

**ORDINANCE NO. 507  
(AS AMENDED THROUGH 507.1)  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.  
507 REGULATING CLOSING OUT AND RELOCATION SALES**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, do ordain as follows:

**Section 1.** No person, firm or corporation shall, without first obtaining a license, advertise or conduct a sale of goods, wares or merchandise that is represented as a sale for the liquidation or closing out of a business or a portion thereof, or the relocation of a place of business, or as a fire, water or other casualty sale, or as an assignee's, adjuster's, trustee's, receiver's, creditor's or bankrupt's sale, or any other sale which is by representation or advertisement intended to lead the public to believe that upon the disposal of the goods to be placed on sale, the business, or the portion thereof at the advertised location, will cease and be discontinued or be relocated to a new place of business. This ordinance shall not apply to foreclosure, bankruptcy sales, or other similar sales conducted under the direction of or pursuant to the order of a court or a governmental agency, or to licensed auctioneers selling at auction.

**Section 2.** Application for a license shall be made to the Sheriff, in such form as he may require and shall include the following information, which must be certified to under penalty of perjury:

- a. The applicant's business and residence addresses, and the name and address of the legal owner of the stock to be sold.
- b. A complete inventory of all stock on hand and of all goods not yet on hand which will be offered at the sale. Applicant shall submit proof that goods not on hand already belong to applicant, or that applicant is legally bound to purchase or dispose of such goods. The inventory shall include the wholesale price of all items.
- c. The length of time that applicant has conducted the business or used the business name under which the proposed sale will occur, and the length of time at the present address.
- d. All other information required by the Sheriff for a complete determination of facts necessary to issue a license.

**Section 3.** The license shall be issued for a 30 day period, and the fee therefore shall be \$50.00. In cases of hardship, not more than two 30 day extensions of time may be granted, and the fee for each 30 day extension or any portion thereof shall be \$20.00. Not more than one license shall be issued to any applicant within a twelve month period, and any person who is the majority owner of the stock in a corporation shall be deemed to be an applicant for the purposes of this section.

**Section 4.** It shall be unlawful to sell, offer or expose to sale at any sale for which a license is issued, any goods, wares or merchandise not listed in the inventory furnished the Sheriff at the time of obtaining the license, or to make any replenishments or additions to such stock for the purpose of such sale, or to fail, neglect or refuse to keep accurate records of the items sold, which records shall be and remain available for inspection by the Sheriff during and for one year after the conclusion of the sale.

**Section 5.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to violate any provision of this ordinance. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of an infraction or misdemeanor as hereinafter specified. Such person, firm, or corporation shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each and every day or portion thereof during which any violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance is committed, continued, or permitted.

Any person, firm, or corporation so convicted shall be: (1) guilty of an infraction offense and punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a first violation; (2) guilty of an infraction offense and punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for a second violation. The third and any additional violations shall constitute a misdemeanor offense and shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or six (6) months in jail, or both. Notwithstanding the above, a first offense may be charged and prosecuted as a misdemeanor. Payment of any penalty herein shall not relieve any person, firm, or corporation from the responsibility for correcting the violation.

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