CITY OF ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Agenda Date: 7/6/09 Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: An Ordinance of the Albany City Council Amending Section 5-1.24

Cumulative Remedies of the Albany Municipal Code

REPORT BY: Robert Zweben, City Attorney

Kim Denton, City Treasurer

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Introduce for first reading - Ordinance 09-09, an Ordinance of the Albany City Council Amending Section 5-1.24 Cumulative Remedies of the Albany Municipal Code, and waive reading.

BACKGROUND

This amendment to the Business License Ordinance relates to persons operating a business in Albany without having first obtained a business license. Along with the remedy of suing the person/business in court for the balance due, the current ordinance allows for charging the person with a misdemeanor. The current business license ordinance requires the exclusive enforcement tool of charging people with a misdemeanor, and there are no fines associated with this citation. Adopting Ordinance 09-09 would provide for administrative citations and would set citations fees for first, second, and third offenses within one year.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Adopting Ordinance 09-09 would allow the City Treasurer, along with a Police Officer to issue an administrative citation to any person(s) operating a business in Albany of any type who has not first obtained a business license. The administrative citation would provide for fines of \$100 for the first violation; \$200 for the second violation within one year; and \$500 for each additional violation within one year.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

Not applicable

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Adoption of Ordinance 09-09 would provide an increase in fees to the City in an amount not yet determined.

Attachments:

Ordinance 09-09