

Ordinance No. 2575

ORDINANCE TO AMEND CITY ORDINANCE CHAPTER 12 ARTICLE XIII  
PRIVATE SECURITY SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City is in the process of updating its ordinances pertaining to Private Security Services; and

WHEREAS, the Biloxi City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Biloxi that Chapter 12 Article XIII Private Security Services be amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION ONE: That 12 Article XIII Private Security Services is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 12-8-3. – Application for license–Private security service.

Licenses for a private security service, whether an initial license or a renewal of an existing license, shall be applied for and issued pursuant to the following provisions:

(1) No license to engage in the business of operating a private security service shall be issued until an application therefor has been completed and filed with the department of public safety, and no private security service shall engage in the business of providing guard services within the limits of the city until such license has been issued.

(2) The department of public safety shall provide to an applicant for a private security service license a form requesting the information specified in this subsection, which shall be completed and filed with the department of public safety by each applicant for such license, accompanied by payment of a ~~\$15.00~~ \$25.00 license fee. The application shall be executed under oath attesting to the truth and accuracy of the information contained therein. The application shall request of the applicant the following information:

- a. The kind of business to be operated.
- b. The trade name, or any other name, if any, under which the applicant does business and proposes to do business within the city.
- c. The principal place of business and telephone number of such applicant.
- d. The legal name of the applicant for the license. If the applicant is a corporation, the application shall include the date upon which such corporation was registered pursuant to the laws of the state, whether such corporation remains in good

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standing, the name of its registered agent, and the address of its registered office if the address is different from the address of the location of the business. If the business is not a corporation, the application shall include the name, home address and home telephone number of all persons having an ownership interest in such business.

e. The addresses of any residence of the applicant within 90 days preceding the date of the application.

f. The home address of the applicant and the telephone number, and length of time that the applicant has been a resident of such address.

g. The social security and federal employer's identification number of the applicant.

h. The financial status of each applicant, including the amounts of all unpaid judgments against the applicant and the nature of the transactions or acts giving rise to such judgments.

i. The names and addresses of all persons or legal entities owning or controlling the applicant, including but not limited to all partners, principals or managers, and also, if the applicant is a corporation, the officers, directors and shareholders holding at least ten percent of the stock of the corporation.

j. A description of each vehicle proposed to be used by the business, including the make, model, year of manufacture, current state license number, the length of time such vehicle has been in use, and other distinguishing characteristics to be used to designate the applicant's vehicle which will be used in such business.

k. A description of the area in which the private security service desires to operate.

l. The names and addresses of persons and employees who do or will carry weapons in the course of their employment.

m. Such further information as the chief of police and the director of public safety of the city may require.

Sec. 12-8-4. – Same–Private security guard.

A license for a private security guard, whether an initial license or a renewal of an existing license, shall be applied for from the department of public safety and issued and held pursuant to the following provisions:

(1) No license to act as a private security guard shall be issued until an application therefor has been completed and filed with the department of public safety, and no person shall act as a private security guard within the limits of the city until such license has been issued.

(2) The department of public safety shall provide to an applicant for a license a form requesting the information specified in this section, which shall be completed and filed with the department of public safety by each applicant for such license, accompanied by payment of a ~~\$15.00~~ \$25.00 annual license fee. The application shall be executed under

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oath attesting to the truth and accuracy of the information contained therein. The application shall request of the applicant the following information:

- a. The kind of license requested.
- b. The legal name of the applicant.
- c. The legal name of the private security service by which the applicant is employed.
- d. The addresses of any residences of the applicant within 90 days preceding the date of the application, including the home address of the applicant and the telephone number, and the length of time that the applicant has been a resident of such address.
- e. The names and addresses of all the applicant's present and previous employers within the past five years.
- f. The social security number of the applicant.
- g. Disclosure as to the applicant of all final convictions of any crime or misdemeanor, except traffic violations not involving driving under the influence of alcohol, occurring within five years of the date of such application. If such conviction is disclosed, the disclosure shall specify the nature of the crime, the name of the person so convicted, the date of conviction and the jurisdiction in which the conviction was entered.
- h. A complete set of the applicant's fingerprints.
- i. At least three references.
- j. A recent photograph of the applicant.
- k. If the applicant proposes to carry a deadly weapon in the performance of his duties, the permit provided for by MCA 1972, § 97-37-7, which must be attached to the application.
- l. An acknowledgment that pursuant to this article the city shall have the power and authority to conduct an independent inquiry or investigation as to the information provided in the application.

SECTION TWO: This Ordinance shall become effective as soon thereafter as is signed, certified, and as is otherwise provided by law.

The foregoing Ordinance having first been reduced to writing, was read by the Clerk and moved by Councilmember Glavan, seconded by Councilmember Gines, and was adopted by the following vote:

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YEAS:	Lawrence	Tisdale	NAYS:	None
	Gines	Glavan		
	Newman	Shoemaker		
	McGilvary			

The President then declared the Ordinance adopted this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2024.



ATTEST:

APPROVED:

	
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL	PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR