DIVISION 3. - TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENTS

Sec. 13-411. - License required.

(a) No promoter shall organize or promote a temporary special event without first obtaining a temporary business license.

(b) A "promoter" is any person who provides to any other person a sales or exhibit area at a temporary special event.

(c) A "temporary special event" is any exhibition, display or show, involving multiple individual exhibits or booths, for the purpose of selling, trading, bartering or displaying goods or services to the public which is professionally promoted and which lasts for fourteen (14) consecutive days or less within any three-month period. Temporary special events include, but are not limited to, trade shows, festivals and arts and crafts shows. "Temporary special event" includes any festival held not more than once per week during not more than two (2) calendar months per calendar year in the "central business district" as defined in section 14-1 of this Code.

(d) Promoters of events which are not open to the public are exempt from the provisions of this division.

(e) The following are exempt from the requirements of this division: garage sales, bake sales, swap meets, hobby shows, arts and crafts shows, fund raising events, and other similar temporary events provided that (1) the event is sponsored and organized or promoted by a nonprofit service club, hobby club, sports club, charitable, religious, fraternal, civic, eleemosynary or educational institution, (2) the event is entirely organized, promoted and staffed by unpaid volunteer members of such organization, (3) the expenses of the temporary event are paid by the organization and (4) all receipts go to the organization and not to a paid or professional promoter or organizer.

(f) An exempt temporary special event shall not continue for more than three (3) consecutive days.

(g) Organizations otherwise exempt under this section shall not lose such exemption solely because they are sponsored, co-sponsored, programmed or assisted in any manner by the parks and recreation department or conduct a special temporary event on city property.

(Ord. No. 17023, § 1, 9-17-01; Ord. No. 17347, § 1, 6-17-02)

Sec. 13-412. - License application; duty of promoter.

(a) The promoter of any temporary special event shall apply for a temporary business license in the manner set out in section 13-272.

(b)

At the time of applying for a license pursuant to this division, the promoter shall submit to the business license administrator a list of the total number of vendors or exhibitors participating at the special temporary event for which the license is sought. The list shall include the vendors' names, addresses and business phone numbers, as well as a general description of the goods and services offered by each vendor.

(c) The promoter shall be responsible for distributing the necessary sales tax information and forms to any person with a booth or display in the special temporary event.

(Ord. No. 17023, § 1, 9-17-01)

Sec. 13-413. - Applicant license denial or issuance.

(a) If the applicant has been convicted of a felony within the past ten (10) years, the business license administrator may deny the license after considering the nature of the crime committed in relation to the license sought and the conduct of the applicant since the violation.

(b) Additional reasonable conditions may be imposed upon the issuance of a license. Permission to operate a temporary business may be refused if the applicant is unable to comply with the requirements of this division and all other applicable laws and regulations.

(Ord. No. 17023, § 1, 9-17-01)

Sec. 13-414. - License cards.

(a) The business license administrator shall issue to each licensee a license card containing: the words "temporary business license," the period for which the license is issued, the number of the license and the place where the business may be conducted.

(b) A temporary special events license shall be valid for a definite period not to exceed fourteen (14) consecutive days. The duration of the license shall be determined by the number of days of the trade show. A license granted for fewer than fourteen (14) days may be extended up to the fourteen (14) day limit if the temporary special event is extended. If the event is rescheduled due to inclement weather, the license shall be valid during the rescheduled period not to exceed fourteen (14) consecutive days.

(c) The license shall be posted conspicuously at the location of the temporary special event.

(d) The license is not transferable.

(Ord. No. 17023, § 1, 9-17-01)

Sec. 13-415. - Fees.

(a) The fee for a temporary special event license shall be five dollars ($5.00) a day for each vendor participating at the temporary special event, not to exceed a total of fifteen dollars ($15.00) for each vendor.

(b) The temporary special events license fee shall be collected by the promoter from each vendor who intends to be included under the promoter's temporary special event license and shall be remitted by the promoter to the business license administrator three (3) days before the temporary special event. The promoter shall be responsible for any sums collected, and any sum which should have been collected from a vendor.

(Ord. No. 17023, § 1, 9-17-01)

Sec. 13-416. - Compliance with the law.

If the temporary special event involves the sale or preparation of food, the licensee and all food vendors must comply with all provisions of the City of Columbia Food Code. Every licensee under this division shall comply with all city, state and federal laws.

(Ord. No. 17023, § 1, 9-17-01; Ord. No. 17347, § 1, 6-17-02)

Sec. 13-417. - Revocation of license.

Licenses issued under this division may be revoked by the business license administrator for any of the following reasons:

(1) Fraud, misrepresentation or false statement contained in the application for license.

(2) Fraud, misrepresentation or false statement made in the course of carrying on the business.

(3) Any violation of this division.

(4) Conducting the temporary business in an unlawful manner or in a manner that constitutes a breach of the peace or a menace to the health, safety or general welfare of the public.

(Ord. No. 17023, § 1, 9-17-01)

Sec. 13-418. - Appeals.

Any person aggrieved by the action of the business license administrator in the denial of a license or of the revocation of a license, may appeal the decision under the procedures set out in section 13-31 of this Code.

(Ord. No. 17023, § 1, 9-17-01)