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[Registration Certificate Delinquency Date]

AMENDING ARTICLE 12-B OF PART III OF THE SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL CODE (REVENUE AND FINANCE/BUSINESS REGULATIONS) BY AMENDING SECTION 1007(C), PROVIDING THAT THE RENEWAL FEE FOR THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID ON OR BEFORE THE END OF OCTOBER OF EACH YEAR.

Note:

Additions are <u>underlined</u>; deletions are in ((double parentheses)).

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Article 12-B of Part III of the San Francisco Municipal Code is hereby amended by amending Section 1007(c), to read as follows:

SEC. 1007. REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE. (a) No person subject to tax under Articles 12-A or 12-B of Part III of the San Francisco Municipal Code shall engage in business within the City and County of San Francisco unless said person shall have obtained a current registration certificate issued by the Tax Collector in accordance with the provisions of this Section. Failure to obtain a registration certificate shall not absolve any person from payment of any tax or license imposed by the City and County of San Francisco. Except as provided in Subsection (b), the annual fee for obtaining a registration certificate, payable in advance, shall be as follows: Businesses with a computed tax for the most recent year filed of between \$1 and \$10,000 shall pay \$150, except as provided in Section 1007.2; businesses with a computed tax for the most recent year filed of between \$10,001 and \$50,000 shall pay \$250, except as provided in Section 1007.2; and businesses with a computed tax for the most

recent year filed of \$50,001 and above shall pay \$500. In the event that an applicant has not filed his or her most recent tax statement as required by this ordinance, the Tax Collector will determine the amount of registration fee required.

- Upon commencing any business within the City and County of San Francisco, (b) each person subject to tax shall apply to the Tax Collector, on a form prescribed by the Tax Collector, for a registration certificate; said application shall be accompanied by said person's registration fee based upon estimated business tax liability or payroll expense tax liability for the calendar year in which said person commences a business. A person shall have 15 days after commencing business operations in which to apply for the registration certificate, and to pay the registration fee. Notwithstanding the amount of the annual registration fee set forth in Subdivision (a), for persons who commence business operations after January 1st of any year after 1990, except for those businesses that pay the minimum registration fee of \$25 under Section 1007.2, the registration fee will be prorated as follows: For persons commencing business between January 1st and March 31st, the registration fee shall be 100 percent of the annual fee; for persons commencing business between April 1st and June 30th, the prorated registration fee shall be 75 percent of the annual fee; for persons commencing business between July 1st and September 30th, the prorated registration fee shall be 50 percent of the annual fee; and for persons commencing business between October 1st and December 31st, the prorated registration fee shall be 25 percent of the annual fee.
  - (c) All persons other than business covered by Subsection (b) annually shall, in the

month of October, apply to the Tax Collector, on a form prescribed by the Tax Collector, for renewal of its annual registration certificate; said application shall be accompanied by the full amount of the applicant's annual registration fee for the next succeeding calendar year. The renewal of the annual registration certificate shall become delinquent if not paid on or before the last day of October of each year.

Promptly after receiving each properly completed application and registration (d) fee, the Tax Collector shall conduct an investigation to determine whether the applicant has paid: (1) all outstanding business taxes, (2) payroll expense taxes, (3) costs and/or charges assessed pursuant to Public Works Code Section 174.2 for failure to abate a nuisance regarding the cleanliness of an abutting public sidewalk or right-of-way, and, (4) other taxes and license fees due to the City and County of San Francisco. If the Tax Collector determines that all liabilities have been paid, the Tax Collector shall issue a registration certificate to the applicant, together with a duplicate registration certificate for each place of business maintained by the applicant and (1) in the case of persons making timely application under Subsection (c), the registration certificate shall be issued not later than November 30th; and (2) in all other cases of timely application, the registration certificate shall be issued within 10 days after the Tax Collector receives the application and registration fee. Each registration certificate issued hereunder shall expire on December 31st of the calendar year for which it is issued, and shall be valid only during the period for which it is issued. Such registration certificate shall be nonassignable and nontransferable and shall be surrendered immediately to the Tax Collector upon the cessation of business at the location named or upon its sale or

transfer.

- (e) If the Tax Collector determines that any liabilities enumerated in Subsection (d) above remain unpaid at the time the application is received, the Tax Collector shall give written notification of that fact to the applicant, and shall set forth the amount owed, the liabilities enumerated in Subsection (d) above for which the amount is owed, the dates incurred and any other information the Tax Collector deems necessary fully to apprise the applicant of what liabilities are owed. A registration certificate shall not be issued unless and until the applicant has paid all taxes, license fees, and costs or charges assessed for failure to abate a nuisance condition on a public right-of-way under Section 174 of the Public Works Code, for which said applicant is liable; provided, however, that if there is a dispute regarding outstanding business, payroll or other unsecured taxes or license fees allegedly owed by the applicant to the City and County that is pending in administrative proceedings before the Tax Collector, then the applicant shall not be denied the issuance of a registration certificate by the Tax Collector due to the dispute while the dispute is pending in such administrative proceedings.
- (f) Each annual registration certificate, and each duplicate thereof, shall state the place of business to which it is applicable and shall be prominently displayed therein. Such registration certificate shall set forth the name under which such person transacts or intends to transact business, the location of the registrant's place or places of business and such other information to facilitate the collection of the tax as the Tax Collector may require. The registration shall be signed by the owner if a natural person; in the case of an association or

1	partnership, by a member or partner; in the case of a corporation, by a person authorized by
2	the corporation to sign the registration.
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## City and County of San Francisco Tails

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## Ordinance

File Number:

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Date Passed:

Ordinance amending Municipal Code, Part III, Article 12-B (Revenue and Finance/Business Regulations), by amending Section 1007(C), providing that the renewal fee for the annual registration certificate shall become delinquent if not paid on or before the end of October of each year.

April 12, 1999 Board of Supervisors — PASSED, ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng,

Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Brown

April 19, 1999 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Becerril, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 3 - Bierman, Newsom, Teng

File No. 990307

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on April 19, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young

Clerk of the Board

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**Date Approved** 

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

## ERRATA

Clerk of the Board August 4, 1999

To correct page 1, line 18 by deleting "AND" before 1.48 and inserting "AND

1.49" after 1.48 to read "1.47, 1.48 AND 1.49 (AUTHORIZING"