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AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, AMENDING APACHE JUNCTION CITY CODE, VOLUME I, CHAPTER 8: BUSINESS, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 8-1 GENERAL BUSINESS AND LICENSING PROVISIONS, SECTION 8-1-1 DEFINITIONS AND ARTICLE 8-2 SPECIFIC LICENSING AND REGISTRATION PROVISIONS, SECTION 8-2-7 PERMITS; FEES, BOTH RELATING TO FORTUNE TELLING BUSINESSES; REPEALING ANY CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES.

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2026, the city council gave direction to staff to review and consider updates to Apache Junction City Code, Volume I, Chapter 8: Business, concerning fortune telling businesses and the permit fees prescribed for them; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the city council to modify and update these provisions to better reflect the modern business environment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I IN GENERAL

1. That existing Apache Junction City Code, Volume I, Chapter 8: Business, Article 8-1: General Business and Licensing Provisions, § 8-1-1 Definitions, be amended by removing the following:

FORTUNE TELLER. A person who purports to have the ability to predict a person's future by palmistry, using a crystal ball or cards, or similar methods.

2. That existing Apache Junction City Code, Volume I, Chapter 8: Business, Article 8-2: Specific Licensing and Registration Provisions, § 8-2-7 Permits; Fees, be amended by removing the following row from the permit table:

Type of Permit: Fortuneteller, palmist (with approval of the director of public safety)

Initial Fee: \$1200.00

Renewal Fee: \$1200.00

SECTION II REPEALING ANY CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance or any part of the codes adopted herein by reference are hereby repealed.

SECTION III PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, phrase, clause or portion of this ordinance or any part of the codes or regulations adopted herein by reference is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION IV PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES

Unless noted otherwise, any violation of any provisions adopted herein, shall be punishable as a class 1 misdemeanor consistent with Apache Junction City Code, Volume 1, Chapter 1: General, Article 1-1: General, § 1-1-11 (A) Penalty.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION THIS 20TH DAY OF MAY, 2025.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

WALTER "CHIP" WILSON
Mayor

ATTEST:

EVIE MCKINNEY
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RICHARD J. STERN
City Attorney