

ORDINANCE

To impose license fees on insurers conducting business within the City of Santa Claus, Georgia; to impose a gross premiums tax on insurers operating within the State of Georgia; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and other purposes.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of Santa Claus, Georgia; and it is hereby ordained by authority thereof:

Section 1. Insurers License Fees

There is hereby levied for the year 2000 and for each year thereafter an annual license fee upon each insurer doing business within the City of Santa Claus, Georgia in the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15.00). For each separate business location in excess of one not covered by Section 2, which is operating on behalf of such insurers within the City of Santa Claus, Georgia, there is hereby levied a license fee in the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15.00). For the purposes of this ordinance, the term “insurer” means a company which is authorized to transact business in any of the classes of insurance designated in O.C.G.A. Sec. 33-3-5.

Section 2. License Fees for Insurers Insuring Certain Risk at Additional Business Locations.

For each separate business location, not otherwise subject to a license fee hereunder, operated and maintained by a business organization which is engaged in the business of lending money or transacting sales involving term financing and in connection with such loans or sales offers, solicits or takes

application for insurance through a licensed agent or an insurer for insurance said insurer shall pay an additional license fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) per location for the year 2000 and for each year thereafter.

Section3. Gross Premiums Tax Imposed on Life Insurers

There is hereby levied for the year 2000 and for each year thereafter an annual tax based solely upon gross direct premiums upon each insurer writing life, accident and sickness insurance within the State of Georgia in an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the gross direct premiums received during the preceding calendar year in accordance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 33-8-8.1. Gross direct premiums as used in this section shall mean gross direct premiums as used in O.C.G.A. Sec.33-8-4. The premium tax levied by this section is in addition to the license fees imposed by Section 1 of this ordinance.

Section 4. Gross Premiums Tax. All other Insurers

There is hereby levied for the year 2000 and for each year thereafter an annual tax based solely upon gross direct premiums upon each insurer, other than an insurer transacting business in the class of insurance designated in subsection 1 of O.C.G.A. Sec. 33-3-5, doing business within the State of Georgia in an amount equal to two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the gross direct premiums received during the preceding calendar year in accordance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 33-8-8.2. Gross direct premiums are used in this section shall mean gross direct premiums as used in O.C.G.A. Sec. 33-8-4. The premium tax levied by this section is in addition to the license fees imposed by Section 1 of this ordinance.

Section 5. Due Date for License Fees

License fees imposed in Sections 1 and 2 of this ordinance shall be due and payable on the first day of 2000 and on the first date of each subsequent year.

Section 6. Administrative Provisions

The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a duly certified copy of this ordinance to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Georgia within 45 days of its enactment.

Section 7. Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2000.

Section 8. Severability

In the event any portion of this ordinance shall be declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, it is the intention of the City Council of the City of Santa Claus, Georgia, that such adjudication shall in no manner affect the other sections, sentences, clauses or phrases of this ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect, as if the invalid or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause or phrase were not originally a part of the ordinance.

Section 9. Repealer

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Ordained this 16th day of November 1999 by the Mayor and Council
of the City of Santa Claus, Georgia.

Bernard Harder

Mayor

Attest: _____

Mary K. O'Day

City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of an ordinance
of the City of Santa Claus, Georgia adopted on the
16th day of November, 1999.

Mary K. O'Day

City Clerk

City Seal