

TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
Meeting Date: May 9, 2011

SUBJECT: Revisions to the Town of Black Mountain's Privilege License Fee Schedule

AGENDA INFORMATION

Agenda Location: New Business
Item Number: 8-E
Department: Planning and Development Services Department
Contact: Jennifer Tipton, Permits Clerk
Presenter: Jennifer Tipton, Permits Clerk

BRIEF SUMMARY: Privilege license fees have not been updated, except for state mandated changes and the addition of the electronic gaming license last year, since at least 1997. Schedule C of the Privilege License fee schedule is the section that are not limited by statute and contain variable rates that the Town may adjust at will. These. This gives the Town an opportunity to update fees and add additional business categories that have arisen, in an effort to offset some of the loss in revenue the Town took when the state prohibited electronic gaming machines.. Fees from Jacksonville, White Lake, Waynesville, Dunn, Cary, and Roxboro, which are all currently on flat rates, were compared. With these changes, this will put the Town in line with other municipalities.

In doing an analysis of the billing from 2010 and inserting the proposed changes, this would create a revenue increase of \$2,181.00 or 5.5%.

The CEC Committee has proposed that for any new business which submits a business plan that has been approved by the Certified Entrepreneurial Committee, the Town will waive the first year business license fee. Having analyzed the last five new business licenses issued, this program would result in a revenue decrease of \$195.50 with the current rates and a revenue decrease of \$222.50 with the proposed changes, but the program is designed to attract new businesses and set up a mentorship with the CEC at business start-up.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION: To adopt the proposed updates to the Town of Black Mountain's privilege license fee schedule as presented, and approve the CEC's proposal that the Town waive first year privilege license fees for any new business submitting a CEC-approved business plan.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ATTACHMENTS: Proposed privilege license fee schedule changes.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: To adopt as presented.