

**ORDINANCE 2015-02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, FLORIDA, INCREASING MUNICIPAL BUSINESS TAX RATES BY NOT MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, Section 205.0535(4), *Florida Statutes*, allows a local government to increase business tax rates up to five percent (5%) every other year upon a majority plus one vote of the local governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Edgewood has not increased its business tax rates in many years; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 205.0535(1), *Florida Statutes*, the City is required to set and increase business tax rates by ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Council of the City of Edgewood, upon a majority plus one vote, has determined that it is in the best interests of the City to increase its business tax rates as provided herein.

**CODING: Underlined words constitute additions to the original text of the Code of the City of Edgewood; ~~strikethroughs~~ constitute deletions to the original text of the Code of the City of Edgewood; and asterisks (\*\*\*) indicate omissions from the original text of the Code of the City of Edgewood which is intended to remain unchanged.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1.** Article II of Chapter 34 of the City of Edgewood Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows and includes a five percent (5%) increase in business taxes:

**Sec. 34-27. - Business tax rates.**

- (a) The business tax rates shall be as follows:
- (b)

Home businesses	<del>\$37.80</del> <u>\$39.69</u>
Beauty shop and/or barbershop	<del>\$93.45</del> <u>\$98.12</u>

Cosmetologist, nail technician, barber/stylist	\$37.80 <u>\$39.69</u>
Facialist, massage therapist, tanning bed operators	\$37.80 <u>\$39.69</u>
Insurance company	\$93.45 <u>\$98.12</u>
Insurance agent	\$37.80 <u>\$39.69</u>
Insurance adjuster	\$37.80 <u>\$39.69</u>
Real estate broker/owner/manager	\$93.45 <u>\$98.12</u>
Real estate licensed sales associate	\$37.80 <u>\$39.69</u>
Property management, leasing agency, rent	\$93.45 <u>\$98.12</u>
Property management, manager	\$93.45 <u>\$98.12</u>
Property management, agent	\$37.80 <u>\$39.69</u>
Appraisers, agency	\$93.45 <u>\$98.12</u>
Appraiser (other than real estate)	\$37.80 <u>\$39.69</u>
Mortgage company/lender (no broker required)	\$93.45 <u>\$98.12</u>
Mortgage brokerage company, broker, principal	\$93.45 <u>\$98.12</u>
Mortgage broker, associate	\$37.80 <u>\$39.69</u>
All other businesses	\$93.45 <u>\$98.12</u>

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Section 2. Conflicts. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, phrase, word or portion of this Ordinance is determined to be invalid, unlawful or unconstitutional, said determination shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section, sentence, phrase, word or portion of this Ordinance not otherwise determined to be invalid, unlawful or unconstitutional.

Section 4. Codification. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be codified as and become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Edgewood. The Sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention and the word "Ordinance", or similar words, may be changed to "Section," "Article", or other appropriate word. The Code codifier is granted liberal authority to codify the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

FIRST READING: **March 17, 2015**

SECOND READING: **April 21, 2015**

PASSED AND ADOPTED upon at least majority plus one (1) vote this **21st** day of **April, 2015**.

  
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John Dowless, Council President

ATTEST:

  
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Bea L. Meeks, MMC, CPM  
City Clerk