.

- 31 5. Sections 20-1 through 20-8 of the Code, inclusive, are amended and restated to a
32 "reserved" designation as follows:


33 **Secs. 20-1—20-8. – Reserved.**
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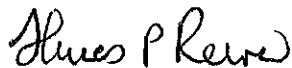
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4 **ADOPTED** this 28TH day of October, 2025

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7 Nick DiSanti
8 President of the Council
9 Councilman, District D

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11 Randy Fandal
12 Mayor

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14 Thomas P. Reeves
15 Council Administrator

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 8-1. Fortunetelling.

It shall be unlawful to practice or engage in fortunetelling, palmistry, reading futures and the like.

(Code 1966, § 9-75)

Sec. 8-2. Garage and rummage sales.

(a) The operation by private citizens of garage sales or rummage sales is defined as any person in the city who engages in the temporary business of selling or offering for sale any goods or merchandise, obtained for personal use, from a private address in a residential area of the corporate limits of the city.

(b) A permit shall be required for the operation of garage or rummage sales within the city limits, and such permit shall not be issued to any one person more than twice in one calendar year. Permits will be issued by the director of finance in the city hall and will not exceed a duration of three days. Civic and charitable organizations are excluded from this requirement.

(Code 1966, §§ 10½-1, 10½-2)

Secs. 8-3—8-20. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. LICENSES GENERALLY

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 8-21. Annual license tax.

There is hereby levied an occupational license tax for the year 1988 and for each subsequent year, upon each person pursuing and conducting any business, trade, calling, profession, or vocation, within the corporate limits of the city, subject to license under the state constitution and laws of this state.

(Code 1966, § 17-11)

Sec. 8-22. Adoption of state laws.

Except as otherwise provided in this article, the amount of license tax levied in each case is hereby fixed, determined and ordained to be the

same as that fixed, levied and collectible by the governing authority under, and shall be granted in accordance with, the provisions of R.S. 47:341—47:363, inclusive and as hereafter amended, and all other applicable laws, all of which for all purposes of this article are made a part of this article by reference as if written in this section in extenso.

(Code 1966, § 17-12)

Sec. 8-23. Editors and publishers.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this article to the contrary, no provision of this article shall be construed as requiring any person or entity engaged in conduct protected under the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America including, but not limited to, any editor or publisher, to apply for or to obtain a license, or to pay the tax levied by this article, as a condition to engage in such business, profession or conduct.

(Code 1966, § 17-12.1)

Sec. 8-24. Peddlers.

All peddlers, defined by R.S. 33:4833 et seq. shall obtain a license costing \$100.00. A single event license may be obtained for a 72 hour time period for the cost of \$10.00.

(Code 1966, § 17-13; Ord. No. 3112, 2-11-2003)

Sec. 8-25. Effective date.

This article shall become effective January 1, 1988.

(Code 1966, § 17-14)

Sec. 8-26. Article provisions exception to chapter 20 of this Code.

This article shall be an exception to any requirements of chapter 20 of this Code that are in conflict with this article.

(Code 1966, § 17-15)

Sec. 8-27. Prohibition.

No occupational license shall be issued or renewed by the city without a verification that all city sales taxes owed by the applicant are paid in full. The city will provide a form to the

applicant to be attached to the original or renewal application certifying that all sales tax owed the city is paid or indicating the extent of the delinquency. The city will revoke occupational licenses with any establishment doing business within the city limits and owing taxes or license fees to the city if said taxes or license fees are delinquent for 60 days. The revocation may be suspended if a payment schedule is worked out with the city finance director's approval. If for any reason the current taxes or license fees become delinquent or a payment on a payment schedule becomes more than 30 days delinquent, the payment agreement will be null and void and the current license will be revoked. The city finance director will notify the city council in writing through the council administrator of any arrangements or revocations made by the city and the delinquent party.
(Ord. No. 2934, 1-11-2000)

Sec. 8-28. Permit to enter city property for business operations.

