

October 09, 2024

To Whom it May Concern:

Effective January 1, 2024, the ordinance requiring a Volusia County business tax receipt is repealed and a Volusia County business tax receipt is no longer required for any business located within Volusia County. This statement can also be found on our website at the following link: https://www.volusia.org/services/business-services/business-services/revenue-services/business-tax-receipt/. Attached is a copy of the ordinance containing the changes where the language requiring a Business Tax Receipt has been stricken from the ordinance.

I hope this information proves to be useful.

Respectfully,

Kerry Leuzinger Chief Building Official

1	ORDINANCE NO. 2023-43
2	AN OPPINANCE OF THE COUNTY
3	AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA,
4 5	AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
6	OF THE COUNTY OF VOLUSIA,
7	REGARDING BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS;
8	AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV,
9	DIVISION 2, SECTION 2-261 - DEFINITIONS;
10	CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2,
11	SECTION 10-62 - PERMIT APPLICATION
12	REQUIREMENTS; PREREQUISITES TO
13	ISSUANCE; FEES; CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE
14	III, DIVISION 1, SECTION 22-91 -
15	PROCEDURE AND CONDITIONS FOR USE
16	OF TAX RECEIPT BY FIRM; CHAPTER 26,
17	ARTICLE III, SECTION 26-53 – DEFINITIONS
18	AND SECTION 26-54 - ITINERANT
19 20	MERCHANT HOST LICENSE; CHAPTER 50, ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 50-532 –
21	LICENSING OF COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER
22	APPLICATIONS; CHAPTER 58, ARTICLE I,
23	SECTION 58-1 – USE OF ON-SITE SEWAGE
24	DISPOSAL SYSTEMS BY INDUSTRIAL OR
25	MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS;
26	CHAPTER 70, ARTICLE II, SECTION 70-36 -
27	PAYMENT; CHAPTER 106, ARTICLE II,
28	DIVISION 1, SECTION 106-31 -
29	DEFINITIONS AND SECTION 106-36 -
30	ENFORCEMENT; CHAPTER 106, ARTICLE
31	IV, SECTION 106-163 - TRANSPORTER'S
32	LICENSE; OPERATION STANDARDS;
33	CHAPTER 114, ARTICLE I, SECTION 114-1 –
34	LOCAL BUSINESS TAX; PROVIDING FOR
35 36	SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES:
37	AUTHORIZING INCLUSION IN CODE; AND
38	PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
39	TROVIDING AN ELLEGITYE BATE.
40	NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF
41	THE COUNTY OF VOLUSIA, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:
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43	(Words in strike through type are deletions; words in underscore type are
44	additions.)

- 2 SECTION I: Section 2-261, Article IV, Division 2 of Chapter 2 of the Code of
- 3 Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

- 5 **Sec. 2-261. Definitions.**
- 6 The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the
- 7 meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates
- 8 a different meaning:

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- 10 Local business means a prime contractor or subcontractor duly licensed and
- authorized to engage in the particular business at issue that maintains a permanent
- physical place of business in Brevard, Flagler, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole or
- Volusia County, Florida, and holds a valid local business tax receipt for that place of
- business, if required in that county, for a minimum of six months prior to the date of
- submittal of the bid or quote to the county.
- 16 Preference means the method of the reducing the proposed bid or quote price by a
- designated percentage for the sole purpose of determining the lowest price when
- 18 compared to other prices submitted during a competitive solicitation subject to
- 19 section 2-269.5.
- 20 Prime contractor means the person, firm, corporation or other business entity
- 21 submitting a bid or quote to the county in response to a competitive solicitation
- 22 governed by this division.

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- 24 SECTION II: Section 10-62, Article II, Division 2 of Chapter 10 of the Code of
- 25 Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

- 27 Sec. 10-62. Permit application requirements; prerequisites to issuance; fees.
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- 29 (17) Demonstration that all outdoor entertainment event vendors possess a Volusia
- 30 County local business tax receipt. Vendors shall not sell any item prohibited by local,
- 31 state or federal law.

