

CITY OF PITTSBURGH

Department of Permits, Licenses and Inspections (PLI)

Rules and Regulations pursuant to the Pittsburgh City Code, Title VII Business Licensing

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I. Applicability

The City of Pittsburgh Department of Permits, Licenses and Inspections (hereinafter "PLI") enforces Title Seven, Title Ten, and Title Nine of the Pittsburgh City Code (hereinafter referred to as the "PCC," the "Code," and/or the "City Code"), as amended. PLI's License Officer is required to promulgate and enforce reasonable rules and regulations necessary to the operation and enforcement of Title Seven, Business Licensing (PCC § 701.03(a)(1))¹. The *Rules and Regulations* herein apply to all business and trade licensing within the jurisdiction of the City of Pittsburgh (also referred to herein as "the City") that are issued and enforced by PLI. Policies and the like not outlined in the PCC, Title Seven and the *Rules and Regulations* herein shall be at the discretion of the License Officer.

1. Availability of Rules and Regulations

The License Officer shall ensure that a copy of the *Rules and Regulations* is kept at PLI's office at all times and is available as reference for employees and the public. Licensees are solely responsible for ensuring that they and, if applicable, all of their partners, employees, subcontractors, etc., read, understand, and comply with the *Rules and Regulations* herein.

2. Definitions and Abbreviations

Applicant. A person applying for a license issued by PLI.

Business. The name of the business and, where applicable, the address where the licensed business activity shall take place. Applicants and licensees will also provide the type of business—online applicants will be prompted to select the type of business from a list.

Contractor license. A license provided to a business as defined by the *Rules and Regulations* for the purpose of obtaining building permits issued by PLI that do not require a trade license.

Effective Date(s) of Rules and Regulations. The date(s) on which these *Rules and Regulations* and amendments go into force and effect.

Effective Date of License. The first date on which the business license is in effect and licensed business can occur.

Expiration Date. The date on which a license or certification is no longer valid and connected business must cease unless the license is renewed.

Grace Period. A time frame after the expiration date in which a licensee seeking renewal may be delinquent in their license fees and requirements, but may apply to renew their current license following satisfactory completion of all renewal

¹ Citations to the City of Pittsburgh Code of Ordinance will be denoted by the prefix "PCC" followed by the numeric reference.

requirements. The amount of time of the grace period varies depending on the type of license as defined in the *Rules and Regulations*.

Issuance Date. The date that the license requirements were initially satisfied and the license ready to be printed.

Lapse. A license which has expired and surpassed its allotted grace period. All licensees that allowed their license(s) to lapse are required to apply for a new license and meet all new license requirements at the time of new application.

Legal Entity. The legal name that is connected to a business or person and their associated City of Pittsburgh tax identification number.

License. A permit from PLI granting authority to carry on a trade or to perform an applicable, corresponding business operation.

Licensee. A license holder for any use or period of time of any special privilege granted relevant to any provision of Title Seven. The person(s), business(es), or legal entity(ies) actually performing and/or immediately and directly supervising the work for which a license is required must possess and maintain a license in accordance with the *Rules and Regulations* and the PCC.

License Officer. The Director of PLI who is empowered by the PCC to delegate authority to any other PLI officer or employee.

Most Recent Issue Date: The date that the license was most recently issued as recorded on the official license document.

“PLI.” Abbreviation for the City of Pittsburgh Department of Permits, Licenses and Inspections

“PCC.” Abbreviation for and reference to the City of Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances (also referred to herein as the “Code” and the “City Code”). This Code of Ordinances is free and available to the public at www.municode.com.

Revocation. The act of cancelling and closing a license. Revocation of a license is determined by the License Officer.

Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Certification. A certification provided to contractor firms or individuals who are trained by an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) -approved training providers and follow lead-safe work practices.

Suspension. A temporary hold on a license, during which a Licensee may not resume business activity related to the license, including but not necessarily limited to work on permits, until the terms connected to the suspension are satisfied, if applicable. Suspension periods are determined by the License Officer.

Trade License. A license provided to an individual based on satisfactory education and experience in a given trade as determined by the License Officer.

3. **Non-Discrimination & Reasonable Accommodations**

The License Officer shall not permit any rules, policy, or action, express or implied, which discriminates on account of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or any other classification identified in the Pittsburgh Anti-Discrimination Ordinances (PCC Title Six, Article V).

For all rules and regulations articulated herein and all services provided by PLI, applicants and licensees may request reasonable accommodations due to a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, by communicating the need for the accommodation to the License Officer in writing. The License Officer shall respond to the request within three (3) business days. For purposes of making a reasonable accommodation request, the Licenses Officer can be contacted at: 412-565-9929.

II. General Provisions

1. Compliance

At the time of application for and throughout the entire duration of the license, all licensees must conform to the requirements articulated in the *Rules and Regulations* and the PCC for obtaining and maintaining a license.

2. Fees

A. Payment of License Fee(s) and Issuance of Licenses: Prior to the issuance of a new license and/or renewal of a license

- a. any and all license fees connected to obtaining and/or renewing a particular license must be paid in full, and
- b. the applicant/licensee must satisfactorily complete all license requirements.

B. Promulgation of License Fees: At least annually, PLI shall post a license fee schedule. The license fee schedule will be posted on PLI's website and at PLI's office. Copies of the fee schedule are available at PLI's office and website.

- a. **New License Fee:** A fee for a new license. New license fees apply to new license applications, including license holders who have allowed their license to lapse and have applied for a new license.
- b. **Renewal License Fee:** A fee for a renewed license. Renewal license fees apply to each and every license that is renewed in good standing prior to the end of the grace period.
- c. **Renewal License Penalty Fee:** A renewal penalty shall be assessed for each and every license not renewed by the license expiration date but before the end of the allotted grace period.

C. Adjustment of License Fee: When the status of the licensee changes to place the licensee in a different classification that corresponds with increased license fees, then the licensee must pay the corresponding fee increase (PCC § 701.07 (a)). There will be no adjustment to decrease license fees.

3. Payment Standards

PLI shall only accept payment in the form of checks, e-checks, money orders and credit and debit cards. PLI shall not accept payment in the form of cash.

A. Checks and Money Orders

- a. Checks and money orders must be made payable to "Treasurer - City of Pittsburgh."
- b. No more than five (5) application fees may be included in one check or money order.

- c. Applicants who provide incomplete applications or incorrect check or money order amounts shall be subject to a hold on the processing of any applications until the transaction or application requirements are met.
 - d. If correction of incomplete and/or incorrect applications and/or transactions is/are not received by PLI within three (3) business days of receipt of the noncompliant application and/or payment, checks and/or money orders shall be returned to the applicant's last recorded mailing address.
- B. If the full amount for a license is due, PLI will not accept partial payment(s).
 - C. PLI will accept a payment for a license and a separate payment for a late fee at one time. Licenses will not be processed and/or issued unless all costs associated with the license, including any late fees, "not sufficient funds" ("NSF") fees, and any other fees connected to the applicant are paid in full.
 - D. Funds provided to PLI that are incorrect will be rejected and sent back to the applicant.
 - E. For each check returned from the bank due to "not sufficient funds (NSF)," applicants will have to pay a fee as listed in the fee schedule.
 - F. Applicants who have had two (2) returned checks due to insufficient funds will be required to provide payment via money order thereafter.
 - G. PLI will not accept funds in excess of fee amounts due.
 - H. PLI will not accept payments over-the-phone.

