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5.04.010 Policy. The city council believes it to the best interest to have all businesses within Kettle Falls, where allowed by statute, licensed for the purpose of regulation and raising revenue for the operation of the city. (Ord. 1562 §4, 1998; Ord. 1301 §1, 1978).

5.04.020 Definitions. For the purpose of this chapter, unless otherwise required by the context, the following definitions apply:

A. "Billposting" means maintaining signboards or billposts for advertisement purposes.

B. "Business" means any occupation, profession, trade, vocation or endeavor which occupies the attention, time and labor of a person for the purpose of livelihood or profit. For the purposes of this chapter, the word "business" applies only to those occupations, professions, trades, vocations, or endeavors which contain a degree of permanency in the community, but it need not be the sole occupation or employment of the person.

C. "Person" means any individual, receiver, assignee, trustee in bankruptcy, trust estate, firm, copartnership, joint adventure, club, company, joint stock company, trust, corporation, association, society or any group of individuals acting as a unit whether mutual, cooperative or otherwise;

provided a valid license may be levied upon or collected therefrom under the provisions of this chapter and under the laws of the state of Washington.

D. "Professional or personal services" include services to the person but not to the property of a person. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it shall include physicians, chiropractors, orthopedists, barbers, beauticians and lawyers. (Ord. 1301 §2, 1978).

5.04.030 Licenses required. It is unlawful to engage in any of the businesses hereinafter enumerated without first obtaining a license. Application for the license shall be made to the city clerk on or before the thirtieth day of January of each year. If any argument or disagreement arises between the licensee and the city clerk over the rate into which the licensee shall pay, the argument or disagreement shall be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the council. The council shall, after hearing the evidence and arguments of the licensee and the city clerk, decide what rate the licensee shall pay. The application for a license shall specify the kind of business and the length of the time for which it is requested. (Ord. 1301 §3, 1978).

5.04.040 Scope. A license for the act or privilege of engaging in business activities shall be paid by the following persons:

A. All and every kind of business authorized by law and transacted and carried on in the city;

B. All shows, celebrations and lawful games carried on therein.

(Ord. 1562 §4, 1998; Ord. 1301 §5, 1978).

5.04.050 Rates. Every person engaged in business within the scope of this act shall pay a license fee as follows:

A. Thirty five dollars for any and all types of businesses regardless of size or volume. (Ord. 1522, 1994; Ord. 1731, §3, 2013).

B. Six dollars for any and all types of amusement machines.

(Ord. 1301 §6, 1978; Ord. 1731, §3, 2013).

5.04.060 Violation--Penalty. All and every kind of business authorized by law and transacted and carried on in the city which fails to obtain a license on or prior to the thirtieth day of January of each year will pay a penalty of four dollars per month (including January and the month in which the licenses are obtained) until such licenses are purchased. This penalty will be in addition to the basic fee mentioned in Section 5.04.050. (Ord. 1321 §2, 1980; Ord. 1301 §4, 1978).