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1 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 18-92 OF THE CITY
2 CODE REGARDING BUSINESS LICENSE
3 REQUIREMENTS OF PAWNSHOPS
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5 SECTION AMENDED: § 18-92
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7 WHEREAS, the General Assembly has modified the definition of “pawnbroker” in
8 a manner that requires a distinction in the City’s Business License Code between a
9 pawnbroker and a pawnshop;
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11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
12 OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, THAT:
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14 Section 18-92 of the City Code is hereby amended and reordained to read as
15 follows:
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17 **Sec. 18-92. – Pawnbrokers. Pawnshops.**
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19 (a) The license tax rate for every person engaged in business as a pawnshop
20 ~~pawnbroker~~ shall be 0.36 percent of the gross receipts in such business during the
21 preceding calendar year.
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23 ~~(b) For the purpose of this section, a pawnbroker is any person meeting the definition~~
24 ~~provided at § 54.1-4000 of the Code of Virginia, as amended.~~
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26 ~~(b) (c)~~ No license to engage in business as a pawnshop ~~pawnbroker~~ in the city shall be
27 issued under this chapter unless the applicant therefor shall produce to the
28 commissioner of the revenue the license required by § 54.1-4001 of the Code of Virginia,
29 as amended.
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31 ~~(d) No license to engage in business as a pawnbroker in the city shall be issued until~~
32 ~~the applicant therefor has obtained a permit from the chief of police in accordance with~~
33 ~~section 18-32. If the chief of police refuses to issue such permit, he shall notify the~~
34 ~~applicant, in writing, of his reasons therefor and the applicant may appeal such refusal~~
35 ~~to the city council within thirty (30) days from the date of such notice.~~
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37 ~~(e) Upon conviction of the holder of a license to engage in business as a pawnbroker in~~
38 ~~the city for the violation of any state law or provision of this Code or other ordinance of~~
39 ~~the city concerning pawnbrokers, such license shall be deemed forfeited without further~~
40 ~~adjudication.~~

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, on this 19th day
of January, 2021.