

**ORDINANCE 3227**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 010 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS (OCCGF), PERTAINING TO SAFETY INSPECTION CERTIFICATES.**

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**WHEREAS**, the City Commission established Title 5 of the OCCGF outlining Provisions pertaining to Business Licenses and Safety Inspection Certificates in the OCCGF; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission wishes to clarify and update language regarding businesses requiring Safety Inspection Certificates (SIC); and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission wishes to allow for enhanced and more efficient collections of delinquent SIC accounts via modifications to OCCGF Title 5; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission wishes to establish clear penalty and collection provisions for businesses operating within the incorporated City limits without proper SICs, permits, or licenses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA:**

Section 1. The revisions of OCCGF Title 5 are depicted in Exhibit “A” attached hereto, with deleted language identified by ~~strikeout~~ and inserted language **bolded**; and

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after second reading and final adoption by the City Commission.

ACCEPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana on first reading April 20, 2021.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana on second reading May 4, 2021.

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Bob Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

(CITY SEAL)

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Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

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Sara R. Sexe, City Attorney

State of Montana    )  
County of Cascade  : ss  
City of Great Falls )

I, Lisa Kunz, City Clerk of the City of Great Falls, Montana, do certify that I did post as required by law and as prescribed and directed by the Commission, Ordinance 3227 on the Great Falls Civic Center posting board and the Great Falls City website.

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Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

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**5.2.010 Safety inspection certificate.**

- A. Every business, in a building or office, in the jurisdictional limits of the City of Great Falls shall be required to obtain a Safety Inspection Certificate to ensure that the building, store, or office complies with ~~Uniform Safety Codes~~ **applicable building, fire, or safety codes**, and other ordinances and regulations **that have been enacted by the City** for the purpose of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
- B. A Safety Inspection Certificate fee is authorized.
- C. In any multiple business, suite/office structure:
  - 1. Each independently owned and operated business with a separate business address, within said building or structure, shall be required to obtain a certificate; and
  - 2. The building owner/agent shall obtain a certificate for indoor commonly accessed areas.
- D. For multi-family dwelling units of four (4) or more units, only the indoor commonly accessed areas shall require a certificate.
- E. It is unlawful for any person to operate a business within the incorporated City limits without a valid Safety Inspection Certificate. A violation of this section is punishable by a term not to exceed 6 months in jail, a fine of not more than \$500, or both. Additionally, the Court within its discretion, may order the business to cease all operation until it complies with this Title.
- F. A business operating within the incorporated City limits without a valid Safety Inspection Certificate, is hereby declared a Nuisance pursuant to OCCGF Title 8, Chapter 49.
- G. In addition to any penalties listed in this Chapter, the City may refer any outstanding delinquent Safety Inspection Certificate Fees, pursuant to this Chapter, to collections by a collection agency authorized to conduct business in Montana.**

(Ord. 3227, 2021; Ord. 3168, 2017).