No person or entity may enter upon, traverse, either above ground or below, or otherwise utilize any property, servitude, or other property right, owned, leased, possessed, or controlled by the city (herein referred to as "city property") for the conduct of business operations without first being issued a permit to enter city property for business operations as more fully set forth hereafter.

- (1) Location of any system for business operations within city property without a valid permit from the city pursuant to this section presents a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the city's citizens and their property and is expressly forbidden.
- (2) The city recognizes and reserves any and all rights available to it to regulate use of any city property.
- (3) The granting of any city license, permit, or other requirement for doing business within the city shall not be construed as authorizing any such person or entity the right to utilize city property for the conduct of business operations.

(4) Any person or entity desiring to operate a system occupying city property ("applicant") shall make a written request to the city for a permit, which shall include the following information:

- a. Name, address, telephone number, and contact person of the person or entity making the request;
- b. Necessary corporate information, if applicable;
- c. Name, address, email address, and home, office and cell telephone numbers of a person with authority to act on behalf of the applicant in case of emergency;
- d. Description of the proposed activity;
- e. Identification of the city property which applicant's system will occupy. Said identification shall include the following:
 1. Map drawn to scale of the location of all of applicant's system presently occupying city property;
 2. Inventory of all equipment, structures, and facilities composing applicant's system occupying city property; and
 3. Description of all anticipated construction, major maintenance, and major installation activities which shall include the specific locations and the beginning and ending dates of all projects to be commenced during the next calendar year; and the tentative locations and beginning and ending dates for all projects contemplated for the two-year period following the next calendar year.
- f. Proof of comprehensive general liability insurance covering and affecting the applicant's business operations occupying city property. Applicant shall notify the city of

cancellation of such policy(ies) at least 30 days in advance of such cancellation; and

- g. Name of all contractors acting or working on behalf of applicant within city property along with the name and home, office, and cell telephone numbers of a person with authority to act on behalf of the contractor in case of emergency.
- (5) Upon provision of all of the information required by subsection (4), the city shall issue a permit allowing the applicant/permittee to enter city property to conduct business operations in accordance with the specific information provided to the city by the applicant/permittee.
- (6) Standard provisions of each permit granted pursuant to this section shall include the following:
- a. *Conditions of occupancy.* The system shall be located so as to cause minimum interference with the public uses use of city property and with the rights and reasonable convenience of property owners who own property that adjoins city property.
 - b. *Restoration of public ways.* If, during the course of the permittee's construction, installation, or maintenance of the system, there occurs a disturbance of any city property by the permittee, the permittee shall replace and restore such city property to a condition reasonably comparable to the condition of the city property existing immediately prior to such disturbance.
 - c. *Relocation at request of the city.* If the city shall lawfully elect to vacate, relocate, abandon, alter, reconstruct or change any city property, the permittee, upon 30-days' written notice by the city via certified mail to the permittee, shall remove, relay and relocate its structure, equip-

ment, and facilities at its own expense. Should the permittee refuse or fail to remove system within 30 days after written notification, the city shall have the right to remove the component parts of the system and charge the permittee for the costs of removal.

- d. *Relocation at request of third party.* The permittee shall, on the request of any person holding a lawful building moving permit, protect, support, raise, lower, temporarily disconnect, relocate in or remove from any city property, as necessary, any property of the permittee provided:
 - 1. The expense of such is paid by said person benefiting from the relocation, including, if required by the permittee, making such payment in advance; and
 - 2. The permittee is given reasonable advance written notice to prepare for such changes. For purposes of this section, "reasonable advance written notice" shall be no less than 30 days in the event of a temporary relocation, and no less than 120 days for a permanent relocation.
 - e. *Interference with use of right-of-way.* When working within city property, permittee shall not unreasonably interfere with public uses of said city property and the safety, health, and convenience of the public in the public's use thereof for ordinary travel.
- (7) No less than three business days prior to commencement of construction, installation or maintenance activities within city property, the permittee shall notify the city of the specific locations and beginning and ending dates of said construction, installation, or maintenance project and shall provide current, accurate contact

information for both the permittee and the contractor as outlined in subsection (4). Upon receipt of this notification, the city shall determine whether the proposed construction, installation, or maintenance activities shall pose an unreasonable interference with public uses. If the city determines the proposed activity presents no such unreasonable interference; it shall issue the permittee a notice to proceed. If the permittee receives no written notification from the city within 24 hours of the proposed commencement of activities, the proposed activities may be deemed approved. This section shall not apply to emergency repair projects or utility service extension projects which the permittee could not have anticipated.

