

THE TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
ORDINANCE NO. 89

Adopted: July 9, 2008

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO
REGISTRATION OF BUSINESS NAMES

IT IS ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH, RHODE ISLAND AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Registration of business names.

(a) *Required.* All retail, wholesale, commercial, professional, personal and contracting services and manufacturing businesses and establishments and any other enterprises partnerships, corporations or proprietorships doing business in the town, shall, prior to their commencement of business within the town, register their trade, corporate agent, company or office name, home address and telephone number with the town clerk and the town assessor.

(b) *Fee; certificate.* The annual registration fee shall be twenty dollar (\$20.00) and a certificate shall be issued containing the following information:

- (1) The trade name of the business, if held under a corporate name other than the name of the officers, and their addresses shall also be listed.
- (2) The name of the operator of the business shall also be indicated.
- (3) The type of business to be conducted.

(c) *Display, term and issuance of certificate.* The certificate shall be placed in a conspicuous location in each firm or business location. No certificate shall be issued without proof of all taxes being paid to date and a certificate of occupancy issued by the building inspector. Every certificate shall expire the thirty-first day in December and shall be renewed annually upon payment of the required fee.

(d) *Restriction on use of same trade name.* No other firm or business of the same trade name shall be allowed to register without the approval of the prior registrant in writing.

(e) *Renewal.* All firms and businesses who are required to obtain a liquor, victualling or any other license to operate shall be exempt from the trade name certificate fee, but shall be required to submit a renewal form from year to year.

(f) *Transfer of certificate.* No firm or business shall transfer this certificate unless he submits a request to the city clerk and the person receiving such transfer adheres to all provisions of this section prior to issuance of the certificate of transfer.

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Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.