ORDINANCE NO. OR12120B

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING BUSINESS PERMITS IN CRAWFORDSVILLE, ARKANSAS

Whereas, the City of Crawfordsville, Arkansas, has adopted zoning regulations that designate where certain businesses or occupations can be performed in Crawfordsville, Arkansas; and

Whereas, the City of Crawfordsville does not have a procedure in place governing the issuance of permits concerning the conduction of business or other occupations allowed in Crawfordsville; and

Whereas, the City of Crawfordsville desires to adopt procedures for persons or other business entities to follow in obtaining business permits to operate businesses or other occupations in the City of Crawfordsville.

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of Crawfordsville that:

1. No person or other legal entity shall not conduct any occupation or operate any business in the City of Crawfordsville, Arkansas, without obtaining a permit to do so on a yearly basis.

2. Any such person or legal entity desiring to conduct a business or occupation in the City of Crawfordsville, Arkansas, shall apply to the Office of the Mayor for a permit to do so on or before the 1st day of January of each year beginning January 1, 2021. Prior to conducting any business or occupation within the City if the business or occupation is to open after the date set forth in this paragraph, any such applicant shall apply for permit at least thirty (30) days before opening such business or conducting such occupation.

3. The Mayor or his designee shall issue a permit to any such applicant upon the applicant paying a fee of $25.00 per year provided that the Mayor or his designee determines that the proposed business or occupation is authorized in the place in the City of Crawfordsville, where the applicant desires to conduct such business, and that such proposed business location is suitable from a safety perspective.

4. In the event the applicant is denied any such permit, such applicant has a right to appeal such denial to the Crawfordsville City Planning Commission under the procedures set forth for an appeal to the Planning Commission under Zoning Regulations of the City of Crawfordsville.

5. In the event any person or legal entity engages in any business for which a business permit is required hereunder, subsequent to March 1 of any year after January 1, 2021, such permit fee as to any such person or legal entity shall be due and payable immediately upon commencement of any such business or vocation, in a pro-rata amount of fee set forth in paragraph 3.

6. Any person or legal entity who shall engage in any of the businesses or vocations set forth hereinabove within the corporate limits of the City of Crawfordsville, without having first paid the license fee or occupation tax as herein prescribed shall be deemed guilty of a

violation of this ordinance, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) and each days' violation shall constitute a separate offense.

7. Emergency Clause. It is hereby found and determined by the city council that there exists an immediate need to set forth the procedures for the obtaining and the issuance of permits for the operation of businesses within the city effective March 1, 2020, to insure they are in compliance with zoning regulations and to defray the cost of processing and issuing business or occupation fee hereunder. Therefore, in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, an emergency is found to exist, and this ordinance shall become effective after its passage and approval.

Joe Marotti, Mayor

Attest:

Julie Alpe, City Clerk/Recorder