- (8) The permittee shall keep all of the information required by subsection (4) current at all times by immediately providing the city written notice of changes.
- (9) Any person or entity:
 1. Whose system occupies city property for business operations without obtaining the permit required in this section;
 2. Who fails to provide the 72-hour notice prior to commencement of construction, installation, or maintenance activities as required in subsection [(7)]; or who fails to maintain current, accurate information required by subsection (4) concerning any system occupying city property may have any permit granted pursuant to this section revoked and may be denied future authorization for construction, installation, or maintenance activities for a period of two years.
- (10) Any violation of this section shall afford the city the full range of remedies available under any applicable law or regulation including the levying of fines. The election of one or more remedies shall not be construed as a waiver of any other legal and/or equitable remedy including,

but not limited to the city's right to seek injunctive relief, damages, and attorney's fees as the law might allow.

(Ord. No. 3499, 9-9-2008)

Sec. 8-29. Massage therapists and establishments.

(a) An establishment that provides massage therapy, even if it is only a portion of the services provided, must possess a city occupation license for massage therapy.

(b) All massage therapists and establishments must comply with all city ordinances and R.S. 37:3551 et seq.

(c) *Inspection of licenses.*

- (1) Any employee of the department of planning and building safety, code enforcement and/or Slidell Police Department are authorized to enter any massage establishment whenever the business is operating for the purpose of confirming that all persons providing massage therapy and the establishment have current state licenses and a city occupation license for massage therapy. "Operating" is defined as anytime non-employees are allowed into the establishment for the purpose of receiving personal care services.
- (2) This chapter shall be enforced by the department of planning and permits, code enforcement and Slidell Police Department.

(d) Any individual who is found to be providing massage therapy in violation of city ordinance and/or state law shall be immediately ordered to cease and desist providing massage therapy and be issued a notice of violation.

(e) *Penalty.* Violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be considered a misdemeanor and any person, including the owner or operator of a massage establishment, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

(f) *Revocation.*

- (1) An establishment that is found to be providing massage therapy without a state license or city occupation license or is found to have an employee providing massage therapy without a state license or city occupation license more than once in a calendar year shall have their occupational license revoked.
 - (2) *Revoked license.* No license that has been revoked will be reinstated without the written authorization of the mayor.
- (Ord. No. 3918, § B, 11-27-2018)

Secs. 8-30—8-40. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. INSURANCE*

Sec. 8-41. Tax on insurers.

(a) There is hereby imposed and levied an annual license tax on any insurer engaged in the business of issuing any form of insurance policy or contract which may now or hereafter be subject to the payment of any license tax for state purposes, all as authorized by R.S. 22:1076 on risks located in this municipality as follows:

- (1) On any insurer engaged in the business of issuing life or accident or health insurance policies, other than programs of benefits authorized or provided pursuant to the provisions of R.S. Tit. 42 Ch. 12 Pts. I and II, or other forms of contracts or obligations covering such risks, or issuing endowment or annuity policies, or contracts, or other similar forms of contract obligations in consideration of the payment of a premium or other consideration for the issuance of such policies, contracts or obligation whether

***Editor's note**—Ord. No. 2977, §§ 1, 2, adopted Dec. 12, 2000, repealed Div. 2, §§ 8-41—8-43, in its entirety, and enacted a new Div. 2 as set out herein. The former Div. 2 pertained to similar subject matter. See the Code Comparative Table.