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- 3 SECTION III: Section 22-91 of Article III, Division 1, Chapter 22 of the Code of
- 4 Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

- 6 Sec. 22-91. Procedure and conditions for use of tax receipt by firm.
- 7 A local business tax receipt may be issued to a firm under this chapter in
- 8 accordance with the following procedure and upon the following conditions:
- 9 (1) The individual taking the examination on behalf of any firm must be an active
- 10 partner, officer or full-time salaried employee of the firm.
- 11 (2) The application for use of a certificate by a firm shall be in the same form for
- 12 individual applicants, except that said application shall include the name of the firm
- 13 for which he is seeking a certificate of competency.
- 14 (3) A local business tax receipt shall be issued to a firm in the name of the individual
- 15 taking the examination (firm licensee) and shall state on its face the firm licensee
- and the name of the firm through which the firm licensee does business.
- 17 (4) A local business tax receipt issued under subsection (3) above shall be valid only
- 18 so long as the firm licensee remains actively associated with the firm in the capacity
- 19 described in subsection (1) above.
- 20 (5) Within five days after any firm licensee has ceased to act in the capacity
- 21 described in subsection (1) above with regard to a firm, both the firm licensee and
- 22 said firm shall notify contractor licensing thereof.
- 23 (6) It shall be unlawful for any firm to utilize the local business tax receipt of its
- 24 former firm licensee after that person has ceased to act in the capacity described in
- 25 subsection (1) above.
- 26 (7) Any firm to which local business tax receipt was issued under the competency
- 27 card of a firm licensee who has ceased to act in the capacity required by subsection
- 28 (1) above shall, surrender such local business tax receipt to the contractor licensing
- 29 manager. If the firm manager designates another firm licensee within the current
- 30 year, no payment of an additional local business tax will be required.
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- SECTION IV: Section 26-53 and 26-54 of Article III, Chapter 26 of the Code of
- 2 Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

- 4 Sec. 26-53. Definitions.
- 5 [The following words, terms and phrases, as used in this article, shall have the
- 6 meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, unless the context clearly
- 7 indicates otherwise:]
- 8 Code means the Code of Ordinances, County of Volusia, as amended, including the
- 9 Volusia County Land Development Code and the Zoning Ordinance of Volusia
- 10 County, Florida.
- 11 Department means the Volusia County Growth Management Department.
- 12 Itinerant merchant (IM) means any person, firm, corporation, organization, or other
- entity selling, displaying, promoting, or giving away merchandise, products or
- services at a location external to a regularly licensed business on a temporary basis.
- 15 The term "itinerant merchant" also includes a business operator, on said operator's
- own property, when said operator conducts activities in open spaces outside of an
- enclosed structure, including but not limited to, activities involving entertainment, the
- sale or display of goods and/or services not part of the normal business activities of
- 19 that operator but encompassed by said county local business tax. Notwithstanding
- 20 anything to the contrary herein, the term "itinerant merchant" shall also include
- 21 business operators who conduct activities within enclosed structures at flea markets
- 22 operating during recognized events on days flea markets are not normally operated
- with appropriate county approvals.

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Sec. 26-54. - Itinerant merchant host license.

(a) Requirement. No itinerant merchant may operate on any site or parcel of property unless the owner of said property has obtained an itinerant merchant host license. Each application shall require the disclosure of the address and parcel number for each and every site or parcel which will be subject to the itinerant merchant host license. No more than one itinerant merchant host license may be

