

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 9, LICENSES, OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, BY AMENDING ARTICLE II. SPECIFIC BUSINESSES AND ACTIVITIES, BY AMENDING SECTION 9-72, PAWNBROKERS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of James City, Virginia, that Chapter 9, Licenses, is hereby amended and reordained by amending Section 9-72, Pawnbrokers.

Chapter 9. Licenses

Article II. Specific Businesses and Activities

Section 9-72. Pawnbrokers.

~~Every person engaging in the business of a pawnbroker shall pay an annual license tax of thirty dollars (\$30.00) or thirty six cents (\$0.36) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of gross receipts, whichever is the greater amount.~~

~~For the purpose of this section a pawnbroker shall be deemed to mean any person who shall in any manner lend or advance money or other things or profit on the pledge and possession of personal property or other valuable things other than securities or written or printed evidences of indebtedness, or who deals in the purchasing of personal property or other~~

~~valuable things on condition of selling the same back to the seller at a stipulated price.~~

~~Every person displaying to the public by painted, or otherwise, the three balls commonly used to designate the pawnbroker's business shall be deemed a pawnbroker and be subject to the license tax required in this section.~~

~~No license shall be issued hereunder unless and until there is presented to the commissioner of the revenue a certificate from the circuit court permitting the operation of this business.~~

~~No license issued under this section shall be proratable or transferable.
(Ord. No. 16A 7, 11 16 81)~~

- 1. For the purpose of this section, a pawnbroker shall be deemed to mean any person who lends or advances money or other things for profit on the pledge and possession of personal property, or other valuable things, other than securities or written or printed evidences of indebtedness, or who deals in the purchasing of personal property or other valuable things on condition of selling the same back to the seller at at a stipulated price.*

2. *Any person desiring to operate as a pawnbroker in the County shall make application to the Commissioner of the Revenue. Such application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee of \$100.00 to cover administrative costs and investigations. The applicant for the pawnbroker's license shall furnish the following:*
 - a. *Copy of application for County business license;*
 - b. *Copy of birth certificate;*
 - c. *Copy of driver's license or other proof of residence;*
 - d. *List of criminal convictions of the applicant, if any, other than traffic offenses, listing the place of each such conviction; and*
 - e. *Finger imprints prepared and certified by the James City County Police Department or authorized Virginia law enforcement agency.*

3. *The Commissioner of the Revenue may issue a pawnbroker license upon receipt of the following:*
 - a. *Statement from the Director of Code Compliance, or his designee, that conduct of a pawnbroker business in the location proposed is in conformity with the County Code;*

- b. *Statement from the Chief of Police, or his designee, that applicant's list of criminal convictions, if any, is accurate; and*
 - c. *Order of authorization from the Judge of the Circuit Court.*
4. *A pawnbroker license shall continue automatically on timely renewal of a business license. The renewal of the business license shall be accompanied by an update to the statement of criminal convictions and a release form authorizing a criminal records check. At any time the Commissioner of the Revenue becomes aware of a felony conviction, the Commissioner may petition the Circuit Court for review of the authorization to issue a license.*
 5. *Every person engaging in the business of a pawnbroker shall pay an annual license tax of thirty dollars or thirty-six cents per one hundred dollars of gross receipts, whichever amount is greater.*
 6. *No license issued under this section shall be proratable or transferable.*
 7. *Every person issued a license to operate a pawnbroker business in the County shall keep a complete and accurate ledger which contains, for each transaction, a description of the goods, the time and date transferred and the name, address, phone number and social security number of the person pawning personal property or other valuable things with the pawnbroker. The ledger shall be open to inspection by the Chief of Police.*



Jack D. Edwards
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



David B. Norman
Clerk to the Board

<u>SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
DEPUE	AYE
TAYLOR	AYE
SISK	AYE
KNUDSON	AYE
EDWARDS	AYE

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia,
this 6th day of April, 1992.

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