

**Summary of Substantive Changes
San Luis Obispo County Business License Ordinance**

Code Section(s)	Summary of Changes
6.00.020, 6.00.030, and 6.00.040	Adds “advertising” to the list of business activities which require a County Business License.
6.00.040	An additional fee is no longer required for a business which engages in multiple types of business.
6.00.080	Refers to California Government Code to specify penalties for operating a business without a license.
6.08.000	Modernized to reflect current business practices, including allowing for electronic signatures on license applications.
6.08.006	Amended to provide for informal resolution of licensing disputes prior to appeal before the Board of Supervisors.
6.08.010	Consolidates listing of applicants that may be exempt from business license requirements into one section.
6.08.015	Clarifies that parties exempt from obtaining a County Business License may need to comply with other regulations, including local, state, and federal.
6.08.020	Clarifies those applicants which are required to obtain a license but are exempt from paying a fee, including honorably discharged veterans.
6.08.030	Clarifies that any other permits required as a prerequisite to the issuance of a County Business License must be maintained for the duration of the County Business License issuance period.
6.08.051	Amended to allow up to 30 days for reviewing agencies (such as Sheriff, County Planning, and Health Agency) to reply to County Business License application in order to make application process more efficient for applicants.
6.08.051.1	Updates listing of businesses which may require referral to approving agency prior to the issuance of a County Business License, including newly regulated business types such as massage and tattoo businesses. Consolidates other sections regarding reviewing agencies and business types.
6.08.052	Clarifies that an applicant whose application has been denied must be notified of the denial by the Tax Collector. Additionally, clarifies that licenses may be issued conditionally.
6.08.090	Clarifies situations where the denial of renewal of a County Business License may occur on the recommendation of a reviewing agency. Also specifies the appeal process should such a denial occur.

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6.08.120	Specifies that the Tax Collector, rather than the Board of Supervisors, must verify that insurance is kept in force and effect for all County Business License types where insurance is required by County Code.
6.08.155	Consolidates information about the suspension or revocation of a County Business License and to specify that immediate suspensions are allowed for dangers to the public health or safety. Also harmonizes suspension and revocation provisions with the recently updated Transient Occupancy Tax ordinance.
6.08.160	This section was deleted as these provisions on referral of applications to other agencies have been consolidated in section 6.08.051.
6.08.170, 6.08.180, 6.08.190, and 6.08.200	Clarifies the appeal process for any disputes regarding denial of a license application. Provides for an informal dispute resolution process by the Tax Collector prior to appeals to the Board of Supervisors in order to streamline resolution. Some business types, including fireworks exhibitions, require that any disputes be resolved directly by appeal to the Board of Supervisors.
6.12.030	Allows County Business License holders to request reinstatement of the license up to 180 days after the expiration of the County Business License. After 180 days, a new license application is required.
6.12.040	Updated to reflect current practice of cost recovery fees for new County Business Licenses and renewals set annually by the Board of Supervisors. Clarifies that new license fees are due at the time of application, whether or not the applicant completes the application process.
6.16.010	Updated to refer to the applicable California Government Code section for consistency.
Chapter 6.20	Updated to clarify roles of County officers in the Business License process.
6.20.020	Updated to reflect business practices, such as the Tax Collector acting as the administrator of the County Business License program.
6.20.040	Updated to clarify the role of the Sheriff in the County Business License program, including the review of specified County Business License applications (See note regarding Chapter 6.20, above).
6.20.050	Updated to clarify the role of the County Health Officer in the County Business License program (See note regarding Chapter 6.20, above).
6.20.060	Updated to clarify the role of the Director of County Planning and Building in the County Business License program (See note regarding Chapter 6.20, above).

