

CITY OF LYNNWOOD

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING MERCHANT PATROL AGENCIES AND MERCHANT PATROLMEN AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND REVOCATION OF LICENSES THEREFOR AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Lynnwood finds that the unregulated activities of Merchant Patrol Agencies and Merchant Patrolmen may tend to and do injure the interests of the citizens of the City of Lynnwood; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of this ordinance is necessary for the protection, and preservation of the public health, safety and welfare,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

10.26.010 Merchant Patrol Agency and Merchant Patrolman Defined:

Merchant Patrol Agency shall mean and include any person engaged in, or who holds himself out as being engaged in, the business of offering or providing for hire or reward, the service of guarding or protecting persons or property, money, securities and other valuables, or who patrols streets, districts, or territory for such purposes.

"Merchant Patrolman" shall mean and include any persons employed by a Merchant's Patrol Agency to guard or protect persons or property, money, securities or other valuables, or patrol streets, districts, or territory for such purposes.

10.26.020 Merchant Patrol Agency License Required: No Merchant Patrol Agency shall engage in business within the City of Lynnwood without a valid Merchants Patrol Agency License issued by the City Clerk, the annual fee for which shall be as follows:

For Three or less Merchant Patrolmen employed - \$25.00 per year

For Four or more Merchant Patrolmen employed - \$100.00 per year

10.26.030 Merchant Patrolman License Required: No person shall engage in the occupation of a Merchant Patrolman without a valid Merchants Patrolman's License issued by the City Comptroller, the annual fee for which shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00); Provided, that any person holding a valid Detective Agency License issued under Ordinance 10.25, may engage in the activities set forth without complying with such license requirements. The expiration date for such licenses shall be December 31st of each year.

10.26.040 Application for Merchant Patrolman's License: Application for a Merchant Patrolman's License shall be made to the City Clerk on forms to be approved by them for that purpose, shall be signed and verified by the applicant, and shall state his full name, age, residence, his present and previous occupation, and the address of the place of business and the name of his employer. Each application for a Merchant Patrolman's License shall be accompanied by two prints of a recent photograph of the applicant (full face view) one inch by one inch in size. The City Clerk, upon presentation of an application for a Merchant Patrolman's License and before acting upon the same shall request the Chief of Police to make a full investigation as to the truth of the statements contained therein and as to any and all matters

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which might tend to aid the City Clerk in determining whether or not the application shall be granted. The Chief of Police shall, within five (5) days after the date of such request furnish a written report to the City Clerk containing the results of this investigation, and if the Chief of Police is satisfied that the statements contained in said application are true, that the applicant is of good moral character and has complied with all requirements of this ordinance, he shall so certify for issuance of the license applied for in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, otherwise, said application shall be denied. Each such license issued shall bear the photograph and right thumbprint of the license holder.

10.26.050 Penalty for Employing Unlicensed Merchant Patrolman: No Merchants Patrol Agency shall employ any person as a Merchant Patrolman who does not possess a valid and subsisting Merchants Patrolman's License. Violations of this provision shall constitute grounds for the revocation of a Merchants Patrolman Agency License.

10.26.060 Merchant Patrol Agency Bond Required: Every applicant for a Merchants Patrol Agency License shall at the time of application furnish to the City Clerk for filing with the City a surety company bond running to the City of Lynnwood, in a penal sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) conditioned that the licensee will faithfully comply with all the requirements of this ordinance, insofar as they relate to the business of merchant patrolman or merchants patrol agency.

THIS ORDINANCE shall take effect five (5) days after its passage, approval and publication.

PASSED this 23rd day of June, 1975, and signed in authentication of its passage this 23rd day of June, 1975.



M. J. HRDLICKA, Mayor

ATTEST:



R. W. NOACK, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



J. GAYLORD RIACH, City Attorney

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