



CITY OF PALO ALTO OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

February 1, 2016

The Honorable City Council
Palo Alto, California

SECOND READING: Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Palo Alto Municipal Code Chapter 4.60 (Business Registration Program) to Exempt Very Small Businesses, Very Small Non-Profits, and Religious Organizations With no Ancillary Business on Site From the Business Registration Program (FIRST READING: January 19, 2016 PASSED: 8-0 Kniss absent)

Council heard this as a Consent item on January 19, 2016, and adopted the Ordinance on first reading without changes, 8-0 with Council Member Kniss absent.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A: Business Registry Ordinance (PDF)

Department Head: Beth Minor, City Clerk

Ordinance No. ____
Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Amending Chapter 4.60 of
the Palo Alto Municipal Code Regarding Business Registration Program

The Council of the City of Palo Alto does ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4.60.040 of Chapter 4.60 (Business Registration) of Title 4 (Business Licenses and Regulations) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

4.60.040 Exemptions from Business Registration

The following types of businesses are exempt from this chapter:

- (a) Home based business
- (b) Transitory business
- ~~(c) Non-profit organizations having less than one full time equivalent employee~~
- ~~(a) Businesses having less than one full time equivalent employee~~
- ~~(b) Religious organizations which operate a worship hall but have no other ancillary facilities or services. For purposes of this exception ancillary facilities or services include but are not limited to religious or educational classrooms, gift shops, and daycare services.~~

SECTION 2. Any provision of the Palo Alto Municipal Code inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, to the extent of such inconsistencies and no further, is hereby repealed or modified to that extent necessary to effect the provisions of this chapter.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this chapter is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this chapter. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this chapter and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any portion of the chapter would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. The Council finds that the adoption of this chapter is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15061 because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and section 15378(b) (3) in that it involves creation of a governmental funding mechanism or other governmental fiscal activity that does not involve commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be effective on the thirty-first day after the date of its adoption.

INTRODUCED:

PASSED:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED:

Senior Assistant City Attorney

City Manager