

# CITY OF SANTA CLAUS

## Business License Rates - 2023

Any new business desiring to open and do business within the corporate limits of the City of Santa Claus must comply with the following stipulations set forth by this Council and Mayor:

1. Must purchase a business license of the correct classification from the City of Santa Claus prior to the opening of said business.
2. Have this business license displayed where it can be observed on or after opening for business.

Any existing business will continue to have until December 31 of the year at hand to renew their business license.

An ordinance to regulate certain kinds of business in the City of Santa Claus; to fix amount of tax to be paid the City of Santa Claus for the privilege of pursuing the same; the time for paying said tax; the penalty for violating this ordinance; and other purposes.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of Santa Claus, Georgia, that the following specific tax shall be levied and collected for the year 2023, and for each year thereafter unless otherwise changed by ordinance, on the different lines of business carried on an occupations engaged in and followed in the said City of Santa Claus:

Beer & Wine (Retailer) - \$300.00

General Merchandise (Stores) - \$300.00

#### INSURANCE COMPANIES:

Casualty - \$15.00

Life - \$15.00

Accident and Health - \$15.00

Fire - \$15.00

Surety - \$15.00

Paint Contractor - \$50.00

SECTION 2. Be it further ordained that no license above specified shall be granted for a shorter period than one year, except where specified per day or per week.

SECTION 3. Be it further ordained that no license above specified shall be granted to any person for the purpose of carrying on business in tents, booths, or temporary structures, except on special occasions and when the rate per diem and the structure is located outside the fire limits.

SECTION 4. Be it further ordained that the specific tax year of said City shall begin on the first day of January of each year and shall end on the thirty-first of December of the same year and no license issued shall be transferred except by the Mayor and Council in their discretion.

Section 5. Be it further ordained that any person engaged in or attempting to engage in any of the trades, occupation, professions or callings herein above specified and for which a special tax is required to be paid without first having paid the same, or who shall fail or refuse to pay the same, on demand of the City Marshall, the City Clerk or other collecting officer of the City shall be fined the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars and the cost of prosecution, or sentenced to imprisonment for a period of not exceeding ninety (90) days, or to labor on the streets of the City for a period of not to exceed sixty (60) days, either or all, in the discretion of the Council. Be it further ordained by the Mayor and Council that any person engaging or attempting to engage in any of the kinds of business as will appear by reference to said schedule hereto attached, and for which a specific tax is required after the first of January, 2023, without having obtained a license for the purpose of so engaging, shall be penalized twenty-five (25%) percent of the amount of the said specific tax and on conviction of having operated or engaged in any kind of business hereto referred, without having obtained a license to carry on such business in said City, shall be fined in the sum of not to exceed one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, and the cost of said prosecution, or sentenced to imprisonment as provided in the laws of said City, not to exceed sixty (60) days, either or both, in the discretion of the Council.

Be it further ordained by the Mayor and Council that all ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are and the same is hereby repealed and becomes effective on the first day of January, 2023.

Adopted by unanimous consent of the Council on the first reading, all members being present and ordered posted at the City Hall, and the City website.

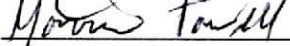
#### Section 2 – Purpose of Tax

The tax levied herein is for revenue purposes only and is not for regulatory purposes, nor is payment of the tax made a condition precedent to the practice of such profession.

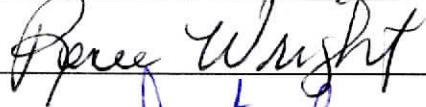
Any business conducting work for the City of Santa Claus shall provide a copy of their proof of liability insurance and purchase business\work permit from City Hall.

Ordered by the following members of Council:

David Evans 

Monte Powell 

Brenda Sells 

Renee Wright 

Mayor Donita Bowen 

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is as true and correct copy of an Ordinance passed by the Mayor and Council of the City of Santa Claus at a meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, as will be shown by minutes of said meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk