Ordinance No. 229

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Kent, regulating temporary Merchants, fixing a license fee therefor, and providing punishment for violating the provisions of this ordinance.

The City Council of the City of Kent ordains as follows:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, to open, conduct, maintain or carry on any store or place of business for the sale of goods, wares or merchandise of any kind or character at retail for a period of less than twelve months, without taking out and procuring a license to do. Said license shall upon application, be issued by the City Clerk, and shall be known as a Temporary Merchant's License. The fee for a said temporary license shall be the sum of Five Dollars per day, if by the month for one or more months, Fifty Dollars per month. Provided however, that if such person, firm or corporation, desires to open up, conduct or carry on a store or place of business for the temporary sale of goods, wares or merchandise, while attempting to secure a permanent location, he shall execute and deliver to the City Clerk a Surety Bond in the sum of $500.00, in favor of and payable to the City of Kent, conditioned that in the event that said business is carried on and maintained for a period of time less than twelve months, the principal of said bond shall pay to the City of Kent, the temporary license fee as herein provided for the time of existence of said business.

Section 2. The following character of business mentioned as a, b, c, d and e, are hereby exempt from the provisions of this ordinance:

(a) A person, firm or corporation, not being a temporary merchant, buying out an existing business, and who shall continue to carry on and conduct such business at the same location and of the same character.

(b) A person, firm or corporation, who is not a temporary merchant, who moves his stock to a new location in the city of Kent, and continues to carry on and conduct such business at the new location.

(c) A manufacturer or producer who manufactures or produces merchandise in the City of Kent, and open or conducts a store or place for the sale of such goods only.
(d) A dealer in food stuffs exclusively.

(e) A person, firm or corporation, who purchases the entire quantity of a bankrupt stock, as to the resale of such goods only, where such bankrupt stock were located in the city of Kent at the time of purchase of same.

Section 3. The Police and License Committee together with the Chief of Police, shall constitute a committee to investigate and make report of the same to the police department or the city clerk, and shall take such action as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 4. Any person, firm or corporation, violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum, not less than Five Dollars or more than One Hundred Dollars, and by imprisonment in the city jail not exceeding 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage approval and publication, as by law provided.

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