

APRIL 24, 2017

MEMORANDUM TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

THROUGH: BRYANT POWELL, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KATHLEEN CONNELLY, CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: DIRECTION TO STAFF ON MAY 2, 2017  
CHANGES TO CHAPTER 8 BUSINESS AND CITY TAX  
CODE

At your April 17, 2017 meeting you discussed possible changes to City Code Chapter 8 Business and the City Tax Code. While some changes are necessary due to former Governor Brewer's tax simplification program and collection of our city sales and use taxes by the Arizona Department of Revenue as of January 1, 2017, there is an additional opportunity to review the entire chapter and come back with recommendations that would modernize and customize our licensing practices.

At this time I am asking for your direction to proceed with a complete review of City Code Chapter 8 and the transaction privilege tax (TPT) license fee portion of the tax code and return with suggestions that would make both codes compatible with state changes, restore the pre-July 2007 manner of licensing businesses, customize and update requirements to meet local needs and update text to reflect current definitions and terminology.

Please let me know if you have any questions.