



To: Honorable Mayor and Houston City Council
 From: Sonya Pevan, City Clerk
 Through: Mayor Virgie Thompson
 Date: March 4, 2021
 Subject: City Clerk's Report – February 2021

Licenses, Excise Tax, Sales Tax, and Permanent Fund Levies:

The City Clerk's office has issued the following licenses.

Business Licenses 2019 – 315	Business Licenses 2020 – 258	Business License 2021- 218
Marijuana Licenses		
Marijuana Retail Licenses		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # 10316 Denali 420 Recreationals – Retail • # 11050 Houston Grass Station – Retail 		
Marijuana Cultivation Licenses – Active/Operating		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #10799 Calm N Collective LLC. – Standard • #12461 Guest Services – Standard • #13588 High North LLC. – Standard • #13663 Arctic Farm – Limited • #14885 Karma Grown Gardens, LLC. – Limited • #14956 50 Shades of Green – Standard • #16225 Green Ghost Farms – Limited • #17873 Freedom 49 Farms – Standard • #18516 Bro Bro Budz – Standard • #21021 Choice Extracts – Limited • #21022 Choice Extracts – Concentrate Manufacturing 		
Marijuana Licenses – Active Pending Inspection or completion of certain requirements		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #17409 Kine Co. LLC. – Standard • #22396 Houston Refinery – Standard • #24871 DDIII- Standard- New 		
Marijuana Licenses – Expired/Surrendered		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lazy Mountain Harvest Expired – 8/31/19 		
Marijuana Licenses – Delegated		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #16261 Matanuska Thunder Farms LLC. – Standard • #21709 Solstice Green – Limited 		
Marijuana Licenses – Complete (60-day notice has been sent to governing body)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # 25721 Gold Leaf farms - Limited – New 		
Liquor Licenses		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # 533 Houston Lodge – Beverage Dispensary • # 534 Bears Den – Package Store • # 4380 Jazco Investment, LLC. DBA Susitna Bar & Grill – Restaurant or eating place • # 4526 Jazco Investment, LLC. DBA Susitna Bar & Grill – Beverage Dispensary 		
Non-Compliant Fireworks-Liquor and Marijuana Licenses and Permits		

Fireworks: All permits are in compliance.
Liquor: All Liquor Licenses are in compliance.
Marijuana: All Marijuana Licenses are in compliance.

Business Licenses and New Sales Tax Forms:

Nothing new to Report

Waivers issued by the City Clerk HMC 4.20.150 (F)

The City Clerk shall report all waivers of penalties and fees to the Council at least once each calendar quarter.

I issued no waivers of penalties or fees in the month of January.

Remote Sales Tax Program: MuniRevs-

February- There was a total of 61 business that submitted sales tax to the City, an increase of 17 businesses.

Update to the Uniform Code- on February 24, 2021 the Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax Commission approved updates to the Uniform Code. Mayor & Deputy Mayor along with Administration was able to review the amendments. I have attached a summary for your review. Since the Council adopted the Uniform Code by reference, I am not requesting any additional action at this time. Thursday, March 12th I will be attending a round table discussion with other communities, I will report back to the Council at your April meeting. *HMC 4.21.020 Adoption of Alaska Remote Sellers Tax Code; The City adopts by reference the January 6, 2020 Edition of all provisions of the Alaska Remote Sellers Sales Tax Code, as may be amended, including all definitions set forth therein, and at HMC 4.20.010. (Ord. 20-08 § 10, 2020)*

Appeals: Nothing to report.

Council Agenda: NOTE: Items may be added after this report has been submitted.

Special orders of the day: Mayoral Proclamation recognizing March as Red Cross Month.

Public Hearings: You have no Public Hearing(s).

Introductions: You have no (0) ordinances for introduction.

Consent Agenda:

- February 8, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes.
- February 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

You have the following item for discussion and vote:

- Resolution 21-07: Opposing closures of Borough Waste Disposal Transfer Stations or Transfer Sites.

Committee of the Whole: Update from administration regarding SOA federal funding for COVID-19 testing and vaccines.

City Zoning Board Quasi-Judicial Items: No items

Commissions and Committees:

Planning & Zoning Commission- February meeting cancelled
Parks and Recreation Commission- February meeting cancelled

Elections: Nothing new to report.

PFD Garnishments: Nothing new to report.

Records and Information Management Project (RIM): Nothing new to report.

Other Office Administration: Nothing new to report.



To: ARSSTC Members

From: Clinton Singletary, Statewide Municipal Sales Tax Director

Re: Uniform Code Updates – March 2021

Over the months of December & January, Commission staff met weekly with representatives from member jurisdictions to discuss and work through numerous code updates that Commission staff have been accumulating over the last year. Many of these needed updates are more clerical in nature, but several are more substantive and will have a clear impact on the Commission and/or member jurisdictions.

Following is a breakdown of the more substantive updates that were agreed upon by the Code Update Working Group, including a brief justification / background of why the update is being recommended.

At its February 24, 2021 meeting, the ARSSTC Board of Directors formally approved the proposed updates to the Uniform Code.

Code Section	Description	Justification / Background
Section 040(A)	Threshold calculation updated to include current year, not just previous calendar year.	Not as limiting a timeframe since there are now two time windows to be examined in determining threshold.
Section 050	Was the old Section 230; renamed section to more accurate description; included language for local sale.	No change to the original intent of this section. Section title better describes goal of section and inclusion of "local sale" better describes the type of transaction. "Local Sale" was also added as a new definition.
Section 080 A & B	Remove registration requirement for marketplace sellers who only sell on marketplaces.	Tax would already be collected by the marketplace, the seller would have nothing to report. Versions of this can be found in other states. Added affidavit requirement.
Section 080 (H)	Member jurisdiction business license clarification	Add language explaining that registration as remote seller satisfies jurisdiction business license requirements, but only if seller does not have physical presence in jurisdiction. Common question from sellers.
Section 090 (B)	Allow for annual filing frequency, dependent on member jurisdiction code allowances.	Will be modifying filing frequency change policy to only grant annual if no taxable sales.
Section 110 (A)	Clarifies rounding language	Specifies that only gross sales and exempt sales should be rounded.
Section 120 (C)	Interest on refund requests	Specifies that the Commission will not pay interest on refund requests.



Section 170 (A)	Late Filing fee language	Update late filing fee to max out at 4 months, same as penalty in C.
Section 170 (F)	Penalty Waivers	The code specifies the timeframe in which a waiver can be requested and limits the waiver to one a year. Waiver policy will be developed to fine-tune the number of waivers allowed and the circumstances that will qualify for a waiver.
Section 180	Remote Reseller Certificate	Codifies the existence of the remote reseller certificate
Section 240	Penalty cleanup / clarification	Paragraph A was added to defer to member jurisdiction penalties if the member penalty is different. Removed old paragraph E on late filing fees since that is a duplicate of Section 170.
Section 260	Savings Clause	Provides discrimination protection.
Section 270 – Definitions		
	Local sale	Used in Section 050
	Marketplace	Used in conjunction with definition of marketplace seller, for purposes of Section 080
	Marketplace Seller	For purposes of Section 080
	Point of Delivery	Added paragraph C specific to POD for services
	Remote Seller	Cleaned up definition to focus on a seller making sales into jurisdiction where the seller does not have physical presence. Applies to both in-state & out of state sellers.
	Services	Updated definition to specify any service provided which is delivered into a member jurisdiction.

Other Changes throughout the Uniform Code

- Throughout the code the use of the term jurisdiction was updated to focus on either taxing jurisdiction or member jurisdiction. These definitions were updated such that taxing jurisdiction is just a jurisdiction in Alaska with a sales tax. Member jurisdiction is a taxing jurisdiction that has adopted the Uniform Code.
- Sections 100(C), 130(C), 150(E), and 200 were all standardized for a 3-year timeframe, instead of the varying years.