

City Administrator's Report

March 2, 2023

Placement of MARC Destination Safe Grant Signs

Two traffic control devices were funded by MoDOT through the MARC Destination Safe Grant. The two signs, including the solar panels and battery packs were purchased for \$6,734.00, which was funded 100% by MoDOT.

The Kustom Signals, Pole Mounted Display 12 (PMD 12) is a speed collection device that allows for traffic flow and speed analysis. The devices capture individual vehicle speeds with a date/time stamp which can then be analyzed to improve enforcement activities and increase safety in designated areas. The devices can also aggregate data to show vehicles traffic flow by day and hour grouping.

The two new devices are installed along South Commercial Avenue, both in the school zone, one capturing northbound and one capturing southbound traffic. The signs are solar powered and collect data 24/7. Only speed, date and time data are collected. No identifying information such as license plate information or photographs are collected.

The signs are programed to only display vehicle speeds, known as immediate driver feedback, during school hours (7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday). This is being done as a control study to see if speeding is affected by the driver feedback.





Business Licensing

During public comment at the February 7 Board meeting, questions were posed regarding business licensing requirements. Attached is a memo from Development Director Jack Hendrix providing information on business licensing.

Winter Weather Response – February 24

On Friday, February 24, the metro experienced freezing rain that caused hazardous road conditions on roads and particularly bridges in the area. Staff promptly responded by treating the affected areas with salt.

Staff began response at 10:00 p.m., treating the affected areas with salt. This work was completed around 1:30 a.m. On Saturday morning, staff responded at 7:15 a.m. to address any refreezing that may have occurred, working until 10:15 a.m. to ensure that the roads and bridges were safe for motorists.

At approximately 8:00 am, Police Officers reported slick streets due to the freezing rain, and staff promptly responded. No accidents were reported to us at this time.

The City used 10 tons of salt to treat the affected areas. No pretreating was done.

Overall, the response to the freezing rain event was efficient and effective. Thanks to streets staff, the roads and bridges were treated promptly, and no accidents were reported.

Meeting Schedule

Just a reminder that a number of upcoming meetings have been cancelled or moved:

- The March 21 meeting is cancelled due to Spring Break
- The April 4 meeting is moved to April 3 due to the April 4 municipal election
- The July 4 meeting is cancelled for the Holiday and City Hall is closed July 3 & 4
- The August 1 meeting has been cancelled as Mayor Boley will be out of town.

Additionally, a meeting has been added to the planning calendar: May 9 has been identified for the Board of Aldermen Retreat/Budget Planning meeting. We have secured the same MCC facility space as used last year for this date. Please let me know if this date does not work for you and we will work to identify another date – we would like to complete this work in May.

Date:	March 1, 2023
Prepared By:	Jack Hendrix, Development Director
Subject:	Business Licensing Questions

At a recent Board meeting, a citizen inquired about the licensing of businesses, and identified several LLC's that rented property that did not have a business license. In order to provide information on the questions, a brief history is needed.

The question concerning various LLC's not holding business licenses is two-fold. First, the city does not distinguish between the type of tax structure chosen by the business. Second, if the business conducted falls within §610.130 of the city code, a business license is needed. These two items work together to answer the questions. The obligation in §610.130 applies equally to an individual sole proprietorship, a partnership, or any of the various types of corporations (LLC, C-Corp, S-Corp). If they are listed in Section §610.130, they must obtain licenses. The City's authority is derived from state law, specifically §71.620 R.S.Mo.

It was also specifically identified that there were several LLC's that rented property without licenses. Since before 2007 when current staff took over responsibility of administering this ordinance, landlords of all kinds have not been required to obtain a license to rent its' property. That applied equally to individual owners, apartment owners, commercial property managers or other commercial landlords.

It is also important to note that a new state law from August (§71.990 R.S.Mo.) was passed that placed restrictions on municipalities ability to regulate certain Home-based businesses. Staff will be working with the city's attorneys to review our existing ordinances for compliance with the new law, and will present any needed changes to the Board at a later date.

Our ordinance, §610.130, delineates the types of businesses that can be assessed the occupation license fee. The following is a list of the businesses contained in our ordinance. You will see that this is a list created approximately 100 years ago by a state law, so many of these businesses no longer exist.

Abstracting business Coal dealers, retail and wholesale Abstracting agency Cold storage house or locker plant

Adding machine company Cash register agency

Addressing business Caterer

Advertising agency Chair rental concern
Advertising company Collection agency

Auction house Contractor
Automobile accessory dealer Confectioner

Automobile dealer or agency Dairy products dealer

Automobile rental or leasing company Druggist, retail and wholesale

Automobile repair shop Dye house

Automobile washing and oiling concern Dance hall or house Accountant Dancing school

Adjustor or adjusting company Delivery truck or auto

Ambulance company Drummer

Architect, engineer or draftsman Electric battery or changing station

Baker, retail or wholesale Florist
Ball or bowling alley Flour mill

Bathhouse Foreign coffee and tea dealer and agent Blueprint maker Foundry

Bookbinder Groceries, retail and wholesale

Bottling works

Butcher, retail and wholesale

Bakery delivery wagon or truck

Bank or trust company

Grain elevator

Hat cleaner

Hay merchant

Hospital, private

Barbershop Hotel and motel
Beauty parlor Hothouse
Bicycle repair shop Ice dealer
Blacksmith shop Ice plant

Bondsman and agent

Building or housecleaning company

Building or house mover, raiser or

Building company

Lee truck or wagen

wrecking company

Business licenses

Ice truck or wagon
Insurance broker

Business or correspondence school for Insurance company or agency

profit Investment company
Cafe Job wagon or truck
Cigar and tobacco stand Junk dealer or auto yard

Clothes cleaner Land title — guarantor of

Clothes presser and dyer Land title insurance

Clothes rental concern Laundry

Laundry wagon or truck Laundry branch or agency

Lumber dealer

Lunch stand or counter

Mail order merchant or house

Manufacturer Masseur

Merchants, retail and wholesale Monument dealer or agency

Moving picture show

Machine shop
Manufacture agent

Merchant delivery company Messenger or delivery service

Milk wagon or truck Miniature golf course Newspaper, advertising

Nursery

Oil station, retail or wholesale Piano and organ dealer or agent Popcorn stand or peanut stand

Printing business
Produce dealer
Poultry dealer
Publishing business
Patent right dealer

Pawnbroker

Photographer, business or studio

Pool hall and pool tables

Ready to wear clothing agency

Restaurant

Radio or television station, commercial

Real estate loan or rental company

Renovating or repair business

Sand plant

Secondhand business

Soft drink stand or vendor

Safe deposit company

Sale of unclaimed goods

Sales agent or agency

Sewing machine

Shoe shine parlor Shoe repair shop Sign hanger

Skating rink, ice or roller Storage warehouse

Tailor-made clothing agency

Tailors Theaters

Sign maker

Wholesale house or merchant

Towel supply agency

Trade school
Trailers, business

Tree surgeons and trimmers
Trucker and transfer company

Typewriter agency

Upholsterer

Vacuum cleaner agency or rental

business

Vermin exterminator Waste paper company Welding business

Well driller

Window cleaning business

Wood dealer