

ORDINANCE-3846

1 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CITY CODE
2 SECTION 18-108 PERTAINING TO TEMPORARY
3 OR TRANSIENT BUSINESSES
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5 Section Amended: § 18-108
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7 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH,
8 VIRGINIA THAT:
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10 That Section 18-108 of the City Code is hereby amended and reordained to read
11 as follows:
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13 **Sec. 18-108. - Temporary or transient businesses.**
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15 (a)Except as provided in subsection (b) of this chapter, every person who engages
16 in, or transacts any temporary or transient business in the city for the sale of any
17 goods, wares, merchandise or services and who, for the purpose of carrying on such
18 business, hires, leases, uses or occupies any building or structure, motor vehicle,
19 tent, car, boat or public room, or any part thereof, including rooms in hotels, lodging
20 houses or houses of private entertainment, or in any street, alley or other public place,
21 for the exhibition of or sale of such goods, wares, merchandise or services, shall pay
22 for such privilege a tax of \$500.00. Any such person conducting business in the city
23 for thirty (30) consecutive days or more shall obtain the license and pay the tax or fee
24 required by sections 18.5 and [18-5.2](#) of this chapter. The license required by this
25 section shall not be transferable.
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27 (b)(1)The sale of goods, wares, merchandise and services in the city by merchants
28 and vendors at a community event or an event conducted by a nonprofit charitable
29 organization is hereby recognized as a distinct activity. Any organization conducting
30 such an event may obtain an umbrella license from the commissioner of the revenue
31 that will satisfy the business license requirement for business transacted by all
32 registered merchants and vendors at the event. For any other business conducted in
33 the city by any such merchant or vendor, the appropriate license required by this
34 chapter must be obtained.
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36 (2)The cost of the umbrella license described in subsection (b)(1) shall be \$10.00 per
37 merchant or vendor; provided, however, that regardless of the number of merchants
38 and vendors, the cost of such license shall not be less than \$50.00 nor more than
39 \$500.00.
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41 (3)Notwithstanding subsection (b)(2) a community event sponsored by a nonprofit
42 church or other religious body, a nonprofit rescue squad, or a nonprofit parent-teacher
43 association may obtain an umbrella license described in subsection (b)(1) for no cost
44 provided: (i) the nonprofit church or other religious body, a nonprofit rescue squad, or a

45 nonprofit parent-teacher association makes proper application to the commissioner of
46 the revenue; (ii) the duration of the community event is limited to one calendar day; and
47 (iii) such umbrella license is only applicable to merchants or vendors and is not
48 applicable to other activities such as the sale of prepared food or alcohol.

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Adopted by the Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia on the 5th day of May,
2026.