

BILL NO. _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA,
AMENDING SECTION 7-1101 OF THE FRESNO
MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO BUSINESS LICENSE –
EXEMPTIONS FOR HONORABLY DISCHARGED OR
HONORABLY RELIEVED VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY
OR RESERVIST MILITARY PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, In 2022, the State of California amended the California code Business and Professions Code Section 16102 to provide that honorably discharged or honorably relieved veteran business owners be exempt from local business registration or license fees; and

WHEREAS, the City's municipal code currently includes a business license fee exemption for disabled honorably discharged or relived veterans; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance will update the City's municipal code to be consistent with state law.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 7-1101 of the Fresno Municipal Code is amended to reads as follows:

SECTION 7-1101. – ~~[DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTIONS FOR HONORABLY DISCHARGED OR HONORABLY RELIEVED VETERANS.~~

(a) Any person who is honorably discharged or released soldier, sailor or marine of the United States or of the American Merchant Marine or of the Military Sea Transport Service honorably relieved from the Armed Forces of the United States, who served or shall serve in any war in which the United States has been or may be engaged; who is physically unable to obtain a livelihood by manual labor, and who is a qualified voter of this resident of the [s]tate of California, may hawk, peddle, and vend within the

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Date Adopted:

Date Approved

Effective Date:

City Attorney Approval:



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City any goods, wares, or merchandise owned by the veteran, except spirituous, malt, vinous, or other intoxicating liquors, without the payment of any business registration or tax certificate fee whatsoever, and the City shall issue to the person a tax certificate therefor without costs. upon producing his discharge and proof of his disability, and that he is a qualified voter of this state, may distribute circulars and hawk, peddle, and vend any goods, wares or merchandise owned by him, within the City of Fresno, except spirituous, malt, vinous or other intoxicating liquor, without payment of any license tax or fee whatsoever, and the Department of Finance shall issue to such soldier, sailor or marine of the United States or of the American Merchant Marine or of the Military Sea Transport Service, without cost, a license therefor for a period of thirty days with renewal privileges.

(b) A person who is honorably discharged or honorably relieved from the Armed Forces of the United States and is a resident of the State of California shall not be required to pay any business license tax or fee for a business selling or providing service if the veteran is the sole proprietor of the business.

(c) An active duty or reservist military personnel who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States shall not be required to pay any business license taxes or fees for a business selling or providing services if the military personnel is the sole proprietor of the business.]

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective and in full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the thirty-first day after its final passage.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, TODD STERMER, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2025.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2025
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2025
Mayor Veto: _____, 2025
Council Override Vote: _____, 2025

TODD STERMER, MMC
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ANDREW JANZ
City Attorney

By: _____
Angela M. Karst Date
Senior Deputy City Attorney