



Legislation Text

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Ordinance Number 0768-2024, passed by this Council on March 18, 2024, amended various sections of City Code in order to transfer the License Section and Weights & Measures Section from the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Building and Zoning Services. It has been determined that there was an error in an amendment to City Code Section 599.01 relating to Clean Zone License definitions. This ordinance is necessary to correct that error.

There is no fiscal impact related to this ordinance.

To amend City Code Section 599.01 relating to Clean Zone License definitions to correct an error. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, Ordinance Number 0768-2024, passed by this Council on March 18, 2024, amended various sections of City Code in order to transfer the License Section and Weights & Measures Section from the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Building and Zoning Services; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that there was an error in an amendment to City Code Section 599.01 relating to Clean Zone License definitions; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is necessary to correct that error; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That Section 599.01 of Columbus City Codes is hereby amended as follows:

599.01 Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter the words and phrases defined in the sections hereunder shall have the meanings defined below unless a different meaning is clearly indicated by the context in which the words or phrases are used.

- (a) "License Section or section" shall mean the Section of Licenses in the Department of Public Safety Building and Zoning services and is further defined in Sections 501.02 and 501.03.
- (b) "Special event" shall have the same meaning as set forth in Chapter 923 924. At Council's discretion, a special event can also include a large conference, sports event, or the like thereof for which a city issued permit is not required.
- (c) "Public right of way" shall mean any property owned by the city of Columbus, including but not limited to, any street, road, alley, sidewalk, vacant lot, or other tract of land.
- (d) "Privately Owned Property" as used in this chapter means any property that is not owned by the city.
- (e) "Person" means an individual, firm, corporation, association or partnership.
- (f) "Regulated business" means any person who is required to acquire a license or permit under Title 5 of the Columbus

City Codes before commencing operation in the public right of way.

(g) "Clean Zone" shall mean a geographically defined area within the public right of way that is designated by ordinance of City Council in which all regulated businesses must apply for and obtain a Clean Zone license in order to lawfully sell, distribute, or offer for sale or free of charge, any special event-related services or goods, including but not limited to, food, beverages, flowers, plants, tickets, merchandise, souvenirs, or paraphernalia.

(h) "Clean Zone license" shall mean the license issued by the License Section that authorizes the sale, distribution, or offering for sale or free of charge, any special event-related services or goods for the duration of the Clean Zone designation.

(i) "Ambush marketing" shall mean any regulated business engaging in commercial activity in the designated Clean Zone without a clean zone license that misleads consumers into believing such regulated businesses are officially associated with the special event (including the fraudulent use of official names and trademarks), or performs marketing activities in the designated Clean Zone to dilute the presence of sponsors or regulated businesses that have obtained a Clean Zone license.

SECTION 2. That the previous Section 599.01 of Columbus City Codes is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.