

TOWN OF RUSTON

ORDINANCE NO. 1301

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RUSTON, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.01A AND SECTION 5.01A.230 OF THE RUSTON MUNICIPAL CODE, TO IMPOSE THE REQUIREMENT OF A COMPLETED FIRE INSPECTION ON ALL APPLICANTS FOR A TOWN OF RUSTON BUSINESS LICENSE.

WHEREAS, the Ruston Municipal Code currently does not mandate regular fire inspections of businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Ruston finds that regular fire inspections are essential to the safety of businesses operating within the Town limits, and their employees; and

WHEREAS, lack of regular fire inspections of Town businesses negatively impacts said businesses' ability to obtain affordable insurance;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RUSTON, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. RMC 5.01A.230 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

5.01A.025 Registration/license requirements.

In addition to the Requirements for obtaining a business license are found in Chapter 5.05 RMC, the following requirements shall apply to all applicants for Town of Ruston business licenses:

- (a) Each applicant must submit a completed Town of Ruston Business License Application in the form prescribed by the Town Clerk;
- (b) Each applicant maintaining an alarm system on its business premises within the Town of Ruston must include a valid Town of Ruston Alarm Permit along with its completed Business License Application as provided herein;
- (c) Each applicant must submit, along with its completed Business License Application, written proof of successful completion of a fire safety inspection showing the applicant's compliance with the provisions of the International Fire Code as adopted by the State of Washington and the Town of Ruston. A fire inspection may be arranged at no charge to the applicant by contacting the Town Fire Chief, or the applicant may choose to arrange, at its own expense, for a private fire safety inspection by a certified fire safety inspector. The applicant shall be responsible for obtaining a fire safety inspection and proof of compliance as provided herein.

(d) These requirements must be fulfilled each year, prior to December 31, in order to renew an existing Town of Ruston Business License, as provided by RMC 5.05.010.

(e) The provisions of subsection (c) of this section shall not apply to businesses that are "home occupations," as defined by RMC 25.01.020.

Section 2. RMC 13.01.060 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

13.01.060 Duties of members.

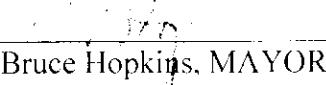
It shall be the duty of each member of the Fire Department to attend all fires in the Town, to report at his designated station immediately upon the sounding of the alarm, to continue on duty until dismissed by the Chief, to attend all drills and practice sessions of which he has notice, to assist the Chief in conducting fire safety inspections, and to obey all lawful orders of the Chief.

Section 3. The Mayor and Town Clerk-Treasurer are authorized to take any administrative measures necessary to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance..

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect five days after its publication.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, part, or provision of this Ordinance should be held Unconstitutional, in conflict with the general laws of the State, or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining sections, parts or provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

ENACTED by the Town Council of the Town of Ruston in open public meeting.
SIGNED by the Mayor and attested by the Town Clerk in authentication of such passage
this 16th day of November, 2009.


Bruce Hopkins, MAYOR

ATTEST


Karen Carlisle
Karen Carlisle, Town Clerk