ORDINANCE NO. 18127

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Councilmembers Bill Haynes and Harold Lane, relating to the issuance of merchant guard licenses and identification cards, amending City of Topeka Code §§ 30-66 and 30-424, and specifically repealing said original sections.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS:

Section 1. That City of Topeka Code § 30-66, Merchant guard or merchant patrol, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Merchant guard or merchant patrol.

(a) The annual bi-yearly (every two (2) years) license fee for persons engaged in the merchant guard or merchant patrol business, and agents and employees of merchant guards or merchant patrols, shall be as follows:

(1) Agents and employees of merchant guards or merchant patrols:
   a. First-year Initial application . . . . $30.00 60.00
   b. Annual Renewal . . . . . . 25.00 50.00

(2) Merchant guards, merchant patrols or persons engaged in the business of installing, servicing or answering alarm systems for security purposes:
   a. First-year Initial application . . . . $300.00 400.00
   b. Annual Renewal . . . . . . 100.00 $200.00

(3) Any person engaged strictly and solely in the business of monitoring telephone alarm service, per year . . . . . . . . $25.00

(4) Temporary license . . . . . . $5.00
(b) Each applicant for a license under this section shall be individually responsible for license fees and shall pay such fees as a condition to license processing. Licenses shall expire on December 31 of each year twenty-four (24) months from the initial date of application, and each renewal thereafter.

Section 2. That City of Topeka Code § 30-424, Identification cards, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Identification cards.

(a) The chief of police shall issue an identification card/license to each approved applicant which shall be carried by the licensee at all times while on duty as a merchant guard. The identification card/license shall be approximately two and one half (2 1/2) inches by four (4) inches and shall include the following information:

(1) The type of license and expiration date thereof; and

(2) Name, business address, physical description and picture of the licensee; and

(3) The name of the employer if the licensee is an agent or employee of a merchant guard or merchant patrol; and

(4) The signature of the licensee and that of the chief of police; and

(5) A statement as to whether or not the licensee is authorized to carry a firearm; and

(6) Such other information as the chief of police may deem advisable.

(b) The chief of police is hereby authorized to collect from each applicant the sum of twenty dollars ($20.00) for each new identification card/license, and a fee of
fifteen dollars ($15.00) shall be collected from each licensee for each annual bi-yearly renewal for the cost of reproduction of the identification cards/licenses.

Section 3. That City of Topeka Code §§ 30-66 and 30-424 are hereby specifically repealed.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication in the official City newspaper.

Passed and approved by the City Council _______ NOV 18 2003 _______

Duane F. Pomeroy, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:

Iris E. Walker, City Clerk

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