

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2894

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE OF THE
CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA TO UPDATE THE CLASS SCHEDULE
AS REQUIRED BY ACT 176 OF 2020, AND TO UPDATE THE RATE SCHEDULE**

WHEREAS, the City of Sumter, South Carolina (the Municipality) is authorized by S.C. Code Section 5-7-30 and Title 6, Chapter 1, Article 3 to impose a business license tax on gross income;

WHEREAS, by Act Number 176 of 2020, known as the South Carolina Business License Tax Standardization Act and codified at S.C. Code Sections 6-1-400 to -420 (the “Standardization Act”), the South Carolina General Assembly imposed additional requirements and conditions on the administration of business license taxes;

WHEREAS, the Standardization Act requires that by December thirty-first of every odd year, each municipality levying a business license tax must adopt, by ordinance, the latest Standardized Business License Class Schedule as recommended by the Municipal Association of South Carolina (the “Association”) and adopted by the Director of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office;

WHEREAS, following the enactment of the Standardization Act, the Municipality enacted Ordinance Number 2840 on December 19, 2023, in order to comply with the requirements of the Standardization Act (the “Current Business License Ordinance”);

WHEREAS, the City Council of the Municipality (the “Council”) now wishes to amend the Current Business License Ordinance to adopt the latest Standardized Business License Class Schedule, as required by the Standardization Act; and

WHEREAS, the Council also desires to establish a revised rate schedule to maintain an anticipated revenue neutral total for the City business license tax as a result of the revised class schedule,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Sumter, South Carolina, as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendments to Appendix A. Appendix A to the Current Business License Ordinance, the “Business License Rate Schedule,” is hereby amended and restated as set forth on the attached Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. Amendments to Appendix B. Appendix B to the Current Business License Ordinance, the “Business License Class Schedule,” is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) Classes 1 through 8 in Appendix B to the Current Business License Ordinance, the "Business License Class Schedule," are hereby amended and restated as set forth on the attached Exhibit B.
- (b) Class 9 in Appendix B to the Current Business License Ordinance, the "Business License Class Schedule," shall remain in full force and effect as set forth in the Current Business License Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Repealer, Effective Date. All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall be effective with respect to the business license year beginning on May 1, 2026.

ADOPTED IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED THIS 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025.

CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

David P. Merchant, Mayor

James B. Blassingame, Mayor Pro Tempore

Calvin K. Hastie, Sr., Councilman

Colin C. Davis, Councilman

Gifford M. Shaw, Councilman

Anthony Gibson, Councilman

Rebecca Lynn Kennedy, Councilwoman

ATTEST:

Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk

First Reading: October 21, 2025
Second/Final Reading: November 4, 2025

Exhibit A: Amendment to Appendix A of the
Current Business License Ordinance

APPENDIX A
BUSINESS LICENSE RATE SCHEDULE

Application Fee: \$50.00

RATE CLASS	INCOME: \$0 - \$2,000	INCOME OVER \$2,000
	BASE RATE	RATE PER \$1,000 OR FRACTION THEREOF
1	\$ 25.00	\$1.20
2	\$ 30.00	\$1.40
3	\$ 35.00	\$1.70
4	\$ 40.00	\$2.00
5	\$ 45.00	\$2.30
6	\$ 50.00	\$2.50
7	\$ 55.00	\$2.95
8.1	\$ 50.00	\$0.90
8.2	Set by state statute	
8.3	MASC Telecommunications	
8.4	MASC Insurance	
8.51	\$12.50 + \$12.50 per machine	
8.6	\$50 + \$ 5.00 per table	\$2.50
9.1	\$ 40.00	\$2.00
9.2	\$ 50.00	\$2.60
9.3	\$ 25.00	\$0.85
9.5	\$225.00	\$1.40
9.6	\$100.00	\$2.60
9.7	\$250.00	\$5.25

NON-RESIDENT RATES

Unless otherwise specifically provided, all taxes and rates shall be doubled for nonresidents and itinerants having no fixed principal place of business within the Municipality.

DECLINING RATES

Declining Rates apply in all classes for gross income in excess of \$1,000,000, unless otherwise specifically provided for in this article.

Gross Income in \$ Millions	Percent of Class Rate for each additional \$1,000.00
0-1	100%
1-2	95%
2-3	90%
3-4	85%
4-5	80%
5-6	75%
6-7	70%
7-8	65%
8-9	60%
9-10	55%
Over 10	50%

Exhibit B: Amendment to Classes 1 – 8 in Appendix B of the
Current Business License Ordinance

APPENDIX B
Classes 1 – 8: Business License Class Schedule by NAICS Codes

NAICS Sector/Subsector	Industry Sector	Class
11	Agriculture, forestry, hunting and fishing	1
21	Mining	3
22	Utilities	1
31 – 33	Manufacturing	3
42	Wholesale trade	1
44 – 45	Retail trade	1
48 – 49	Transportation and warehousing	2
51	Information	4
52	Finance and insurance	7
53	Real estate and rental and leasing	6
54	Professional, scientific, and technical services	4
55	Management of companies	7
56	Administrative and support and waste management and remediation services	3
61	Educational services	3
62	Health care and social assistance	3
71	Arts, entertainment, and recreation	3
721	Accommodation	1
722	Food services and drinking places	2
81	Other services	3
Class 8	Subclasses	
23	Construction	8.1
482	Rail Transportation	8.2
517111	Wired Telecommunications Carriers	8.3
517112	Wireless Telecommunications Carriers (except Satellite)	8.3
517122	Agents for Wireless Telecommunications Services	8.3
5241	Insurance Carriers	8.4
5242	Insurance Brokers for non-admitted Insurance Carriers	8.4
713120	Amusement Parks and Arcades	8.51
713290	Nonpayout Amusement Machines	8.52
713990	All Other Amusement and Recreational Industries (pool tables)	8.6

2025 Class Schedule is based on a three-year average (2019 - 2021) of IRS statistical data.