

**ORDINANCE NO: 2024 \_\_\_\_\_**

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 8 – BUSINESSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS OF CODE OF ORDINANCES**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Santee seeks to improve its ordinances to address local opportunities;

**WHEREAS**, the text amendments adds provisions to Sec. 8-30. - Delinquent license taxes, partial payment and Section 8-39. - Early Payment Discount for Annual Resident Business License Renewals;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Town Council duly assembled for the Town of Santee, South Carolina, that Chapter 8 – Businesses and Business Regulations is hereby amended to reflect the following additions and deletions.

**DONE and RATIFIED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September 2024.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: August 14, 2024

Public Hearing: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

2nd/Final Reading: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Donnie L. Hilliard, Mayor

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ATTEST:

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Willia B. Wright, Clerk/Treasurer

## **CHAPTER 8 – BUSINESSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS**

### **DELETE AND ADD:**

Sec. 8-30. - Delinquent license taxes, partial payment.

(a) For non-payment of all or any part of the correct business license tax, the license official shall impose and collect a late penalty of five percent of the unpaid tax for each month or portion thereof after the due date until paid. Penalties shall not be waived. If any business license tax remains unpaid for 60 days after its due date, the license official shall report it to the municipal attorney for appropriate legal action.

~~(b) Partial payment may be accepted by the license official to toll imposition of penalties on the portion paid; provided, however, no business license shall be issued or renewed until the full amount of the tax due, with penalties, has been paid.~~

### **PROPOSED REPLACEMENT**

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(b) The Town may post a neon sign on premises of delinquent business license owner and include business name(s) on its website/social media platforms. The sign shall read: “Public Notice Delinquent Business License Owner” with fine for removal of \$500 per removed signage.

(c) Partial payment may be accepted by the license official to toll imposition of penalties on the portion paid; provided, however, no business license shall be issued or renewed until the full amount of the tax due, with penalties, has been paid.

### **ADD PROPOSED SECTION**

Sec. 8-39. - Early Payment Discount for Annual Resident Business License Renewals.

For resident businesses in good standing with the town's codes and regulations, there will be a two percent discount allowed to be deducted off the calculated business license tax remittance. To qualify for the discount, the resident business must submit their annual business license renewal to the town or State business license tax portal on or before March 31 each year, or via the United States Mail if postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before March 31 each year. No discount will be given below the rate category base fee amount.