- (b) Compliance. The owner of the site or parcel of property at which an itinerant merchant conducts activities shall be responsible for ensuring that all itinerant merchants operating thereon comply with all requirements of the code, including obtaining an itinerant merchant license for each itinerant merchant operating on said owner's property. In the event an itinerant merchant is operating on publicly-owned property, the person or entity sponsoring or promoting the event shall be responsible for said compliance, including obtainment of an itinerant merchant host license.
- (c) Fees. All itinerant merchant host license applications shall be accompanied by a fee to be established by resolution of the county council and shall not be prorated if a license is purchased during a term as described below. All fees are nonrefundable and nontransferable and shall be made in cash, certified check, cashier's check, money order or business or personal check. Any check which is returned for insufficient funds shall be considered a violation of this article by the itinerant merchant host license holder.
- (d) *Term.* All itinerant merchant host licenses shall be issued for a one-year term. The initial term will be from July 1, 2007, to September 30, 2008, and from October 1 to September 30 for every year thereafter.
- (e) *Permitted locations*. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Code, provided there is compliance with this article and with all other applicable laws and ordinances, an itinerant merchant host license may be issued to an owner of a site or parcel of property which enjoys a county commercial or industrial zoning classification as defined by the Code upon obtaining a county local business tax receipt or where temporary campgrounds may, under the Code, operate pursuant to an approved special exception. No itinerant merchant may operate on any right-of-way. An itinerant merchant host license may be issued to an owner of a vacant site or parcel of property which enjoys a county commercial or industrial zoning classification, pursuant to the Code and is adjacent to and owned by a business

- (f) Posting of license. Each itinerant merchant host license shall be posted in a conspicuous location on the site or parcel of property which is utilized by an itinerant merchant.
- (g) Site preparation and removal. No property owner or itinerant merchant may prepare, store, erect or complete a sales, display or activity area more than five days before the official opening date of a recognized event. A sales, display or activity area shall be entirely removed within three days after the official closing date of a recognized event, unless the official opening date of a subsequent recognized event begins within five days after the official closing date of said recognized event. Notwithstanding provisions of chapter 72, an itinerant merchant licensed in accordance with section 26-55 may be a guest at a temporary campsite five days before the official opening date of a recognized event if said merchant will operate from that site or parcel.

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SECTION V: Section 50-532 of Article VIII, Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

- Sec. 50-532. Licensing of commercial fertilizer applicators.
- (a) By September 30, 2014, a All commercial fertilizer applicators shall abide by and successfully complete training and continuing education requirements in the Florida-Friendly Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources by the Green Industries, offered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection through the University of Florida/IFAS Florida-Friendly Landscapes Program, or an approved equivalent program. Commercial fertilizer applicators shall provide proof of completion of the program prior to obtaining a new local business tax receipt for any category of occupation which may apply any fertilizer to turf and/or landscape plants. Commercial fertilizer applicators with an existing local business tax receipt for any category of occupation which may apply any fertilizer to turf and/or landscape plants

- (b) After September 30, 2014, a All commercial fertilizer applicators shall have and carry in their possession at all times when applying fertilizer, evidence of certification by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, as a commercial fertilizer applicator pursuant to Rule 5E-14.117(18), Florida Administrative Code.
- (c) By September 30, 2014, aAII businesses applying fertilizer to turf and/or landscape plants (including, but not limited to, residential lawns, commercial properties, and multifamily and condominium properties) shall ensure that at least one employee has a Florida-Friendly Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources by the Green Industries training certificate. Business owners for any category of occupation which may apply any fertilizer to turf and/or landscape plants shall provide proof of completion of the program by at least one employee prior to the business owner obtaining a new local business tax receipt. Business owners for any category of occupation which may apply any fertilizer to turf and/or landscape plants with an existing local business tax receipt shall provide proof of completion of the program by at least one employee within 30 days after completing the program and prior to September 30, 2014.

SECTION VI: Section 58-1 of Article I, Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

- Sec. 58-1. Use of on-site sewage disposal systems by industrial or manufacturing operations.
- (a) Each person who owns a building in an area zoned for industrial or manufacturing purposes and uses an on-site sewage disposal system which is installed on or after the effective date of the ordinance from which this section is derived must obtain an annual system operating permit from the county health department. A person who operates a business which uses an on-site sewage disposal system which was installed and approved prior to the effective date of the

- (b) A person who is not exempt under subsection (a) of this section may not operate a system without an operating permit.
- (c) Prior to issuing a construction permit or operating permit for an on-site disposal system, the county health department may require or implement safeguards which the department determines are necessary to ensure that systems are not used for disposal of nondomestic type sewage waste.
- (d) Prior to the issuance of any county local business tax receipt building permit or certificate of occupancy in areas zoned for industrial or manufacturing purposes, the applicant shall first obtain a certificate of compliance from the environmental health division of the county health department.
- (e) An application for the compliance certificate shall be made to the county health department and shall include at a minimum:
 - (1) The name of the user.

