

VOCATIONS LICENSE

AN ORDINANCE DEFINING, REGULATING, AND LICENSING CERTAIN VOCATIONS
AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

Be it ordained by the Council of the Town of Buffalo, Iowa:

SECTION 1. Every person, firm, or corporation engaged in any of the vocations hereinafter named, shall, before engaging in such vocation, procure a license therefore from the mayor. This ordinance shall not apply to itinerant vendors of drugs, or to persons selling by wholesale, or to persons selling agricultural or horticultural products of their own raising, or to lecturers on scientific, historical, or literary subjects, or to sales made by sheriffs, constables, coronors, marshals, executors, guardians, assignees of insolvent debtors or bankrupts, or any other person required by law to sell real or personal property.

SECTION 2. The mayor, taking into consideration the nature of the business, the method of doing business, the value and quality of the stock, the number of employees, method of advertising, professional standing, and all circumstances bearing on the case, shall fix the amount of license within the limits provided by this ordinance so that all license shall be reasonable and uniform under like conditions. Upon payment of the amount fixed by the mayor, together with a fee of fifty cents for issuing the same, the mayor shall issue the license.

SECTION 3. The mayor may refuse to grant a license for any purpose or may revoke any license, whenever, in his judgment, such action is in the interest of good health, morals, or order. He may refuse to grant a license until convinced that the applicant is of good moral character, financially responsible, and that the

applicant and his merchandise and place of business is free from all contagious and infectious diseases.

SECTION 4. All yearly licenses shall expire on the first day of January, April, July, and October after their issuance, and all other licenses at the time fixed in the license. No license shall be transferable without the consent of the mayor written on the license. All licenses shall be numbered consecutively, and a record thereof kept by the mayor.

SECTION 5. The limits within which the mayor shall fix the amount of the license shall be as follows:

1. Auctioneers, not less than two dollars or more than five dollars per month.
2. Circuses or menageries, not less than one dollar or more than twenty-five dollars a day.
3. Itinerant doctors, physicians, and surgeons, not less than two dollars or more than ten dollars per day.
4. Peddlers or venders of any kind of goods except horticultural and agricultural products of their own raising, not less than one dollar or more than five dollars per day or not less than twenty-five dollars or more than one hundred dollars a year.
5. Roller skating rinks, not less than ten dollars or more than twenty-five dollars per month or not less than fifty dollars or more than two hundred dollars per year.
6. Scavengers, one dollar per month, but no license shall be issued for this purpose until the person applying for it shall file a bond of twenty-five dollars per month, conditioned that he will comply with all ordinances or rules of the local board of health.

7. Shows or entertainments of any kind under canvas other than circuses, menageries and side shows, not less than one dollar or more than five dollars per day.

8. Sideshows with any circus or menagerie, not less than one dollar or more than ten dollars per day.

9. Stands, booths, or hucksters wagons, not less than one dollar or more than five dollars per day or not less than five dollars or more than fifteen dollars per month.

10. Subscription salesmen for books, maps, or other publications, except newspapers, not less than one dollar or more than five dollars per week.

11. Theatrical exhibitions, not less than one dollar or more than five dollars per day, but the owner of any theater may pay a license of five dollars per year, which license shall cover all exhibitions in such theater. (Sec. 7176, Code, 1931)

SECTION 6. Every person, firm, or corporation, whether as owner, agent, consignee, or employee, who shall temporarily place any goods, wares, or merchandise, in any boat, building, car, tent, or in or upon any other place in the municipality, for the purpose of sale thereof or therefrom, when such person, firm, or corporation be a non-resident of the municipality, and every person, firm, or corporation whether as owner, agent, consignee, or employee, or acting in any other capacity, who shall bring any goods, wares, or merchandise into the municipality, for the purpose of selling the same at public sale or by auction, shall be a transient merchant. In case any person, firm, or corporation of whom a transient merchant's license is demanded, claims not to

be a transient merchant, all license due under this ordinance shall be paid, and if the person, firm, or corporation remains permanently in business and pays at least one year's taxes on the goods, wares, or merchandise, all license paid as transient merchant shall be repaid such person, firm, or corporation.

The license for a transient merchant shall be as follows:

One day, not less than \$2.00 nor more than \$10.00

One week, not less than \$12.00 nor more than \$50.00

One month, not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$100.00

SECTION 7. Anyone violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or to imprisonment not exceeding thirty days. Whenever the fine and costs imposed for the violation of this ordinance are not paid, the person convicted may be committed to jail until the fine and costs are paid, not to exceed thirty days.

SECTION 8. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed and Approved March 22nd 1933

John A. Prigwitz Mayor