

**CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE #791**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON AMENDING TITLE 5
RELATING TO BUSINESS LICENSING THRESHOLDS**

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35.90.080 requires the adoption of a model ordinance to address out-of-city licensing/delivery concerns; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 a final recommendation created a two thousand dollar (\$2,000) threshold for out-of-city licensing, with an option to require no-fee registration-only requirement for licensing below that threshold; and

WHEREAS, that threshold has been revised and goes into effect January 1st, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Title 5 relating to business licensing must be revised to reflect this change;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GOLD BAR ORDAINS that Gold Bar Municipal Code Title 5.04.040 be updated as follows.

Section I, Title 5, Business Licensing

Section II, Severability

Section III, Effective Date

Section I, Title 5, Business Licensing

5.04.040 Exemptions:

N. Threshold with fee-free license/registration only option: for purposes of the license by this chapter, any person or business whose annual value of products, gross proceeds of sales, or gross income of the business in the incorporated limits of the city is equal to or less than ~~two thousand dollars (\$2,000)~~ four thousand dollars (\$4,000) and who does not maintain a place of business within the city, shall submit a business license to the Department of Licensing through the city's business license application process. The threshold does not apply to regulatory license requirements or activities that require a specialized permit.

1. Beginning January 1, 2026, the threshold amount is \$4,000. The threshold amount will be adjusted every forty-eight months on January 1, by an amount equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI") for "West Urban, All Urban Consumers" (CPI-U) for each 12-month period ending on June 30 as published by the United States Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics or successor agency. To calculate this adjustment, the current rate will be multiplied by one plus the cumulative four-year (forty-eight month) CPI increase using each 12-month period ending on June 30 of each prior year, and rounded to the nearest \$100. However, if any of the annual CPI increases are more than five (5) percent, a five (5) percent increase will be used in computing the annual basis and if any of the annual CPI decreased during the forty-eight-month period, a zero (0) percent increase will be used in computing the annual basis.

Section II, Severability

This ordinance is severable and if any portion of it shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining portion shall remain valid and enforceable.

Section III, Effective Date

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

Passed by the Council for the City of Gold Bar on this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Attest: _____, Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

Attest: _____, Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

First Reading: _____

Posted: _____

Second Reading: _____

Passed: _____