- (2) The name of the property owner and/or leaser.
- (3) The specific location of the business.
- (4) A specific identification of each activity, use, operation, service and manufacturing or process product involved in the business.
- (f) The owner or operator of every industrial or manufacturing zone land use in the county for which wastewater and sewage disposal requirements are met through the use of an on-site system shall, prior to changing the nature, character or intensity of such industrial or manufacturing land use and prior to adding any new use or operation to said land use, obtain from the county health department a compliance certificate pursuant to the provisions of this section.
- (g) The county health department shall periodically review and evaluate the continued use of on-site sewage disposal systems in areas zoned or used for industrial or manufacturing purposes and may collect and analyze samples from

within and around the system to determine compliance with state law and the

(h) The county health department is authorized to collect a fee of \$25.00

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or liability for payment of the impact fees imposed by this article.

(3) In the event the impact fee is not paid prior to the issuance of a certificate

of occupancy or the occupancy of the building, the county may collect the impact fee, together with interest from the date payment was due at the rate fixed by law for

judgments, an administrative penalty of five percent per month (to a maximum of 25 percent of all fees unpaid at the time they were due according to the terms of this

article), the costs of such collection and a reasonable attorney's fee. Interest and

- (4) In the event the impact fee rate for a particular land use is changed subsequent to the application of a building permit and before the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, the impact fee shall be the amount in effect on the date the application for a current or pending building permit is received. The impact fee rate for a void, expired, noncurrent, or denied building permit will be the changed impact fee. If no building permit is required upon a change of use of a building, the fee imposed by this article shall be payable at such time as the person making such change shall be required to apply for a county or municipal local business tax receipt or use permit.
- (5) All fees due under this article shall become a lien at the time of the issuance of the building permit or in the case of a change of use on the issuance of a local business tax receipt, as the case may be, such fees shall be due, and shall remain a lien, coequal with the lien of all state, district, county and municipal taxes, superior in dignity to all other liens, titles and claims, until paid. Such lien shall be upon the land on which an improvement is made requiring the payment of fees and shall be for the amount of the fee required, as well as for all penalties and interest due under the provisions of this article.
- (b) *Method of payment*. Payment of fire/rescue service impact fees shall be made to the County of Volusia.
- (c) Disposition of funds. All funds collected shall be properly identified by fire/rescue service impact fee zone and promptly transferred for deposit into the appropriate fire/rescue service impact fee trust fund to be held in separate accounts

information:

- a. Proof of possession of a county local business tax receipt and all required state or
- 2 federal licensure.
- 3 (2) Upon receipt of the application and a nonrefundable application fee established
- 4 by resolution of the council, the director shall determine whether the application
- 5 should be approved. If the applicant meets the criteria stated in this section, the
- 6 director shall approve the application and grant a license for transporting waste or
- 7 used tires within the county.
- 8 (3) The provisions of this section shall not apply to persons who use company-
- 9 owned or company-leased vehicles to transport tire casings for the purpose of
- 10 retreading between company-owned or company-franchised retail tire outlets and
- retread facilities owned or franchised by the same company.

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- 13 SECTION X: Section 114-1 of Article I, Chapter 114 of the Code of Ordinances
- is hereby amended as follows:

- Sec. 114-1. Local business tax.
- a) Levy of tax. The county hereby levies a local business tax and authorizes
 the issuance of business tax receipts as authorized by the provisions of F.S. ch. 205.
 The local business tax shall apply from October 1 of each year and shall expire on
 September 30 of the succeeding year. The amount of tax levied shall be on an
- 21 annual basis. Half-year rates shall be in effect after March 31 each year.
- 22 (b) Tax schedule. Definition of categories and titles within classifications may
- 23 be as provided for by procedures of the finance director or designee. The
- 24 classification and the tax to be levied shall be as provided for in the attachment to
- 25 the ordinance codified in this section. The finance director or designee may create a
- 26 new classification when needed as long as the rate does not exceed the rate
- 27 provided for unclassified categories. Rates may only be increased as provided by
- 28 F.S. ch. 205.
- 29 (c) Certificate of competency. No local business tax receipt shall be issued
- 30 until satisfactory evidence of proof of competency is furnished to the finance director
- 31 or designee for those occupations requiring a certificate of competency.

