



# BUSINESS LICENSE FACT SHEET

### Change in Business License Fee

On September 15, 2015, the City Council held a public hearing and approved a resolution increasing the base fee for a city business license from \$50 to \$75 annually. The change is effective January 1, 2016. Business licenses are issued on a calendar year basis. The base fee includes the first four employees. For each additional employee, the charge of \$8.50 per employee is assessed. The base rate also applies to businesses, hotels/motels and apartments.

The city has not adjusted the base business license fee in more than 22 years. Updating the rate structure puts Beaverton in line with many cities throughout Oregon.

### Business License Fees

Business license fees are considered a general revenue source for the city. In Beaverton, revenues collected from these fees go directly into the general fund to support the city's public safety system, business development activities, community involvement and neighborhood projects, among many other things. The annual income from business license fees is approximately \$640,000. This increase will generate approximately \$120,000 additional funds compared to the previous fiscal year.

All businesses are required to obtain a license, including non-profits (no charge), with a few exceptions that are described in Chapter 7.01 of the Beaverton Code. Business licenses are also required for apartments, hotels and motels. Seasonal licenses are also available for a four-month period.

The city uses data collected from the business license registry to track the number and type of business in Beaverton. This information is incredibly important in developing business development tools the city uses to help Beaverton's small and emerging business base.

### Business License Fee Comparisons with Other Cities

No. of Employees	Gresham	Lake Oswego	Tualatin	Tigard	Hillsboro	Beaverton Current	Beaverton 2016
4	\$ 81	\$ 110	\$ 55	\$ 118	\$ 115	\$ 50	\$ 75
10	99	110	60	415	145	101	126
20	129	150	120	680	195	186	211
30	159	150	120	780	245	271	296
50	219	150	120	780	345	441	466
100	369	150	240	1150	595	866	891

Source: respective web sites

Note: Eugene and Salem do not require a general business license

### For More Information

Please contact the city's Finance Department at 503-526-2254 or visit [www.beavertonoregon.gov](http://www.beavertonoregon.gov).