State law reference—Municipal insurance license tax, R.S. 22:1076.

such insurer by operating in the state or through an agent or other representative, or otherwise:

- a. Ten (10) dollars on gross annual premiums up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) and an additional license thereafter of seventy dollars (\$70.00) on each ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or fraction thereof, of gross annual premiums in excess of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00);
 - b. The maximum license on such businesses, payable to this municipality by any one insurer, shall not exceed twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000.00).
- (2) On any insurer, engaged in the business of issuing policies, contracts or other forms of obligations covering the risk of fire, marine, transportation, surety, fidelity, indemnity, guaranty, worker's compensation, employers' liability, property damage, live stock, vehicle, automatic sprinkler, burglary, or insurance business of any other kind whatsoever in this state, whether such insurer is operating in this state through agents or other representative or otherwise, not more than the following:
- a. 1st Class: When the gross receipts are not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), the license shall be forty dollars (\$40.00);
 - b. 2nd Class: When the gross receipts are more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), and not more than four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00), the license shall be sixty dollars (\$60.00);
 - c. 3rd Class: When the gross receipts are more than four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00), and not more than six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00), the license shall be eighty dollars (\$80.00);
 - d. 4th Class: When the gross receipts exceed six thousand dollars, the additional license thereafter shall be seventy dollars (\$70.00) for each

- ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or fraction thereof, in excess of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00);
- e. The maximum license tax on such businesses, payable to this municipality by any insurer shall not exceed the maximum limit of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00), as provided for by R.S. 22:1076, above referred to;
 - f. Provided, that plate glass and steam boiler inspection insurers shall pay only one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the above rated provided in said subsection (2); and provided further, that the amount of license payable to this municipality as fixed by this section, shall be one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the amount so fixed if the payer shall file a sworn statement with the annual report required by R.S. Tit. 22, Ch. 1, Pt. XXIII, showing that at least one-sixth of the total admitted assets of the payer, less assets in an amount equal to the reserves on its policies issued in foreign countries in which it is authorized to do business and which countries require an investment therein as a condition of doing business, is invested and maintained, either in bonds of the state, or in bonds of municipal, school, road or levee district, or other political subdivisions of this state or in mortgages on property located in the state, or in real property in this state which shall be requisite for the convenient accommodation of the transaction of its own business, or in policy loans, or other loans to residents of this state, or to corporations organized under the laws of this state and domiciled in the state, or in stock of homestead building or load associations organized under the laws of this state, to the extent such stock is guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or other federal or state agency.

(b) All license taxes levied herein shall be due and payable on January 1st of each year and all unpaid license taxes shall become delinquent on June 1st. A penalty of five percent per month shall be added to the amount of tax due and payable to this municipality along with the tax due. The amount of any monetary penalty assessed pursuant to this section shall not be greater than twenty-five (25) percent of the total amount of the tax due. The collection of delinquent accounts shall be enforced in accordance with R.S. 22:1076 and 47:1601.

(Ord. No. 2977, §§ 1, 2, 12-12-00)

Secs. 8-42—8-60. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. MOBILE FOOD SERVICES *

Sec. 8-61. Definitions.

See City of Slidell Code of Ordinances, Appendix A: Zoning; Part 9 definitions for standard zoning definitions.

Mobile food service: An establishment primarily engaged in preparing and serving meals and snacks for immediate consumption from a motorized or non-motorized cart or other vehicle (i.e. a unit), whether or not enclosed.

- (1) *Restricted mobile food service.* Vendor is restricted to sale of prepackaged food and drinks.

- (2) *Unrestricted mobile food service.* Vendor can offer food that is packaged and/or prepared in the mobile unit.

(Ord. No. 3916, 11-27-2018; Ord. No. 4044, § I, 9-28-2021)

Sec. 8-62. Licensing and permitting.

(a) Mobile food service motorized vehicles, and mobile food service trailers or other non-motorized vehicles towed by a motorized vehicle, must be registered with the department of motor

***Editor's note**—Ord. No. 3916, adopted Nov. 27, 2018, added provisions to the Code, but did not specify manner of inclusion. Therefore, at the editor's discretion, said provisions have been included as Art. III, §§ 8-61—8-69.