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6.20.070	Updated to clarify the role of the County Engineer (County Public Works director) in the County Business License program (See note regarding Chapter 6.20, above). Also updates language regarding Public Works authority over businesses which may encroach or impair the public right-of-way.
6.20.075	Updated to clarify the role of the County Agricultural Commissioner in the County Business License program (See note regarding Chapter 6.20, above).
6.20.075.1	Updated definition of “commercial purpose” to align with current statute (Business and Professions Code §12500), and to correct the term “certified” with “licensed” in accordance with BPC §12202.
6.20.075.2	Amended to clarify requirements for agricultural weights and measures to conform with applicable state statute (BPC §12240).
6.24.020	Amended to require a physical description and description of services to be provided by applicants for a transient merchant (“solicitor”) business license
6.24.060	Amended to make reference to section 6.08.006, should the Sheriff recommend against the issuance of a transient merchant (“solicitor”) business license.
6.32.020	Modernizes language in description of allowed fireworks displays.
6.32.080	Allows for annual renewal of a fireworks display county business license, once initially approved by the Board of Supervisors.
6.36.010	Section on “Card Games and Tables” business license applications is updated to comply with requirements of the State Gambling Control Commission to include a specific listing of allowable hours for these types of businesses. Clarification is also provided to note that applicants wishing to obtain board approval to operate temporary tables for a tournament must first apply to the State Gambling Control Commission.
6.36.030	Amended to clarify that a card games and tables license becomes effective on the date the license is issued and is valid for a period of one year.
6.64.030	Section on “Bingo Games” is amended to reference that only businesses authorized by state law (Cal Pen Code 326.5) may apply for a County Business License to conduct bingo games.

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6.64.110	Amends section on maximum allowable bingo game prizes to make reference to state law.
6.64.120	Updated to refer to state law for bingo game “separate funds” and charitable purposes requirements.
6.64.210	Updated to refer to state law for bingo games with respect to penalty for an individual receiving a profit, wage or salary from a bingo game authorized under this chapter.
Chapter 6.75	New chapter regarding applications for a County Business License to engage in business as a massage technician or a massage establishment.
6.75.010	Requires a County Business License when engaging in a massage business in the unincorporated areas of the County.
6.75.020	Exempts massage technicians who hold certificates issued by the California Massage Therapy Council, as required by state law. Also exempts massage establishments who only employ or contract with certificate holders as described above.
6.75.030	Defines “massage”, “massage establishment”, “massage technician”, and “recognized school” for purposes of the ordinance.
6.75.040	Establishes the process for applying for a County Business License for a massage business and requires referral to the County Sheriff.
6.75.050	Establishes the procedure for a massage business application review by the County Sheriff.
6.75.060	Establishes the grounds for a recommendation of denial by the County Sheriff of an application for a massage business license.
6.75.070	Establishes procedure for the recommendation of approval by the County Sheriff of an application for a massage business license.
6.75.080	Section added to specify the contents of a County Business License issued for a massage business.
6.75.090	Section added to specify the issuance period and expiration of a County Business License for a massage business.
6.75.100	Section added to require the display of a County Business License for a massage business (Similar to all other County Business Licenses).
Chapter 6.80	New chapter regarding applicants for a County Business License for “Body Art” businesses.

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6.80.010	Requires a County Business license when engaging in a body art business in the unincorporated areas of the County. Exempts establishments that have a valid license from another California jurisdiction and are only in our county for short periods annually.
6.80.020	Defines “body art”, “body art establishment”, and “body art technician” for purposes of the ordinance.
6.80.030	Establishes the process for applying for a County Business License for a body art business and requires referral to the County Sheriff.
6.80.040	Establishes the procedure for a body art business license application review by the County Sheriff.
6.80.050	Establishes the grounds for a recommendation of denial by the County Sheriff of an application for a body art business license.
6.80.060	Establishes the procedure for the recommendation of approval by the County Sheriff of an application for a body art business license.
6.80.070	Establishes that all body art license applications must be presented to the health officer, and a health permit obtained prior to the issuance of the business license.
6.80.080	Establishes the contents of a County Business License issued for a body art business.
6.80.090	Establishes the issuance period and expiration of a County Business License for a body art business.
6.80.100	Section added to require the display of a County Business License for a body art business (similar to all other County Business Licenses).