4. Proration

Where applicable and specified in these *Rules and Regulations*, PLI will calculate and assess to the applicant/licensee a pro-rated fee for additional costs associated with business license amendments. There will be no adjustment to decrease license fees.

5. Refunds

License fees are nonrefundable unless the fee or any part thereof was collected in error, as determined by the License Officer.

A. Refund Requests

- a. Refund requests must be made in writing via email or letter to the License Officer.
- b. The License Officer will review requests on a case by case basis.
- c. The request must include:
 - i. An explanation of the reason for the request;
 - ii. The license number;
 - iii. The licensee's name; and

iv. The licensee's contact information.

6. Posting Licenses

Licenses issued by PLI shall be posted by the Licensee in a conspicuous location where the public can easily see and read them without difficulty or need of assistance.

Licenses will contain electronic codes (QR codes), which must be made visible and easily accessible to scan by anyone (customers, general public, government employees, inspectors, etc.) without assistance.

7. License Inspections

- A. From time to time, PLI will inspect licensed business premises to ensure compliance with requirements for license-connected business activity. Obstruction or denial of entry for authorized inspections shall be considered grounds for suspension or revocation of a license.
- B. License inspections may be made at the time of a new license application, license renewal, receipt of complaint, or at any time during the duration of a license.
- C. Trade licensees must carry a copy of their PLI-issued trade license at all times while performing work under permits issued by PLI. Inspections of the trade license may be made at any time at the job site as required.

III. Applications & Processing

1. Applications for Licenses Issued by PLI

The License Officer shall create forms, and maintain applications, forms, and records completed or provided by applicants and licensees for all licenses issued and enforced by PLI.

- A. Per the PCC, the License Officer shall prescribe the manner of submission of all applications, which is set forth in the PCC and these *Rules and Regulations*.
- B. Applicants shall submit applications electronically through the PLI license and permit portal known herein as “One Stop PGH.” Applicants may submit electronic application in-person, at the PLI office, with staff assistance. Applicants may only submit PLI-approved forms and not forms of their own creation. The OneStopPGH customer counter is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for City-observed holidays. PLI reserves the right to reduce and close the Counter to for internal staff trainings or to meet public safety requirements and provides notification of these changes on PLI’s website.
- C. Applications not submitted electronically through One Stop PGH will be input by PLI staff. In these circumstances PLI staff will be inputting the applications; however PLI staff will not be creating user accounts for applicants/licensees.
- D. Applicants may bring their completed paper applications to the PLI service counter or mail their applications to PLI, where they will be input through One Stop PGH by PLI staff.
- E. Incomplete applications submitted and abandoned for 60 days after a final requests for requirements will be closed and all fees forfeited.
- F. Businesses submitting more than five (5) applications in a calendar year must do so online through the OneStopPGH customer portal.

2. Correspondence from PLI to Licensees

The License Officer may send to all Licensees correspondence that includes any information the License Officer deems relevant.

If applicants/licensees have created a One Stop PGH user account, they may choose to receive electronic correspondence from PLI regarding upcoming license expiration(s) or the expiration of certifications that are connected to their license(s).

Applicants/licensees who do not have One Stop PGH user accounts cannot choose to receive electronic correspondence.

Applicants/licensees are responsible for creating their own One Stop Shop PGH user accounts.

3. License Start Date, Renewal Date, and Expiration Date

New license applicants may choose a license start date that is up to sixty (60) days in the future from the date of the application/request.

- A. Licensees may not request a start date for a date that occurred prior to the date of the application.
- B. Unless otherwise outlined in the PCC or *Rules and Regulations*, all yearly licenses expire 365 days from the license start date. For example, a license with a start date of July 1, 2018, will expire on June 30, 2019.
- C. Current licensees can renew their licenses up to forty-five (45) days before the expiration date.
- D. Renewed licenses will start on the first day after the expiration date of the license being renewed.

4. License Process

After receiving an application, PLI will check the application for completeness.

- A. PLI will inform the applicant of any application requirements that have not been satisfied.
- B. Information regarding incomplete applications shall be housed on the One Stop PGH Customer Portal.
- C. Once the applicant provides all necessary documentation and information and meets all application requirements, PLI will process the application.
- D. While processing the application, PLI may conduct inquiries and inspections.
- E. After successfully completing all application requirements and paying all license fees in full, and passing inspection where applicable the license will be approved and available for printing by the applicant.

5. Rejection or Closure of License Application

- A. The License Officer shall not issue a license if it is determined that the proposed activity at the proposed location (PCC § 701.06):
 - a. Will be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort, or general welfare;
 - b. Will be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity of the proposed use; and/or
 - c. Is not of a nature and type that is suitable for the licensed activity.
- B. If an applicant requests a business license and the application fails inspection three (3) times for the same reason(s):
 - a. The application will be rejected and closed, and,
 - b. Any funds paid in connection to the application and/or license will be forfeited.

- C. If an applicant who requests a business, contractor or trade license is required to provide additional "Required Document Types" (see Appendix 1 for a list of Required Document Types) or related information that is needed to process and adjudicate the application/license and fails to do so three (3) times either for the same or related, requested documents or information:
 - a. The application will be rejected and closed; and
 - b. Any funds paid in connection to the license will be forfeited.
 - c. The applicant may reapply and must again pay the license fee(s) per the fee schedule.
- D. If a trade license applicant requests a license but cannot meet the educational or experience requirements, the application will be closed and any fees paid will be forfeited.

6. License Amendments

Amendments are corrections or changes to licenses. If a licensee wants to amend their license(s) to correct an error or update their record, the licensee may do so free of charge.

- A. Amendments pertaining to a increase in a numeric count relevant to the license fee should take place prior to license renewal.
- B. For Trade Licenses, any amendment(s) to the license(s) regarding corporate information or contractor relationship(s) will affect and apply to all open permits.
- C. For Business Licenses, a change of business operation(s) location, for licensed activity that occurs in a fixed location, is not considered an amendment and requires a new application to ensure proper adherence to valid occupancy and license requirements.

7. License Closure

PLI will close licenses that are lapsed. If a licensee wishes to close their business or end their trade activities, then:

- A. The licensee must notify PLI;
- B. Upon receiving that notice, PLI will close the license;
- C. The licensee may also close their own license via One Stop PGH; and
- D. Any permits issued by PLI related to the trade license activity will be suspended until a new trade license is connected to the permitted work. Any fees paid will be forfeited.
- E. Unless otherwise stated in Title Seven of the PCC, a license cannot be transferred to another person (PCC § 701.10).
- F. Expired licenses cannot be closed and will remain in expired status.

IV. Minimum Requirements of All Applicants and Licensees

All applicants and licensees must meet the following qualifications (PCC § 701.09):

1. Good Standing

Applicants and licensees must be in good standing in their license and payment history (PCC § 701.01).

- A. It is the responsibility and duty of applicants and licensees to maintain all requirements of their applications and licenses without notice from the License Officer and/or PLI.
- B. It is the responsibility and duty of applicants and licensees to renew on time and make payment(s) without notice from the License Officer and/or PLI.

2. Tax Compliance

Unless otherwise exempt in the PCC or these *Rules and Regulations*, applicants and licensees must be current with or in a payment plan for all applicable tax obligations to the City of Pittsburgh (PCC § 701.04 (a) (3)) to be eligible to obtain a PLI license. The License Officer may ascertain from the City Department of Finance whether the required compliance has been obtained. It is the responsibility and duty of applicants and licensees to be current in their City of Pittsburgh tax obligations and to secure proper notice from the Department of Finance as directed by the License Officer showing tax compliance in order to be eligible to obtain a PLI license.

3. Standards of Conduct

Applicants and licensees must adhere to good standards of conduct (PCC § 701.09), which include that licensees shall:

- A. Permit all reasonable inspections of their business and examination of books by public authorities as authorized by law.
- B. Ascertain and at all times comply with all laws, ordinances and regulations applicable to the licensed business.
- C. Avoid all unlawful, prohibited, improper or unnecessary practices or conditions which do or may affect the public health, morals or welfare.
- D. Refrain from operating the licensed businesses on premises after license expiration and/or during any period of revocation or suspension.

4. License Display

Licensees must prominently and appropriately display on the premises where the licensee is doing the work or carry on their person the license and/or insignia issued by PLI that is necessary for the licensed activity (PCC § 701.09 (b)).

5. Age Requirement

Applicants and licensees must be at least eighteen (18) years old or older for licenses. Applicants must be twenty-one (21) years old or older for certain licenses based on licenses type (Rule VII). In order to verify age, applicants must provide a copy of a

current, unexpired government issued photo ID that shows the applicant's date of birth, such as a driver's license, photo identification card, or passport.

6. Insurance Compliance

A. Maintaining Current Insurance(s)

All licensees shall maintain general liability insurance and workers' compensation insurance unless otherwise exempt in these *Rules and Regulations* (PCC § 701.04(a)(5)).

- a. If vehicle(s) is/are used to conduct licensed business, licensees shall maintain vehicle insurance(s).
- b. Contractor businesses that connect to trade license holders for the purposes of obtaining a permit must list the trade license holder on the required Certificate of Insurance.
- c. Insurances must include a written, signed statement that the licensee shall hold harmless the City of Pittsburgh, its officers, agents and employees and shall indemnify the City of Pittsburgh, its officers, agents and employees for any claims of damage to property or injury to persons, which may be occasioned by any activity carried on under the terms of the license.
- d. Licensees shall furnish and maintain such public liability, food products liability, and property damage insurance as will protect the licensee and the City from all claims for damage to property or bodily injury, including death, which may arise from operations under the permit or in connection therewith. Such insurance shall provide coverage for bodily injury for each person, for each occurrence and for property damage per occurrence, as prescribed by the License Officer. Such insurance shall be without prejudice to coverage otherwise existing therein, and shall name as additional insured the City of Pittsburgh, its officers and employees, and shall further provide that the policy shall not terminate or be cancelled prior to the expiration date of the permit without thirty (30) days' written notice to the License Officer.

B. Certificate of Insurance

Upon application, all applicants must provide a valid Certificate of Insurance for any and all applicable insurance(s). If the applicant cannot provide a copy of such a certificate, PLI will accept other documentation from the insurer verifying that the insurance is valid.

Throughout the duration of the license, all licensees must maintain valid insurance(s) and maintain an updated, accurate, and valid Certificate of Insurance. The City of Pittsburgh shall be listed as certificate holder on any and all certificates of insurance.

The Certificate of Insurance must indicate current coverage for comprehensive general liability, workers' compensation and automobile liability when applicable. In determining whether the general liability insurance coverage amount meets the requirements set forth in PCC § 701.04(a)(5) and Rule IV(6)(A)(d) that it fully cover all claims for damage to property or bodily injury, including death, PLI will consider current, prevailing insurance industry practices and standards and the nature and scope of the licensed/permitted activity. The certificate of insurance must also include a contact name and phone number of the insurance broker or agent. The City of Pittsburgh shall be listed as certificate holder.

In addition, as directed by the License officer, licensees may be subject to include the City of Pittsburgh as additional insured on all certificates of insurance.

In this case, unless the applicants'/licensees' general liability insurance includes blanket coverage for all additional insureds, in addition to providing a Certificate of Insurance, applicants/licensees shall provide a valid, signed endorsement letter from their insurance provider that verifies and confirms that the City of Pittsburgh has been named in the insurance policy as an additional insured.

C. Workers' Compensation Insurance

All applicants must provide upon application valid and current workers' compensation insurance that meets Pennsylvania Statutory Requirements where applicable. The City shall be listed as certificate holder on all certificates of insurance.

If an applicant or licensee does not have any employees, the applicant or licensee must complete a notarized affidavit attesting that they have no employees and are exempt from the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Act. *Notarized affidavits attesting that a licensee does not have any employees must be provided annually.* A copy of the affidavit is included in Appendix 4 and is available at PLI's website and office. If a licensee completes an affidavit of exemption from workers' compensation insurance and has hired or does hire one or more persons to perform work, until the workers' compensation insurance requirements are met, that licensee's license is subject to suspension as defined in Rule IV.

D. Rejection of Applications Due to Insufficient Insurance Coverage

PLI will reject applications with invalid insurance(s) and will require updated proof and documentation of current, valid insurance.

7. Required Documents

PLI will complete process license applications after applicants have submitted full and complete applications, along with the license fee, as well as any and all required documentation. A list of commonly requested documents and their definitions is included herein (see Appendix 1 for reference). The License Officer may request additional information as needed to ensure compliance with the intent of PCC Title

Seven. Applicants are solely responsible for providing any and all required documentation and meeting any and all deadlines.

8. Certifications and Document Expiration

If a necessary certification will and/or does expire during the license period, it is the licensee's responsibility to provide PLI with updated documentation. Licenses are subject to revocation or suspension if the required document(s) and/or certification(s) expire during the license period. All other documents without specific expiration dates will be considered valid for the period of the valid license and must be updated and resubmitted for each renewal or application as defined in the *Rules and Regulations*.

9. Non-Profit Status for Special Events

Community groups, business associations and similar organizations may vend on the public right-of-way during the hours and within the perimeters of a permitted special event with the approval of the appropriate City of Pittsburgh departments and personnel including the Department of Permits Licenses and Inspections and the special events coordinator of the City of Pittsburgh (PCC719.05(c)(b)).

Following submission of non-profit status documentation and/or a current (issued within the past three hundred and sixty five (365) days) copy of the IRS Affirmation or Determination letter issued to the non-profit organization, exemptions for non-profit organizations shall be determined by the License Officer. Exemptions are available for licenses related to those that would be obtained by the organizers only of an event requiring a Special Event Permit only.

