

c.) Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability
\$100,000 each accident. [9-04]

9. BUSINESS LICENSE [6-06, 6-16]

9.1 PURPOSE OF PROVISIONS

The purpose of this chapter shall be to require the annual registration of all business activities and enterprises located within the town and to provide the town with the necessary information concerning the business within the town, including but not limited to the nature of the business operation, number of employees, location of business, and emergency contacts, in order to protect the health, welfare and safety of the town's inhabitants. For the purpose of this section, business activities and enterprises shall include any person or persons carrying on the businesses, trades, professions, or selling of goods, and any establishment that serves or prepares food or drink for public consumption. **For the purpose of this section, operators of short-term rental establishments must obtain a business license.**

9.2 DEFINITIONS

Business: Means and includes all kinds of vocations, occupations, home occupations, professions, enterprises, and nonprofits, any of which are conducted on any premises in the Town of Wiscasset.

Premises: Means and includes all land, structures and places, and the equipment and appurtenances connected or used therewith, in any business, and also any personal property which is either affixed to, or otherwise used in connection with, any such business conducted on such premises.

9.3 LICENSE REQUIRED

A person or organization may not engage in any business activity or enterprise without first obtaining a license from the Town Clerk. In addition, the applicant is responsible for compliance with all pertinent town ordinances and state laws. A separate license shall be required for each business entity and each location. All business licenses shall expire three years after the date of issuance by the Town Clerk. A thirty-day (30) grace period, beginning on the date of permit renewal, is allowed.

9.4 FEE

There shall be no fee for a business license.

9.5 PROCEDURE

Applications for business licenses shall be obtained from the Town Clerk. Applications shall be made in writing and shall state the name of the business, location of business, description of business, name of owner, mailing address of owner, emergency contact information, number of employees; Also, driver's license number, proof of insurance, and proof of registration for those businesses and enterprises associated with motor vehicle use.

9.5.2 The Town Clerk shall submit the business license application to the Selectmen for their approval.

9.5.3 The Selectmen shall deny a license to an applicant when the application is incomplete, contains misrepresentation, false or misleading statements, is unsigned; or the applicant evades, suppresses or refuses to furnish information material to the proper issuance of the license; or the activity for which the license is sought is unlawful, or constitutes a public nuisance; or the applicant fails to first comply with any provision of this article, or other ordinance regulating the business, the business property, or the business location.

9.6 AUTHORIZATION

9.6.1 Registration does not permit the conduct of any business or enterprise if the premises to be used for the business, or the conduct of such business, does not fully comply with the Wiscasset Ordinances.

9.6.2 Non-resident businesses employed on a temporary basis to improve or repair the landowner's property.

9.7 VIOLATIONS

Any person, firm or corporation, including but not limited to a landowner or his/her agent, who violates any provision of the ordinance after receiving notice of such violation shall be subject to the applicable provisions in Town of Wiscasset Ordinances Article IX, Section 2 (General Provisions). The Wiscasset Board of Selectmen or their designee shall be responsible for the enforcement of this ordinance.

9.8 SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect to the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

9.9 EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this ordinance shall be the date of its adoption.