

ORDINANCE NO. 121

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH, LEVY, AND
COLLECT BUSINESS PERMIT FEES WITHIN
THE TOWN OF CLINT, TEXAS**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLINT, TEXAS, THAT:

I.

There is hereby levied a fee, and the same shall be collected, from every owner/proprietor of each business established and operating within the municipal limits of the Town of Clint, Texas. For purposes of this Ordinance a business is defined as a commercial venture operating out of a fixed location that is properly zoned for the operation of said business, and is operating within the restrictions and regulations for the operation of said business as established by Federal, State and Local laws, regulations and ordinances. Any business that is one of personal services and or limited to sales derived by the efforts of a sole individual, with said businesses operating without a support staff on site, are specifically exempted from this Ordinance.

II.

All fees shall be due on January 1st of each year and shall become delinquent within ten days thereafter. The fee for the first year shall be prorated to the number of quarters of the year during which the business operates.

III.

Each owner/proprietor required to pay fees pursuant to the terms of this Ordinance shall, before engaging in any such business, pay to the Town of Clint, the fees herein specified for that business, and procure a permit therefor.

IV.

Whenever fees are paid more than ten days after the date that the payment is due, a penalty shall be added in the sum of \$50.00.

Late payment of any fees established by this Ordinance shall not bar prosecution for doing business without a permit.

V.

The Chief of Police of the Town of Clint, Texas, or any Peace Officer is authorized to make inspections of property as necessary to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance. If the owner or person in possession of such property shall refuse to permit the authorized inspector to enter the property for the purpose of making the inspection, the Chief of Police shall have recourse to every remedy provided by law to secure entry,

including judicial warrant.

Any Peace Officer is authorized to issue class C misdemeanor citations to any person found to be in violation of the terms of this Ordinance.

The Town of Clint may collect any fees established under the terms of this Ordinance owing to it by any person by suit against such person in any court of competent jurisdiction.

VI.

The Town of Clint shall collect a fee in the annual amount of \$36.00 prior to the issuance of a business license from the owner/proprietor of any business established and operating within the municipal limits of the Town of Clint, Texas. This fee is in addition to, and not substituted for, any and all other fees established under Federal, State, local Ordinance, or by any other governmental agency applicable to a particular type of business.

VII.

Any person who shall establish and operate a business/commercial venture without the acquisition of a business permit as set out in this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and fined in an amount not to exceed five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.

VIII.

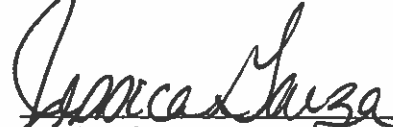
That this Ordinance was enacted with all the formalities requisite to the adoption of Ordinances as evidenced by the signatures below.

ENACTED this 7th day of October, 2003.



Mayor Charles Gonzalez

Attest:



Jessica Garza
Town Clerk

Richard Contreras
Town Attorney