V. License Suspensions, Revocations, and Appeals Process

1. Reasons for License Suspensions or Revocations

As defined in the City Code, any license issued pursuant to the provisions of Title Seven may be revoked or suspended at the discretion of the License Officer, based on the severity and/or frequency of the reason(s)/violation(s), including but not limited to any of the following (PCC § 701.14):

- A. Failure to conform or adhere to the minimum qualifications of all applicants and licensees or specific license requirements as contained in the PCC or these *Rules and Regulations*.
- B. Fraud, misrepresentation, or false statement(s) contained in the license application;
- C. Fraud, misrepresentation, or false statement(s) made in the course of carrying on the business;
- D. Violation(s) of any provision of Title Seven, Title Nine and/or Title Ten of the PCC and/or the *Rules and Regulations*;
- E. Conviction of any crime(s) or misdemeanor(s) involving moral turpitude;
- F. Conducting the business and/or using any vehicle, premises, machine or other device in connections therewith in an unlawful manner and/or in such a manner as to constitute a breach of peace or a menace to the health, safety, and/or general welfare of the public;
- G. Obstruction or denial of entry for authorized inspections; and/or
- H. Violation of any City building and/or zoning laws and/or *Rules and Regulations*—buildings that are condemned are ineligible for business licenses.

2. Suspension and Revocation

Following receipt of information regarding any reason(s)/violation(s) as described in the PCC and these *Rules and Regulations*, the License Officer may choose to do one or more of the following (PCC § 701.14):

- A. Issue a written notice to the licensee regarding potential revocation and/or suspension and the reasons therefor;
- B. Suspend a license for a period of time up to and including 365 days from the date of receipt of the violation notice;
- C. Revoke a license for a period of time up to and including 365 days from the date of receipt of the violation notice; and/or
- D. Revoke a license for a period of time longer than 365 days.
- E. Whenever the License Officer or code official determines that there has been a violation of the codes enforced by PLI, notice shall be given in writing to the person(s) deemed responsible for the violation(s). Notices shall be deemed

served when delivered by hand to the alleged violator, or to any adult person in charge of the premises where the alleged violation exists; or regularly mailed to the alleged violator or their agent to the last known residence of the alleged violator or to the usual place of business of the alleged violator. Licensees and applicants are solely responsible for providing PLI with up-to-date addresses and other contact information. The notice of violation shall include:

- a. The address or a description of the real estate/property sufficient for identification, if applicable;
- b. A statement of the violation(s) and the reason(s) for the notice;
- c. A statement the effective day/date of the license suspension and/or revocation, if applicable;
- d. Information regarding the right to appeal the notice and the cost(s) thereof;
- e. A statement regarding how to request a reasonable accommodation for a disability; and
- f. A statement of PLI's right to pursue prosecution within the limits of state law for violations of the PCC and *Rules and Regulations*.

3. Right to Appeal

The PCC establishes the right of any person aggrieved by any action of the License Officer to appeal such action (PCC § 701.16). Section 701.15 of Title Seven of the PCC establishes the Board of License and Inspection Review, and Section 701.16 establishes the following means of appealing issues that arise from enforcement of Business Licensing:

- A. Any person aggrieved by any action of the License Officer related to the issuance, transfer, renewal, refusal, suspension, revocation, and/or cancellation of any City license issued pursuant to Title Seven of the PCC and the *Rules and Regulations* shall have the right to appeal to the Board of License and Inspection Review.
- B. Appeals shall be filed in writing in a form and manner prescribed by the License Officer. As applicable, each appeal shall be accompanied by a copy of the notice, order, or other official document which is the subject of the appeal. Each appeal shall be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of the action being appealed.
- C. All appeals considered by the Board of License and Inspection Review shall be heard in a public forum at a publicly advertised time as determined by the Board of License and Inspection Review.
- D. The Board of License and Inspection Review shall maintain an official record of all hearings, and such hearings shall be conducted in compliance with all applicable laws.

- E. The Board of License and Inspection Review shall, by a majority vote, affirm, modify, reverse, vacate, or revoke the notice, order, or action from which an appeal is taken.
- F. Each decision of the Board of License and Inspection Review shall be made in writing and shall be available for public review. A copy of the decision will be sent via regular, first-class mail to the appellant's last known address of record with PLI and the Board of License and Inspection Review.

4. Action Pending Appeal and Penalties

The PCC establishes actions prohibited during the time of appeal, and establishes penalties for violation of any provision of Title Seven Business Licensing as follows:

- A. Whenever an appeal filed pursuant to Title Seven and/or Ten, Chapter 1004, Section 1004.02, of the PCC is pending, unless there is a condition of immediate danger or hazard to health, safety or welfare that requires immediate compliance, then compliance with the order, decision, notice of violation, or license suspension or revocation that is the subject of the pending appeal shall not be required (PCC § 701.17).
- B. Penalty(ies):
 - a. Whoever violates any provision of Title Seven of the PCC and the *Rules and Regulations* shall be punished as provided in Section 101.09 of Title One of the PCC.
 - b. An administrative penalty fee shall be charged on all late filings for licenses and permits under this Title and the *Rules and Regulations* as prescribed in the fee schedule (PCC § 701.18).

VI. Contractor and Trade Licensing Provisions

1. General Provisions for Contractors and Trade Licensees

A. Minimum Qualification of All Applicants Required

All applicants and licensees must conform to the “Minimum Qualifications of All Applicants,” as set forth in Rule IV. Where a licensee is also a business entity, they must register as a business through the One Stop PGH customer portal. Proof of insurances and tax compliance is required as defined in these *Rules and Regulations*. All applicants must submit a full and complete application that includes all required documentation and any further requirements as deemed appropriate by the License Officer.

B. Insurance Standards

All contractors and/or trade licensees are to carry general liability insurance in the minimum amounts of \$1,000,000 dollars per occurrence/claim and \$2,000,000 aggregate per claim period.

On a case-by-case basis, PLI will evaluate the adequacy of an applicant’s/licensee’s general liability insurance coverage. Based on the prevailing insurance industry practices and standards and the nature and scope of the licensed/permitted activity, PLI may require a greater or lesser amount of coverage than the minimum stated above.

C. Insurance Exemption for Trade License Applicants and Licensees at the Time of Application

Electrician, Fire Suppression, HVAC/Mechanical, and Stationary Power Engineer trade licenses are exempt from providing proof of insurance(s) (PCC §§ 741.08, 747.08) at the time of application, but are required to provide proof of insurance(s) that comply with the *Rules and Regulations* and the PCC prior to issuance of any permit under Title Ten. Contractor businesses that connect to trade license holders for the purposes of obtaining a permit must list the trade license holder on the required Certificate of Insurance as additionally insured. See Rule IV(6) for more information on Insurance Compliance.

D. Trade License Experience Requirements

Where required in the PCC and the *Rules and Regulations*, applicants will provide documented proof of education and experience. For new trade license applicants, work experience must be accompanied with a resume and references of relevant job experience and contact information for references provided, and/or a statement from an employer or licensed trade-person attesting to the applicant’s years of experience. Self-employed applicants must provide proof of experience in the form of a notarized statement attesting to the number of years of experience.

E. Trade Licensing Testing Requirements

All new applications for trade licenses are required to provide an official

document from the exam provider of their passing score for the respective trade test as proof of the testing requirements as defined in the *Rules and Regulations*.

