

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING BUSINESS LICENSING
THE TOWN OF MANTUA
ORDINANCE # 2015-04-16**

Whereas; the current Land Use Ordinance for the Town of Mantua makes mention of the need of business licenses for certain business activities within the boundaries of Mantua Town.

Whereas: the Land Use Ordinance fails to stipulate time limits for obtaining a business license or penalties for failure to obtain such a license.

Whereas; The Mantua Town Council recognizes the need for greater specificity in the regulation of the licensing of businesses within the Town of Mantua. Therefore the following ordinance is hereby adopted.

Definition: A business is any enterprise, activity or effort to offer a product, service, advice, counseling, labor, lodging, training of, or any activity dealing with the breeding, sale or housing of animals (except for agricultural pursuits), or any other activity specified in the current Land Use Ordinance for the purpose of receiving money or making a profit for said activity. The amount of profit or monies received, if any, for any business activity shall not alter the requirement for a business license.

A business license shall not be required for volunteer or religious groups, governmental entities or agricultural pursuits for activities which may otherwise meet the definition of a business.

A business license required by the above stated definition shall be due and payable no later than the 30th day of January each year. A late fee of \$25 shall be added to the cost of a license purchased after the 30th day of January. Any person, firm or enterprise failing to purchase said license within 30 days of beginning a business shall be fined not to exceed \$100 for the first offense and not to exceed \$150 for any subsequent offense within a three year period.

The fee for a business license shall be as determined periodically by the Town Council.

Violation of this ordinance shall be an infraction.

Approved on Date 04/09/2015

Mayor

Town Recorder/Clerk


