



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 10, 2002

Council Session

Item F7

#8768 - Consideration of Amendment to Chapter 13 of City Code Relative to Occupation Tax for Downtown Improvement and Parking District #1 and Downtown Fees.

This request is the annual Council action to establish the occupation tax that supports the budget for Downtown Improvement and Parking District #1. Assessments in this district are based upon an occupation tax on the public space of the businesses operating within the District and are ordinarily paid by the business occupants of the space. This district has been in place since 1975, and is primarily focused on physical improvements such as the purchase and maintenance of parking lots and public green areas, the alleyway improvement project, purchase of holiday decorations, flags, banners, trees, parking monitoring, and snow removal and other activities as allowed by NE. Rev. Statutes 19-4016-4038.

The FY2002-2003 occupation tax factor is \$00.1354 per square foot of public use space, with a minimum annual fee of \$104.72. This level is slightly higher than last year's tax factor of \$00.1260. The increase allows for the continuation and completion of many of the projects underway in the Downtown area. These projects were identified in the Downtown Identity and Design Study and have been adopted as priorities of the Downtown Board. Efforts include: maintenance and care of the green space area in the downtown, including the pocket park on South Front Street, Kaufman-Cummings Park, as well as the entryway signage, and parking enforcement. Approval is recommended.

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ORDINANCE NO. 8768

An ordinance to amend Chapter 13 of the Grand Island City Code; to amend Section 13-3 pertaining to the occupation tax for Downtown Improvement and Parking District No. 1; to repeal Section 13-3 as now existing, and any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and to provide for publication and the effective date of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Section 13-3 of the Grand Island City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§13-3. Tax Rate

The annual rate of the general license and occupation tax and classification of businesses shall be as follows:

1. ~~\$0.1354~~ ~~\$0.1260~~-square foot floor space upon all space used for business and professional offices in the district; provided,
2. ~~\$104.72~~ ~~\$86.15~~-minimum annual tax for any single business or professional office should the tax rate under 1. above be less than ~~\$104.72~~ ~~\$86.15~~.

SECTION 2. Section 13-3 as now existing, and any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and hereby are, repealed.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage and publication, within fifteen days in one issue of the Grand Island Independent as provided by law, and on October 1, 2002.

Enacted: September 10, 2002.

Ken Gnadt, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ? _____
September 6, 2002 ? City Attorney