

ORDINANCE NO. 7,937-N.S

AMENDING BERKELEY MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9.04, BUSINESS LICENSES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Berkeley as follows:

Section 1. That Section 9.04.165 of the Berkeley Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

9.04.165 Professional--Semiprofessional--Connected business.

A. Finance, Insurance, Banking (including Savings and Loans) and Real Estate. Every person in any business, profession or occupation within the business field of finance, insurance and real estate, as described in the most practicable version of the U.S. Government Printing Office publication North American Industrial Classification System Manual, except for those persons whose business is primarily renting real property, as defined in Section 9.04.195, shall be classified as a professional-semiprofessional.

B. Health, Veterinary, Legal, Educational, Engineering-Architectural-Surveying, Accounting-Auditing-Bookkeeping, and Miscellaneous Services Not Classified Elsewhere. Every person in any business, profession, or occupation within the business fields of health, veterinary, legal, education, engineering-architectural surveying, accounting-auditing-bookkeeping, and miscellaneous services not classified elsewhere, as described in the current U.S. Government Printing Office publication entitled North American Industrial Classification System Manual shall be classified as professional-semi-professional.

C. Nothing contained in this section shall be deemed or construed as applying to any person engaged in any of the professions or occupations enumerated in this section solely as an employee or partner of any other person or entity conducting, managing or carrying on any such business in the City.

D. Any person subject to a license under provisions of this section may exclude from gross receipts the portion of those receipts paid to subcontractors, providing that a list of such subcontractors and the amounts of payment are reported to the Director of Finance. The Finance Department shall pursue collection of the business license tax from all reported subcontractors.

E. Any person subject to a license under provisions of this section may exclude governmental or philanthropic research and development ("R&D") grants from gross receipts (as defined in Section 9.04.025), providing that a list of those grants and the amounts of payments received are reported to the City as defined by the Director of Finance. (Ord. 7655-NS § 1, 2019: Ord. 7338-NS § 5, 2014: Ord. 6714-NS § 2, 2002: Ord. 6598-NS § 2, 2000: Ord. 5984-NS § 1, 1990: Ord. 5017-NS § I (part), 1977)

Section 2. Copies of this Ordinance shall be posted for two days prior to adoption in the display case located near the walkway in front of the Maudelle Shirek Building, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Within 15 days of adoption, copies of this Ordinance shall be filed at each branch of the Berkeley Public Library and the title shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

At a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Berkeley held on November 12, 2024, this Ordinance was passed to print and ordered published by posting by the following vote:

Ayes: Bartlett, Hahn, Humbert, Kesarwani, Lunaparra, Taplin, Tregub, Wengraf, and Arreguin.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.