(e) Due date; delinquency; penalties.

- (1) All local business tax receipts shall be sold by the finance director or designee beginning August 1 of each year, are due and payable on or before September 30 of each year, and expire on September 30 of the succeeding year. If September 30 falls on a weekend or holiday, the tax is due and payable on or before the first working day following September 30. Local business tax receipts that are not renewed when due and payable are delinquent and subject to a delinquency penalty of ten percent for the month of October, plus an additional five percent penalty for each subsequent month of delinquency until paid. However, the total delinquency penalty may not exceed 25 percent of the local business tax for the delinquent establishment.
- (2) Any person who engages in or manages any business, occupation or profession without first obtaining a local business tax receipt is guilty of a violation of this section punishable as provided in section 1-7 of this Code.
- (3) Any person who engages in or manages any business, occupation or profession without first obtaining a local business tax receipt, if required, is subject to a penalty of 25 percent of the receipt due, in addition to any other penalty provided by law.
- (4) Any person who engaged in any business, occupation or profession covered by this section who does not pay the required local business tax receipt within 150 days after the initial notice of tax due, and who does not obtain the required local business tax receipt, is subject to civil actions and penalties, including court costs, reasonable attorney's fees, additional administrative costs incurred as a result of collection efforts, and a penalty of up to \$250.00.
- (f) Applicability of state law. This section is enacted pursuant to the authorization contained in F.S. ch. 205. All other provisions of that statute, including

but not limited to exemptions and distribution of revenue, shall remain in full force and effect.

- (g) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the county manager is authorized to waive the requirements of local business taxes for events sponsored or conducted by recognized religious, civic, fraternal, non-profit or charitable organizations.
- (1) All requests for waiver of fees must be in writing and set forth the name of the sponsoring or conducting group, the nature of the event, the date, time and location and the religious, charitable, social or public purpose to be served by the staging of the event.
- (h) Surcharge for generation of hazardous waste. Pursuant to F.S. § 403.7225, Volusia County hereby levies a surcharge on those firms and businesses which generate hazardous waste in the county, to fund mandated inspection programs required by the State of Florida. Such surcharge will be added to the local business tax normally collected annually by the finance director or designee. Monies collected will be credited to environmental management services to fund the hazardous waste inspection and management program.

The surcharge for firms and businesses that generate between 100 to 1,000 kilograms of hazardous waste per month (between 220 and 2,200 pounds per month) shall be \$50.00 per year. The surcharge for firms or businesses that generate less than 100 kilograms per month (< 220 pounds per month) shall pay \$30.00 per year, which shall be automatically increased annually to the nearest dollar amount in the month of April based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) until the surcharge equals \$50.00 and shall thereafter remain at \$50.00. Procedures will be developed and implemented to identify and assess this hazardous waste surcharge as part of local business tax receipt renewal. Any fees previously collected pursuant to this program administered by the environmental management services are hereby ratified and confirmed.

SECTION XI. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of the Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of the Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such

1	decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses,
2	and phrases of this Ordinance but shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent
3	that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.
4	SECTION XII: CONFLICTING ORDINANCES - All ordinances, or part
5	thereof, in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, repealed.
6	SECTION XIII: EFFECTIVE DATE - This ordinance shall take effect on
7	January 1, 2024.
8 9 10 11 12 13	ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN OPEN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE THOMAS C. KELLY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, 123 WEST INDIANA AVENUE, DELAND, FLORIDA, THIS 7th DAY OF November 2023.
13 14 15 16 17	COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTY OF VOLUSIA, FLORIDA By:
19 20	Jeffrey S. Brower, County Chair
21	ATTEST:
22 23 24	By: George Recktenwald, County Manager
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