

ORDINANCE #26-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS

WHEREAS, the Town of Garden City is a town duly incorporated under the general law of the State of Utah; and

WHEREAS, the Garden City Town Council is the governing body for the Town of Garden City and must administer the Garden City Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, The Garden City Town Council is authorized to govern the health, safety and wellness of the citizens and visitors of the Town of Garden City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to improve the efficiency and administration of its business licensing program by establishing a uniform annual renewal process for all business licenses; and

WHEREAS, the current renewal schedule includes multiple renewal deadlines throughout the year, creating unnecessary administrative burdens for both the Town and licensed businesses; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF GARDEN CITY, UTAH, THAT ORDINANCE 8-107 BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

8-107 License Renewal. All business licenses shall be renewed by January 1st of each year. ~~If a business license is not renewed by January 1st, it is considered to be suspended until such time that the renewal process is complete. If a business license has not been renewed by March 1st, the renewal fee is double the original renewal fee until May 1st. If after May 1st, the business license fee has not been paid, the renewal fee is \$500. The payment of a double fee shall not relieve any person from fully complying with all the requirements of the law, nor from any other prescribed penalties.~~

~~Failure to pay a license renewal fee shall not relieve any business or person from complying with existing business license requirements during the license suspension period, unless the business activity has been completely terminated in compliance with all applicable laws and~~

The annual renewal period for business licenses shall begin on March 1 and end on May 31. All business licenses shall be renewed, and all applicable renewal fees and inspections completed, no later than May 31 of each year. Businesses choosing to not renew their business license will be directed in the annual renewal letter to notify the Town Office. It is the responsibility of the business owner to make the notification in order to avoid future penalty.

Any business license not renewed by May 31 shall be considered suspended until the renewal process is complete and all applicable fees and penalties have been paid. A business that completes its renewal on or before July 1 shall be subject to a late renewal fee of \$500. Any business license not renewed by July 1 shall be deemed expired, requiring a new license application prior to business resumption.

Any business licensed by the Town of Garden City that ~~fails to renew its business license within the renewal deadlines established by the Town~~ **conducts business without a current and valid business license** shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$500 per day for each day the license remains ~~expired or unrenewed~~ **invalid**, beginning on the day following the applicable renewal deadline of July 1st of the renewal year and continuing until the license is renewed or otherwise brought into compliance with this Code.

Payment of the late renewal fee shall not relieve the business owner or license holder of the obligation to comply with all applicable requirements of this Code or other applicable law, nor shall payment of the late fee waive or prevent the imposition of any other penalties, enforcement actions, or remedies authorized by this Code or by law.

If the responsible party fails to make payment to the Town, the Town shall collect the amount owed, including late charges, administrative fees, or other fees, in any one or more of the following ways:

1. Referring the matter to a collection agency;
2. Instituting a civil action to collect the amount owed;
3. Recording a lien on the property that is the subject of the Code violations or fines imposed pursuant to the notice and recording procedures outlined in the Utah Code Ann. § 38-12-101, et seq.; and
4. Any other manner provided by law for the collection of debts.
5. All costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred by the Town in collecting any amounts due and owing under this Chapter shall be paid by the responsible person.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

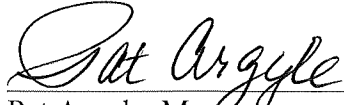
The Town Clerk is authorized and directed to codify this Ordinance of the Garden City Municipal Code and to make such nonsubstantive numbering, formatting, grammatical, and editorial changes as necessary for codification.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED the Garden City Town Council this 8th day of October 2026

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APPROVED:

Attest:


Pat Argyle, Mayor




Cathie Rasmussen, Town Clerk

Voting:	Aye	Nye
Davis	☒	☐
Hansen	☒	☐
House	☒	☐
Larsen	☒	☐
Argyle	☐	☐

(only in a tie)

STATE OF UTAH)
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County of Rich)

I, Cathie Rasmussen, the duly appointed Clerk/Recorder of the Town of Garden City, Utah, do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance #26-21 passed by the Town Council of Garden City, on the 8th day of October 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said Town this 8th day of October 2026.

Cathie Rasmussen
Town Clerk