- a. For electrical and mechanical/ HVAC license applicants, PLI will accept any authentic, relevant passed ICC exam, for any code year, or City of Pittsburgh-proctored exam documentation.
- b. For the Fire Suppression trade license, effective January 1, 2019, PLI will accept any authentic, passed “Fire Suppression Installation Contractor” ICC exam, beginning with the 2015 code year and continuing.

In addition, PLI will accept passed National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (“NICET”) exams including both the Level III Water-based Systems Layout and Special Hazards Systems Layout tests; both tests must be completed to be considered equivalent to the ICC test defined above and in Section VI (7)(D)(a)(i)(1).

- c. Stationary Power Engineer applicants will continue to be required to complete the National Institute for the Uniform Licensing of Power Engineers (“NIULPE”) exams.
- d. Finally, as per City Code, equivalent certification testing programs from states other than Pennsylvania shall be accepted as proof of compliance of the testing requirements upon review and determination of equivalence by the License Officer.

PLI will accept older versions of a relevant ICC or NIULPE exam, or a passing score letter from the City of Pittsburgh-proctored exam, to be evaluated by the License Officer.

If multiple exams exist that meet the requirement through the ICC, then the applicant should choose the exam that covers the most recent code year adopted by the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (“UCC”). The code years available through the ICC are periodically updated and restrict the exams available to new license applicants over time. Other relevant ICC exams not specifically called out can be submitted, and will be reviewed for substantial equivalence and acceptance.

All ICC exams are currently proctored by PearsonVue and can be scheduled through PearsonVue’s website. All NIULPE exams are scheduled through NIULPE’s website.

A history of previously issued licenses is not proof of passing an exam. Trade license holders that let their licenses expire and subsequently lapse will be subject to a closure of the license. The applicant must meet all of the new, applicable application requirements, which may include re-testing if the applicant does not have proof of passing the relevant exam. Applicants and licensees are solely responsible for maintaining their licensing qualifications and their records.

F. **Trade License Continuing Education (CE) Hours Requirements**

The training requirements for trade licenses require eight (8) CE hours annually. One (1) CE hours equates to one (1) hour of training. PLI will accept relevant continuing education credits from accredited institutions as listed by:

- a. The ICC Preferred Provider’s Directory. For a full list of current providers, visit <https://ppp.iccsafe.org>, and click on “Providers Directory.”
- b. The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry’s (“PA DLI”) Uniform Construction Code continuing education providers. For a list of current providers, visit www.dli.pa.gov/ucc, and click on the “Continuing Education Providers” link.
- c. the International Union of Operating Engineers (“IUOE”) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”) for relevant courses and trainings for Stationary Power Engineers.

In addition, trainings provided by trade-specific union and apprenticeship programs are accepted.

In determining whether a CE provider is acceptable, PLI will refer to the lists maintained by the third-parties identified above, but PLI is not responsible for the list and makes no guarantees that the list is up-to-date or that the listed CE providers will continue to be accepted. PLI will review requests outside those categories on a case-by-case basis. A determination will be made within ten (10) business days. This pending determination is not a valid reason for license renewal delays. Licensees are solely responsible for providing PLI with the necessary information to make timely CE determinations. Licenses that expire or lapse during any determination period will be subject to standard processing as per the *Rules and Regulations*.

G. **City Tax Compliance Exemption at the Time of Application**

Electricians, Fire Suppression, HVAC/Mechanical and Stationary Power Engineer trade applicants are exempt from providing their City Tax ID and proof of tax compliance at the time of application. However, prior to issuance of any permit under Title Ten and Rule III(7), proof of tax compliance that complies with the *Rules and Regulations* and the PCC must be provided by the applicant business responsible for the permitted work.

H. **Trade and Contractor License Renewal, Grace Period and Late Fees**

If a contractor or trade license is not renewed within sixty (60) days past the expiration date, applicants must meet all of the new, applicable application requirements, which may include but are not necessarily limited to re-testing.

For all trade licenses and contractor licenses, grace periods will begin at the expiration of a license and continue for sixty (60) days. If the license is not renewed within thirty (30) days after the expiration date, per the fee schedule, a late fee is incurred on the thirty-first (31st) day following the expiration date. If

the license is not renewed within sixty (60) days after the expiration date, then on the sixty-first (61st) day following the expiration date, the license automatically lapses. All licensees that allow their license to lapse must apply for a new license and meet all new license requirements at the time of that new application. Permits related to the licensed activity will be suspended until a valid and current trade license is connected to the permitted work. Additionally, any fees paid will be forfeited.

2. General Contractor Licensing

- A. **Applicability:** This section applies to individuals, proprietorships, partnerships and/or corporations engaging in, advertising or otherwise representing to engage in any activity regulated by Title Ten of the PCC (PCC § 751); such individuals/entities must have a general contractor license.
- B. **Exemptions:** Contractors with current and valid Pennsylvania Home Improvement Contractor (“HIC”) registration may provide their HIC registration/license information in lieu of obtaining a general contractor license. In addition, the following work that does not require a permit under Title Ten, also does not require a general contractor license to complete:
 - a. Owner(s) of single-or two-family dwellings who personally perform work, provided that the owner(s) occupy or, upon completion of the work, will occupy the dwelling.
 - b. A governmental entity performing work upon premises owned by that governmental entity.
- C. **Fees:** General contractor license fees are established per the PLI fee schedule. General contractor licenses are subject to late fees per Rule VI(1)(H).
- D. **Expiration:** General contractor licenses expire 365 days from the license start date. If those licenses not renewed on time, additional fee(s) will apply.
- E. **Application Requirements:** Unless otherwise exempted, general contractor applicants and licensees must conform to the minimum qualification of all applicants (Rule VI(1)(A)).
 - a. Effective May 29, 2022, applicants must provide a copy of a valid and current Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting certification associated with the contractor license and responsible for work related to lead safety protocols during renovation, repair, and painting.
- F. **Inspections:** Licensees must carry a copy of their PLI-issued general contractor license at all times while performing work under permits issued by PLI to be made available for inspection (PCC§ 701.09 (b), Rule II (7)).
- G. **Waste Disposal:** Any and all licensed contractor(s) shall maintain records of the location(s) at which waste generated in the course of their activities is disposed of and, upon request of the License Officer or the Officer’s representative, shall make such records available for inspection.
- H. **Suspension for Non-Abatement:** A license may be suspended if a notice of violation of the Building Code has not been abated within the time specified.
- I. **Restrictions:** None.
- J. **Testing:** None

3. Sign Contractor Licensing

- A. **Applicability:** This section applies to any person, firm and/or corporation in the business of erecting, altering, repairing, and/or maintaining ground signs, wall signs, projecting signs, roof signs, post signs, or similar signs requiring a sign permit as defined in the Zoning Code (PCC §§ 919 & 749); such persons must have a sign contractor license.
- B. **Exemptions:** None.
- C. **Fees:** Sign contractor license fees are established per the PLI fee schedule. Sign contractor licenses are subject to late fees per Rule VI(1)(H).
- D. **Expiration:** Sign contractor licenses expire 365 days from the license start date. If those licenses are not renewed on time, additional fee(s) will apply.
- E. **Application Requirements:** Unless exempted in this section, sign contractor applicants and licensees must conform to the minimum qualifications of all applicants (Rule VI(1)(A)).
- F. **Inspections:** Licensees must carry a copy of their PLI-issued license at all times while performing work under permits issued by PLI to be made available for inspection (PCC § 701.09 (b), Rule II(7)).
- G. **Requirements During License Period:** None in addition to maintaining the aforementioned minimum qualifications.
- H. **Restrictions:** None.
- I. **Testing:** None.

