Ordinance No. 1919
(Amending or Repealing Ordinances)

CFN=175 – Business Licenses
Passed 5/19/1975
Providing for a procedure for the revocation of Kent Business Licenses

Amended by Ord. 2383
Repealed by Ord. 3035
Amended by Ord. 4001 (Ch. 5.01)
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AN ORDINANCE of the City of Kent, Washington, providing for a procedure for the revocation of Kent Business Licenses.

WHEREAS, certain business practices are detrimental to the general well-being of the citizens of the City of Kent, NOW, THEREFORE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. REVOCATION OF BUSINESS LICENSES. The City Council of the City of Kent is hereby empowered to revoke the Kent Business License of a business operating in the City when, pursuant to the procedures hereinafter established, it finds any of the following:

(1) That the business has engaged in a continuing pattern of false and misleading advertising;

(2) That the business has engaged in oppressive, harassing bill collecting techniques which unreasonably interfere with the debtor's well-being;

(3) That the business has engaged in conduct which is injurious to the citizens of Kent.

Section 2. COMPLAINT. When a citizen of the City of Kent has a complaint concerning the business practices of a business operating within the City he shall make a written complaint in a form prescribed by the City Clerk and give such complaint to the City Clerk. The City Clerk shall transmit all such complaints to the City Council at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 3. HEARING. At such time as the Council, or an appropriate committee thereof, finds that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the business has engaged in any of the acts listed in Section 1, above, it shall order the City Clerk to send a written notice to those persons whose names are on the Kent Business license at the address shown on the license that a public hearing will be held to determine whether the Kent Business License should be revoked. The hearing shall be set at a time
not less than twenty (20) days nor more than sixty (60) days from the date of the notice. If the Council concludes that the business has engaged in the acts listed in Section 1, above, it shall order the Kent Business License of the business to be revoked.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days from and after its passage, approval and publication, as provided by law.

ATTEST:

Betty Shay, City Clerk
MARTIE JENSEN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Donald E. Mirk
DONALD E. MIRK, CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED the 19th day of May, 1975.
APPROVED the 20th day of May, 1975.
PUBLISHED the 23rd day of May, 1975.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 1919, passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

Betty Shay, City Clerk
MARTIE JENSEN, CITY CLERK