

ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 20-72  
OF THE GREENSBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES  
BUSINESS PERMITS FOR PANHANDLERS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

*Section 1.* Section 20-72 of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 20-72. – Business permit required.

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- (c) A person is not eligible for a panhandler business permit or renewal of a panhandler business permit if:
- (1) The city manager or his designee has received information from the executive officer to the chief of police that the person has two (2) or more violations of this chapter within a period of five (5) years preceding the application for permit;
  - (2) The city manager or his designee has received information from the executive officer to the chief of police that the person has been convicted of two (2) or more offenses within a period of five (5) years preceding the application for permit where each offense involved an assault, communicating a threat, illegal use of a weapon or other act of violence or attempted violence which in North Carolina is classified for sentencing purposes as a class E felony or below, including a misdemeanor, or constitutes an offense in another jurisdiction which is a substantially equivalent offense to a class E felony or below, including a misdemeanor, in North Carolina; or
  - (3) The city manager or his designee has received information from the executive officer to the chief of police that the person has been convicted of one (1) or more offenses within a period of ten (10) years preceding the application for permit where the offense(s) involved an assault, communicating a threat, any sexual offense or abuse involving a minor, any offense to be determined to be a sexually violent offense, illegal use of a weapon or other act of violence or attempted violence which are classified for sentencing purposes as a class D felony or above in North Carolina or, for offenses occurring in other jurisdictions, constitutes offense(s) substantially equivalent to a class D felony or above in North Carolina; or
  - (4) The city manager or his designee has received information from the executive officer to the chief of police that the person has been convicted of one (1) or more offenses of homicide under G.S. § 14-17 or, for offenses occurring in other jurisdictions, constitutes offense(s) substantially equivalent to homicide under G.S. § 14-17, within a period of twenty (20) years preceding the application for permit; or
  - (5) The person otherwise does not qualify for a business permit in accordance with this chapter.

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*Section 2.* That this ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.