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ACTION ITEM

Council Meeting Date:	October 16, 2025
Department:	Finance
Issue Under Consideration:	Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article II, "Business License" of the Code of Ordinance for the City of Georgetown by updating the Standardized Business License Class Schedule.
Amount Requested:	N/A
In Current Budget?:	N/A
If not, please explain:	N/A
Financial Impact:	Potential Revenue Loss due to class changes
Points to Consider:	Act No. 176 of 2020, known as the South Carolina Business License Tax Standardization Act and codified in S.C. Code Sections 6-1-400 to -420, requires each municipality levying a business license tax to adopt, by ordinance, the latest Standardized Business License Class Schedule as recommended by the Municipal Association of South Carolina and adopted by the Director of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. Finance requests Council to adopt the Standardized Business License Class Schedule, Appendix B.
Options:	Approve/Disapprove
Staff Recommendation:	Approve

Reviews:

Stephanie Buccione	Created/Initiated	Approver

Attachments:

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AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE APPENDIX OF ART. II, DIVISION 2, "BUSINESS LICENSES" OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN TO UPDATE THE CLASS SCHEDULE AS REQUIRED BY ACT 176 OF 2020.

WHEREAS, the City of Georgetown is authorized by S.C. Code Section 5-7-30 and Title 6, Chapter 1, Article 3 to impose a business license tax on gross income;

WHEREAS, by Act No. 176 of 2020, known as the South Carolina Business License Tax Standardization Act and codified at S.C. Code Sections 6-1-400 to -420 (the "Standardization Act"), the South Carolina General Assembly imposed additional requirements and conditions on the administration of business license taxes;

WHEREAS, the Standardization Act requires that by December thirty-first of every odd year, each municipality levying a business license tax must adopt, by ordinance, the latest Standardized Business License Class Schedule as recommended by the Municipal Association of South Carolina (the "Association") and adopted by the Director of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office;

WHEREAS, following the enactment of the Standardization Act, the Municipality enacted Ordinance No. 2022-20 on September 15, 2022, in order to comply with the requirements of the Standardization Act (the "Current Business License Ordinance");

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Georgetown now wishes to amend the Current Business License Ordinance to adopt the latest Standardized Business License Class Schedule, as required by the Standardization Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the CITY of GEORGETOWN, as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendments to Appendix B. Appendix B to the Current Business License Ordinance, the "Business License Class Schedule," is hereby amended as follows:

(a) Classes 1 through 8 in Appendix B to the Current Business License Ordinance, the "Business License Class Schedule," are hereby amended and restated as set forth on the attached Exhibit A.

(b) Class 9 in Appendix B to the Current Business License Ordinance, the "Business License Class Schedule," shall remain in full force and effect as set forth in the Current Business License Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Repealer, Effective Date. All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall be effective with respect to the business license year beginning on May 1, 2026.

ENACTED IN REGULAR MEETING, this ___ day of _____, 20___.

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Carol Jayroe, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk

First reading: _____

Second reading: _____ Approved as to Form:

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Elise F. Crosby, City Attorney

Exhibit A: Amendment to Classes 1 – 9 in Appendix B of the Current Business License Ordinance

APPENDIX B

Classes 1 – 9: Business License Class Schedule by NAICS Codes

NAICS Sector/Subsector	Industry Sector	Class
11	Agriculture, forestry, hunting and fishing	1
21	Mining	3
22	Utilities	1
31 - 33	Manufacturing	3
42	Wholesale trade	1
44 - 45	Retail trade	1
441100	Automobile dealers (new and used)	9.3
441200	Other Motor vehicle dealers (RVs, boats, motorcycles, ATVs)	9.3
48 - 49	Transportation and warehousing	2
51	Information	4
52	Finance and insurance	7
53	Real estate and rental and leasing	6
54	Professional, scientific, and technical services	4
55	Management of companies	7
56	Administrative and support and waste management and remediation services	3
61	Educational services	3
62	Health care and social assistance	3
71	Arts, entertainment, and recreation	3
721	Accommodation	1
722	Food services and drinking places	2
81	Other services	3
Class 8	**Subclasses**	
23	Construction	8.1
482	Rail Transportation	8.2
517111	Wired Telecommunications Carriers	8.3
517112	Wireless Telecommunications Carriers (except Satellite)	8.3
517122	Agents for Wireless Telecommunications Services	8.3
5241	Insurance Carriers	8.4
5242	Insurance Brokers for non-admitted Insurance Carriers	8.4
713120	Amusement Parks and Arcades	8.51
713290	Nonpayout Amusement Machines	8.52
713990	All Other Amusement and Recreational Industries (pool tables)	8.6

2025 Class Schedule is based on a three-year average (2019 - 2021) of IRS statistical data.