

CITY OF GEORGETOWN SPECIAL REGULATORY FEES

- A. Per City of *Georgetown Ordinance No. 04-019*, GSCRC has been appointed to collect special regulatory license fees on behalf of the city.
- B. The activities subject to a regulatory fee have been found to require expenditure of city resources to address issues such as extraordinary traffic, inordinate police activity, use of emergency services, etc. and thus require special regulation and supervision by the city.
- C. The license fees set out below are imposed on every person involved in the business, occupation, calling or profession (activity) named in this section. Persons engaged in a designated activity shall pay the regulatory fee to GSCRC in advance in the case of enterprises not operating throughout the year or on or before the beginning of the fiscal year for enterprises in continuous operation.
- D. In addition to submission of the regulatory fee prescribed below, all businesses and individuals who obtained a Regulatory License are also required to file an annual Net Profit License Tax Return (as well as Payroll Withholding returns if the business has employees.)
- E. Business/Activity Subject to Regulatory Fee:
1. **Amusements.** Any amusement, athletic contest, or entertainment not a part of a duly licensed business or not held in a regularly licensed theater or in a publicly owned or religious building, and not sponsored by a bona fide civic, patriotic, religious or educational organization shall pay a license fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per show or event, or, at the option of the owner or operator, pay an annual license fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) such fee to be paid prior to the show, or, if paying on an annual basis, prior to operation and prior to the each anniversary of operation.
 2. **Carnivals.** Shall mean any temporary outdoor amusement lasting no longer than ten (10) days per calendar year that includes mechanical rides, with or without inflatables. May also include games, live music, games of chance, live entertainment (other than typically associated with a "circus,") booths, food service, merchandise sales, pony rides and/or a petting zoo intended for children. A carnival does not include a circus. Every person engaged in the business of operating a carnival regardless of local sponsorship shall pay a license fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per day that the carnival is operating in the city.
 1. **Circuses.** Shall mean any temporary or special event lasting no longer than ten (10) days per calendar year that is intended or likely to attract substantial crowds to view entertainment and animal performances or displays (other than a petting zoo intended for children and/or outdoor pony rides), and which is not usually associated with the principal use of the property where the special event is to be located. Such events may or may not also include rides, games, booths, food service and merchandise sales. Every person who engages in the business of operating a circus, regardless of local sponsorship shall pay a fee of two hundred (\$200.00) per show.
 3. **Dance halls.** Shall mean any establishment or a place for public dancing that is a place to which the public is admitted for dancing; a public hall primarily and predominantly, although not necessarily, exclusively devoted to dancing." May also be a commercial dancehall for which there is an admission charge, whether such charge is denominated

"donation" or other words of similar meaning. Each dance hall in the city shall pay a license fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per year or ten dollars (\$10.00) per dance.

4. **Dealers in firearms.** *Every* person who engages in the business of buying, selling or trading in firearms *of any type* shall pay an annual fee of one hundred fifty (\$150.00).
 - a. Dealers in firearms shall include flea markets and pawnbrokers which, as a significant part of their business, or, in the case of flea markets, the business of their vendor or vendors.
 - b. The regulatory fee for dealers in firearms shall be assessed to flea markets and pawnbrokers in addition to the regulatory fees otherwise required under paragraphs (6) and (8).
5. **Flea markets.** Every person who operates or conducts a flea market shall pay an annual license fee of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00). An owner or operator of a flea market shall be deemed to be any legal entity which owns, leases, uses or occupies any public place and who lets or rents spaces therein to any other individual for the sale or trading of any merchandise, goods or wares to the public.
 - a. Excluded from this paragraph are the antique mall type businesses located in the downtown area of the city. These businesses, while generally fitting the definition of flea market, do not require the additional municipal services like the larger weekend flea markets located in the highway commercial areas of town. The antique mall type businesses ordinarily rent vendors' space for longer terms resulting in less frequent turnover of merchandise as compared to the flea markets. At least partially related to this difference, the city has not experienced additional municipal service costs as a result of these businesses. The traffic generated by these businesses is spread over a longer time. The parking required for these businesses is accommodated by the available parking throughout the downtown. See paragraph (5) above, for applicability of additional fee.
6. **Itinerant merchants.** Every person who shall engage in, do, or transact any temporary or transient business in the city, for the sale of any goods, wares or merchandise, and who, for the purpose of carrying on such business, shall hire, lease, use or occupy any building or structure, motor vehicle, tent, car, lot, boat, or public room or any part thereof, including rooms in hotels, lodging houses, or in any street, alley, or other public place, or elsewhere, for a period of less than one (1) year for the exhibition of or sale of such goods, wares or merchandise shall pay a license fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).
 - a. No person shall be exempt from the payment of the license imposed by this section by reason of a temporary association with any local merchant, dealer, or trader or by reason of conducting such temporary or transient business in connection with or as a part of the business in the name of any local merchant, dealer or trader.
 - b. Vendors who temporarily setup a booth to sell any goods or services as part of a festival, e.g. rental of a booth during the Festival of the Horse, shall not pay a separate fee under this section. In lieu of the fee which would otherwise be due for each of the vendors under this section, the sponsor of the festival shall be responsible for the payment of a one-time fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

- c. This includes all food trucks that operate inside of the jurisdiction that do not have a permanent restaurant location within the jurisdiction.
7. **Pawnbrokers.** Shall mean any person who loans money on deposit of personal property, or who deals in the purchase of personal property on condition of selling the property back again at a stipulated price, or who makes a public display at his place of business of the sign generally used by pawnbrokers to denote their business, or who publicly exhibits a sign advertising money to loan or personal property or deposit is a pawnbroker for the purposes of this article. A pawnbroker shall pay an annual license fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).
2. **Peddlers and Solicitors.** Shall mean a natural person who engages in selling or soliciting for the sale of goods, wares, periodicals, merchandise or personal property of any sort (hereafter “goods”) from a fixed location on public property or on the public right of way or open space or who engages in selling or soliciting for sale of such goods while moving from place to place, whether as a door to door salesperson or otherwise. All peddlers/solicitors shall pay an annual license fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). *Every person* engaging in solicitation for a business must pay this fee. For example, if ten individuals are soliciting for a home security company then all ten representatives must have a peddler/solicitor license.

SCHEDULE OF REGULATORY FEES

Activity	Cost	Deadline for Application
Amusements	\$50.00 per show	Due prior to show.
	\$200.00 per year	Due prior to operation and prior to each anniversary of operation.
Carnivals	\$250.00 per day	Due prior to event.
Circuses	\$200.00 per show	Due prior to event.
Dance Halls	\$10.00 per dance	Due prior to show.
	\$50.00 per year	Due prior to operation and prior to each anniversary of operation.
Dealers in Firearms	\$150.00 per year	Due prior to operation and prior to each anniversary of operation.
Flea Markets	\$1,200 per year	Due prior to operation and prior to each anniversary of operation.
Itinerant Merchants	\$150.00 per year	Due prior to event.
Festival	\$300.00 per event	Due prior to the event to be paid by sponsor on behalf of vendors. Fee is in lieu of the fees due from each vendor.
Pawnbrokers	\$250.00 per year	Due prior to operation and prior to each anniversary of operation.
Peddlers and Solicitors	\$25.00 per person per year.	Due prior to operation and prior to each anniversary of operation.