

Why License?

I Don't Even Sell Anything!



Overview

- The Wheat Ridge business/sales and use tax license
- Who
- Why



Who?



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City of Wheat Ridge Tax Office (303) 235-2820



Engaged in Business in the City

- Code Sec. 22-21
 - Any business activity
 - Any place of business or storage for business
 - Any employee, agent or commissioned seller



Why?



It's the Law

➤ Code Sec. 11-22

- Legislative intent

- No person engaged in business without a license

- Prior –v- current

- Prior – doing business ok while applying

- Current – license prior to operating



Zoning Integrity

- All applications reviewed
 - ❑ Zoning and Public Works
 - ❑ Fit with area code and plan
 - ❑ Sometimes Police Department
 - ❑ Known felons
 - ❑ Try to minimize fraud
 - ❑ Try to minimize potential for fronting illegal businesses

- Certain business types are restricted as to location
 - ❑ Massage parlors
 - ❑ Liquor stores
 - ❑ High-traffic
 - ❑ Others



Taxes

➤ Sales tax

- ❑ All sales to final user

➤ Use tax

- ❑ Business supplies and equipment
 - ❑ Bought at lower tax rate
 - ❑ No tax paid
- ❑ Telecommunications and internet
 - ❑ No tax by vendor
 - ❑ Wrong tax by vendor

3%

Allocation of Services

➤ Police and Fire awareness

- ❑ More to attract criminals
- ❑ Additional traffic
- ❑ Additional people

➤ Maintaining infrastructure

- ❑ Wear and tear on roads, etc.
- ❑ Greater water and sewer demands



Summary

- License required
 - ❑ Anyone
 - ❑ Any business activity
 - ❑ If it's just a mailing address, it's not a business activity.

- For these reasons
 - ❑ Law
 - ❑ Zoning
 - ❑ Taxes
 - ❑ Services



Where to Get More Information

- Seminars upcoming in 2005
- Tax brochure
- Topic sheets
- www.ci.wheatridge.co.us
- Tax office: 303-235-2820

