

ORDINANCE NO. 3412

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 5.02.035 OF CHAPTER 5.02 OF THE CORONA MUNICIPAL CODE TO EXCLUDE HOME OCCUPATIONS FROM THE REQUIREMENT FOR A FIRE INSPECTION PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A BUSINESS LICENSE.

WHEREAS, Article XI, § 7 of the California Constitution authorizes cities to make and enforce within their limits all local, police, sanitary, and other ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws; and

WHEREAS, Corona Municipal Code (“CMC”) Chapter 5.02 establishes guidelines and procedures for the issuance of business licenses operating within the City of Corona (“City”); and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2025, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 3408 adding Section 5.02.035 to Chapter 5.02 of the CMC to require an inspection by the Corona Fire Department prior to issuance of a business license to a business that will operate from a fixed location within the City; and

WHEREAS, in adopting Ordinance No. 3408 the City Council did not intend to impose the requirement for an inspection upon home occupations that are permitted pursuant to Chapter 17.80 of the CMC; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Section 5.02.035 of CMC Chapter 5.02 to clarify that the requirement for an inspection by the Corona Fire Department prior to issuance of a business license does not apply to home occupations.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Amendment - Section 5.02.035 (Inspections). Section 5.02.035 (Inspections) of Chapter 5.02 (Business License Tax – Generally) of Title 5 (Business Licenses and Regulations) of the CMC is hereby amended to read as follows:

“5.02.035 Inspections.

As a prerequisite to initial issuance of a business license for a business to be carried on at a fixed place of business within the city, the fixed place of business shall be in compliance with all applicable provisions of the fire code and the location shall conform with the provisions of Title 17 of this code. Upon receipt of an application

for a business license for a business to be carried on at a fixed place of business within the city, the Collector shall immediately refer the application to the city official having responsibility for enforcing the fire code, who, within ten (10) days from the date of the application, shall make an inspection of the fixed place of business to determine compliance with all applicable provisions of the fire code. The applicant shall pay a fee established by resolution of the City Council for such inspection. For purposes of this section, a “fixed place of business within the city” shall not include a structure if the only business being conducted in the structure is a home occupation which is permitted pursuant to Chapter 17.80 of this code.”

SECTION 2. Effective Date. The Mayor shall sign this Ordinance and the City Clerk shall attest thereto and shall within fifteen (15) days of its adoption cause it, or a summary of it, to be published in a general circulation newspaper published and circulated in the City of Corona. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of March, 2025.

Mayor of the City of Corona, California

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

CERTIFICATION

I, Sylvia Edwards, Clerk of the City of Corona, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was regularly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Corona, California, duly held the 5th day of March 2025, and thereafter at a regular meeting held on the 19th day of March 2025, it was duly passed and adopted by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAINED:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Corona, California, this 19th day of March 2025.

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

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