

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 5 OF THE WILMINGTON CITY CODE RELATING TO RENTAL BUSINESS LICENSES

#4424 **WHEREAS**, a significant portion of the City of Wilmington’s housing consist of rental dwellings; and

Sponsor:

Council Member Freel **WHEREAS**, improving the quality of rental housing is important to the health, safety and welfare of persons residing in such housing, as well as to City residents generally; and

Co-Sponsor: **WHEREAS**, increasing the business license fee for rental dwellings would allow for increased City resources to enforce code requirements; and

Council Member Dixon **WHEREAS**, implementing a flat per unit fee will simplify the current fee structure and bring the City’s fee structure in line with surrounding jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to amend Chapter 5, section 5-101 of the Wilmington Code entitled “Schedule of Fees” by amending the section to increase the business license fee for rental dwelling units to \$100 per unit.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 5 of the City Code is hereby amended at Section 5-101 by deleting the stricken language and by adding the underlined language to read as follows:

Sec. 5-101. - Schedule of fees.

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Financial/real estate service:

Banks, trust company 723.00

Building and loan association 361.00

Collection agency 181.00

Condominium, conversion of apartments to condominium, per unit 60.00

Credit rating, reporting bureaus 181.00

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2017.

Mayor

SYNOPSIS: The Ordinance amends Chapter 5 section 5-101 entitled “Schedule of Fees” by amending the section to increase the business license fee for rental dwelling units to \$100 per unit, not to exceed a total business license fee of \$2,500.