4. Stationary Power Engineer Trade Licensing

- A. **Applicability:** This section applies to any person that controls or operates pipes, boilers, stationary or locomotive engines, and/or any other containers, tanks or vessels under pressure of water, liquid, gas or steam in the City of Pittsburgh (PCC § 745); such persons must have stationary power engineer license.
- B. **Exemptions:** The following work that does not require a permit under Title Ten of the PCC and does not require an HVAC license to complete is exempt from the requirements of this section:
- a. Pipes, containers, tanks or vessels used in the transportation of water, liquid, gas or steam.
 - b. Hot water tanks used for domestic service as defined in the Mechanical Code.
 - c. Portable compressor operators.
 - d. All vessels defined as low pressure in the Mechanical Code or any vessel of fifteen (15) pounds per square inch or less of pressure.
- C. **Fees:** Stationary power engineer license fees are established per the PLI fee schedule. Stationary power engineer licenses are subject to late fees per Rule VI(1)(H).
- D. **Expiration:** Stationary power engineer licenses expire 365 days from license start date. If those licenses are not renewed on time, additional fee(s) will apply.
- E. **Application Requirements:** Except for insurance (Rule VI(1)(B)) and tax ID requirements (Rule VI(1)(G)), stationary power engineer licensees and applicants must conform to the minimum qualifications of all applicants (Rule VI(1) (A)).
- a. **New Applications:** In addition, applicants must provide the following upon application:
 - i. A copy of proof of passing the appropriate certified standardized test issued by the NIULPE; or
 - ii. A copy of the NIULPE card.
 - b. **Renewal Applications:** In addition, applicants and licensees must provide the following upon application to renew a stationary power engineer license:
 - i. Proof of completing eight (8) contact hours of CEs within the previous twelve (12) months of license renewal, during the license period.
 - ii. For Stationary Power Engineers, relevant trainings provided by the IUOE and OSHA are acceptable. Please see Section VI (1)

(F) for additional information about acceptable sources of CE hours.

Such proof shall consist of documentation including the names of the training activities, the date(s) of the training, who provided the training, and the number of contact hours for each training activity.

- iii. **CE Exception:** Where licensees have completed a test to move into a different, higher level classification of stationary power engineering, the new stationary engineering NIULPE information will be accepted in lieu of CE credentials to renew the application.

- F. **Requirements During License Period:** None in addition to maintaining the aforementioned minimum qualifications.
- G. **Restrictions:** To be eligible for license renewal, in addition to providing all requirements for new applicants, licensees who allow their license to lapse and subsequently apply to renew them must provide documentation of at least eight (8) contact hours of CEs within the previous twelve (12) months.

No unlicensed person shall operate or control the equipment. The licensed person in charge of or operating the aforementioned equipment shall be located on the same premises where the equipment is located during its operation or control.
- H. **Testing:** PLI accepts certification of testing for Stationary Power Engineers from the NIULPE as a qualified program for the purposes of meeting the application requirements. Certification can be obtained by applying on the NIULPE website. NIULPE license holders can have their City of Pittsburgh license reflect NIULPE classification if a copy of the NIULPE certification is submitted at time of renewal or license application.
- A. **Continuing Education:** To be eligible for license renewal, in addition to providing all requirements for new applicants, licensees who allow their license to lapse and subsequently apply to renew them must provide documentation of at least eight (8) contact hours of CEs within the previous twelve (12) months. Please see Section VI (1) F for additional information about acceptable sources of CEs.

5. HVAC/Mechanical Trade Licensing

- A. **Applicability:** An HVAC/Mechanical Trade License is required in order to install, erect, enlarge, repair, alter, remove, convert or replace any mechanical system in the City of Pittsburgh (PCC § 741).
- B. **Exemptions:** The following work that does not require a permit under Title Ten of the PCC and does not require a HVAC license to complete is exempt from the requirements of this section:
- a. Portable heating appliances, portable ventilation appliances, portable evaporative coolers, and portable cooling units;
 - b. Steam or hot- or chilled-water piping within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by Title Ten of the PCC;
 - c. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe;
 - d. Self-contained refrigeration systems containing ten (10) pounds (4.54 kg) or less of refrigerant or that are actuated by motors of one (1) horsepower (746 W) or less; and
 - e. Portable-fuel-cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.
- C. **Fees:** HVAC/Mechanical trade license fees are established per the PLI fee schedule. HVAC/Mechanical trade licenses are subject to late fees per Rule VI(1)(H).
- D. **Expiration:** HVAC/Mechanical trade licenses expire 365 days from the license start date. If the licenses are not renewed on time, additional fee(s) will apply.
- E. **Application Requirements:** Except for certain insurance (Rule VI(1)(B)) and tax ID requirements (Rule VI(1)(G)), HVAC/Mechanical trade licensees and applicants must conform to the minimum qualifications of all applicants (Rule VI(1)(A)).
- a. **New License Application:** In addition, applicants must provide the following upon application:
 - i. A copy of proof of passing the certified standardized test. Accepted documentation includes proof of passing the City of Pittsburgh proctored Master Mechanical exam, and/or ICC Standard Master Mechanical Exam(s) for any code year. Please see Section VI (1) (E) for additional information regarding testing and equivalencies.
 - ii. Provide a resume or documentation showing four (4) years or more of practical experience. Experience must be accompanied with a statement from an employer or licensed mechanical contractor regarding experience. For those who

are self-employed, they must provide a notarized statement attesting to their experience. See Section VI (1) (D) for additional information regarding experience.

b. Renewal License Application: In addition, applicants and licensees must provide the following upon application to renew a license:

- i. Proof of completing eight (8) hours of CEs within the previous twelve (12) months of license renewal.
- ii. Such proof shall consist of documentation including the names of the training activities, the date(s) of the training, who provided the training, and the number of contact hours for each training activity.

F. Requirements During License Period: None in addition to maintaining the aforementioned minimum qualifications.

G. Continuing Education: Continuing Education: To be eligible for license renewal, in addition to providing all requirements for new applicants, licensees who allow their license to lapse and subsequently apply to renew them must provide documentation of at least eight (8) contact hours of CEs within the previous twelve (12) months. Please see Section VI (1)(F) for additional information about acceptable sources of CEs.

6. Electrical Trade Licensing

A. **Applicability:** This section applies to individuals engaging in electrical work regulated in Title Ten of the PCC within the jurisdiction of the City of Pittsburgh (PCC § 747); such individuals must have an electrical trade license.

An electrical contractor is defined herein as any person performing work that requires an electrical permit. Such person must have an electrical trade license.

B. **Exemptions:** The following work does not require a permit under Title Ten of the PCC and, therefore, does not require an electrical trade license to complete:

- a. Listed cord-and-plug connected temporary decorative lighting.
- b. Reinstallation of attachment plug receptacles but not the outlets thereof.
- c. Replacement of branch circuit overcurrent devices of the required capacity in the same location. Electrical wiring, devices, appliances, apparatus or equipment operating at less than twenty-five (25) volts and not capable of supplying more than fifty (50) watts of energy.
- d. Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.

C. **Fees:** Electrical trade license fees are established per the PLI fee schedule. Electrical trade licenses are subject to late fees per Rule VI(1)(H).

D. **Expiration:** Electrical trade licenses expire 365 days from the license start date.

E. **Application Requirements:** Except for certain insurance (Rule VI(1)(B)) and tax ID requirements (Rule VI(1)(C)), electrical trade licensees must conform to the minimum qualifications of all applicants (Rule VI(1)(A)).

a. **New License Application Requirements:** In addition, applicants must provide the following upon application:

- i. A copy of proof of passing the certified standardized test. Accepted documentation includes proof of passing the City of Pittsburgh proctored Master Electrical exam, and/or ICC Standard Master Electrician Exam(s) for any code year. Please see Section VI 1 (E) for additional information regarding testing and equivalencies.
- ii. A resume or documentation establishing a minimum of six (6) years of a combination of experience and education, as evaluated by the License Officer and conforming to the following:

- I. Education includes a degree or certification of attainment in electrical wiring or related field from an accredited school or apprenticeship program.
- II. Experience must be accompanied with a statement from an employer or licensed electrician regarding experience. For those who are self-employed, they must provide a notarized statement attesting to their experience.

b. **Renewal Application Requirements:** In addition, applicants and licensees must provide the following upon application to renew a license:

- i. Proof of completing eight (8) hours of CEs within the previous twelve (12) months from the license renewal date.
- ii. Such proof shall consist of documentation including the names of the training activities, the date(s) of the training, who provided the training, and the number of contact hours for each training activity.

F. **Requirements During License Period:** None in addition to maintaining the aforementioned minimum qualifications.

G. **Continuing Education:** To be eligible for license renewal, in addition to providing all requirements for new applicants, licensees who allow their license to lapse and subsequently apply to renew them must provide documentation of at least eight (8) contact hours of CEs within the previous twelve (12) months. Please see Section VI (1)(F) for additional information about acceptable sources of CEs.

7. Fire Suppression Trade Licensing

- A. **Applicability:** This section applies to all individuals engaging in any fire suppression work regulated in Title Ten of the PCC and involving fire suppression systems. All such individuals must have a fire suppression contractor license.
- B. **Exemptions:** Cooking hood work does not require a fire suppression trade license. Fire suppression trade licenses shall be exempt from Section 701(a)(5) of the PCC at the time of the application, but are required to provide proof of insurance(s) that comply with Section 701.04(a) of the PCC for any permitted work under Title Ten of the PCC. (PCC § 741.08).
- C. **Fees:** Fire suppression trade license fees are established per the fee schedule. Fire suppression trade licenses are subject to late fees per Rule VI(1)(H).
- D. **Expiration:** Fire suppression trade licenses expire 365 days from the license start date.
- E. **Application Requirements:** Unless exempted in this section, fire suppression trade licensees must conform to the minimum qualifications of all applicants (Rule VI(1)(A)).
 - a. **New Applications:** In addition, applicants must provide the following upon application:
 - i. A copy of proof of passing the following certified tests:
 - I. ICC standardized test: PLI will accept any authentic, passed “Fire Suppression Installation Contractor” ICC exam, beginning with the 2015 code year and continuing; Or
 - II. NICET standardized tests: PLI will accept any authentic, passed National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (“NICET”) exams including both the Level III Water-based Systems Layout and Special Hazards Systems Layout tests. Both tests must be completed to be considered equivalent to the ICC test defined above in Section VI (7)(D)(a)(i)(1).
 - ii. Provide a resume or documentation establishing a minimum of six (6) years of a combination of experience and education, as evaluated by the License Officer and conforming to the following:
 - I. Education includes a degree or certification of attainment in fire suppression systems.
 - II. Experience must be accompanied with a verifying statement from an employer or licensed fire suppression contractor regarding experience. For those who are self-

employed, they must provide a notarized statement attesting to their experience.

- b. **Renewal Application:** In addition, applicants and licensees must provide the following upon application to renew a license:
 - i. Proof of completing eight (8) hours of CEs within the past twelve (12) months from license renewal.
 - ii. Such proof shall consist of documentation including the names of the training activities, the date(s) of the training, who provided the training, and the number of contact hours for each training activity.

- F. **Requirement During License Period:** None in addition to maintaining the aforementioned minimum qualifications.
- G. **Restrictions:** To be eligible for license renewal, in addition to providing all requirements for new applicants, licensees who allow their license to lapse and subsequently apply to renew them must provide documentation of at least eight (8) contact hours of CEs within the previous twelve (12) months.
- H. **Continuing Education:** To be eligible for license renewal, in addition to providing all requirements for new applicants, licensees who allow their license to lapse and subsequently apply to renew them must provide documentation of at least eight (8) contact hours of CEs within the previous twelve (12) months. Please see Section VI (1) F for additional information about acceptable sources of CEs.

VII. Business Licensing Provisions

1. **General Business Licensing Provisions**

A. **Minimum Qualification of All Applicants Required**

All applicants and licensees must conform to the “Minimum Qualifications of All Applicants,” as set forth in Rule IV. In addition, each business license includes additional requirements per license type. All applicants must submit a full and complete application that includes all required documentation.

B. **Insurance Standards**

All business licensees are to carry general liability insurance in the minimum amounts of \$1,000,000 dollars per occurrence/claim and \$2,000,000 aggregate per claim period.

On a case-by-case basis, PLI will evaluate the adequacy of an applicant’s/licensee’s general liability insurance coverage. Based on the prevailing insurance industry practices and standards and the nature and scope of the licensed/permitted activity, PLI may require a greater or lesser amount of coverage than the minimum stated above.

C. **Grace Period and Late Fees**

For all business licenses, grace periods will begin at the expiration of a license and continue for thirty (30) days. If the license is not renewed prior to expiration, per the fee schedule, a late fee is incurred. If the license is not renewed within thirty (30) days after the expiration date, then on the thirty-first (31st) day following the expiration date, the license will be considered lapsed and closed. All licensees that allow their license to lapse must apply for a new license and meet all of the new license requirements at the time of that new application.

D. **License Display**

Business licensees must display in an open and visible manner a copy of their PLI-issued license at all times while performing work under a business license issued by PLI (Rule II(6)).

E. **Inspections**

Unless otherwise exempted herein, PLI shall inspect to ensure compliance of licensed activity, which includes both new and renewed licenses (Rule II(7)). For business licenses located at a fixed location, PLI will inspect all new locations prior to license issuance.

2. **Bed and Breakfast Licensing**

- A. **Applicability:** This section applies to businesses operating “bed and breakfast” establishments as defined below. No person shall own or operate a bed and breakfast without first obtaining license.

Bed and Breakfast is a small lodging establishment that offers overnight accommodations where the owner-operator lives on premises.

- B. **Exemptions:** This licensing does not apply to short-term rentals.
- C. **Fees:** Bed and breakfast fees are established per the PLI fee schedule. Bed and breakfast licenses are subject to late fees per Rule VII(1)(B).
Fees due to license amendments: Licensees shall be required to pay any additional amounts for any and all increases in bed and breakfast employees during the license period.
- D. **Expiration:** Bed and breakfast licenses expire 365 days from the license start date. (PCC § 767.03)
- E. **Application Requirements:** Bed and breakfast applicants and licensees must conform to the minimum qualifications of all applicants (Rule VII(1)(A)). In addition, applicants must provide the License Officer with:
- a. the full name and address of the owner(s) and the resident operator if different than the owner. (PCC § 767.02); and
 - b. a valid Certificate of Occupancy.
- F. **Inspections:** Unless otherwise exempted herein, PLI shall inspect to ensure compliance of licensed activity. This applies to both new and renewed licenses (Rule II (7)).
- G. **Restrictions:** The following restrictions apply to bed and breakfast licenses:
- c. The license does not allow short-term rentals.; and
 - d. Violation of any provision of Chapter 767 of the PCC pertaining to Bed and Breakfast Establishment and/or these Rules and Regulations duly applied in connection with bed and breakfast licensure or occupancy shall result in the suspension of the license by the Licensing Officer for a period of one (1) year from the date of the violation.

H. **Additional Employee License Count Required:** No additional employee license count is required.

3. **Charitable Solicitation (Tag Day) Licensing**

- A. **Applicability:** This section applies to licenses provided to charitable and not-for-profit organizations and/or institutions in order to solicit the public (PCC § 601.05). In accordance with the PCC and these *Rules and Regulations*, such organizations must be licensed in order to solicit the public.

Charitable solicitation is defined as the solicitation or request by any charitable organization or institution for voluntary funds from the general public.

- B. **Exemptions:** Except for insurance requirements of Rule IV(6) and tax compliance requirements of Rule IV(2), charitable solicitation licensees must conform to the minimum qualification of all applicants (Rule VII(1)(A)).
- C. **Fees:** Charitable solicitation license fees are established per the fee schedule. Charitable solicitation licenses are not subject to late fees.
- D. **Expiration:** Charitable solicitation licenses are valid for one day only.
- E. **Application Requirements:** Unless otherwise exempted in this Section, Applicants must conform to the minimum qualification of all applicants (Rule VII(1)(A)). In addition, applicants must provide the following upon application:
- a. An original, notarized application;
 - b. A letter on company letterhead stating the date requested and for what the funds will be collected—PLI staff will determine if the date requested is available (see Appendix 3 for an example of a charitable solicitation/tag day request letter);
 - c. Schedules A-E as explained on the application that describe your organization and event; and
 - d. An email address and phone number for Tag Day Contact.
 - e. Upon receipt of a full and complete application, which includes the aforementioned items and all required documentation, the application is then sent to the City of Pittsburgh Chief of Police for approval. Doing so will appropriately register the organization or institution with the Police. The process may take several weeks.
- F. **Inspections:** The City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Police may inspect to ensure compliance of licensed activity.
- G. **Restrictions:**
- a. Each organization or institution can only solicit funds one day per calendar year;
 - b. Only one group may solicit funds per day; each group can have multiple locations; and any group wishing to seek a variance to this

rule should do so in a formal written letter to the Chief of Police accompanying their application;

- c. The purpose of the collection must be displayed on signs, boards, or cards in a conspicuous place; and
- d. Solicitation of personal funds is not permitted.

H. **Additional Employee License Count Required:** No additional employee license count is required.

4. **Limited Towing Licensing**

- A. **Applicability:** This section applies to license(s) for commercial parking lots at which property owners wish to tow registered and licensed vehicle(s) without permission from vehicle owner(s) (PCC § 763.12).

Nonresidential Parking Places: “Nonresidential parking place(s)” is/are defined as any place within the City, whether wholly or partially enclosed or open, at which motor vehicles are parked or stored but not including public streets, any parking area or garage that is provided or leased to residents in the connection to occupation of such residence, any loading dock or loading area, and any area necessary for the utilization of any loading dock or loading area.

Gateless Honor Box Lot: “Gateless honor box lot” is defined as a parking lot that provides a system that is designed to allow the payment of money in exchange for a designated parking space without the need for a continuous on-site parking lot attendant.

- B. **Exemptions:** Motor vehicles that are classified as “abandoned vehicles” pursuant to the definition set forth in PA Code Section 75.102 are exempt from these rules and regulations.
- C. **Fees:** Limited towing license fee(s) are established per the fee schedule. Limited towing licenses are subject to late fees per Rule VII(1)(B).
- D. **Expiration:** Limited towing licenses expire 365 days from license start date.

- E. **Application Requirements:** Except for the tax ID requirements (Rule VI(1)(C)) and Worker’s Compensation (Rule IV(6)(C)) requirements, Limited Towing applicants and licensees must conform to the minimum qualification of all applicants (Rule VII(1)(A)). In addition, applicants must provide the following upon application:

- e. Valid Certificate of Occupancy describing the parking on the premises;
- f. Valid parking lot license, if applicable; and
- g. Sketch or plot drawing of parking lot.

- F. **Inspections:** PLI shall inspect to ensure compliance of licensed activity (Rule II(7)). New license applicants are subject to PLI inspection prior to the issuance of a license. Renewed licenses will be inspected according to a departmental maintenance schedule throughout the year. Inspectors shall inspect for PennDOT signage regulations (67 Pa. Code § 212.115). The name of the Towing Company and Towing Company contact number must be conspicuously posted at the lot.

- G. **Requirements During License Period:** In addition to maintaining the aforementioned minimum requirements, all limited towing licensees must conform to the following provisions:

- h. Unless a gateless honor box is provided, parking lots that are not open twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week must have a chain or other barrier that can be closed during non-business hours; and
- i. Comply with PennDOT signage regulations (67 Pa. Code § 212.115)

H. **Restrictions:** None.

I. Additional Employee License Count Required: No additional employee license count is required.

5. **Mobile Vehicle Vendor Licensing**

- A. **Applicability:** This section applies to licenses issued to mobile vehicle vendors within the City of Pittsburgh that are situated on public parking; such vendors must be licensed.

Mobile Vehicle Vendor is defined as any person, whether a resident of the City of Pittsburgh or not, who sells or offers for sale goods, wares, merchandise, meats, fish, vegetables, fruits, farm products, or provisions from an approved vending vehicle that shall not remain at any one (1) location for a period greater than four (4) hours while vending (PCC § 719.02).

Food Truck is defined as a type of mobile vehicle vendor that is a food establishment that is located upon a vehicle, or which is pulled by a vehicle, where food or beverage is cooked, prepared, and served for individual portion service, such as a mobile food kitchen. Vehicle registration is required for trailer-type units.

- B. **Exemptions:** Neither a vending permit nor occupancy permit is required to vend wares where vending units are located in the Strip District neighborhood of the City of Pittsburgh. Vendors that fall under this exception must seek written permission from the building and/or property owner to use a specific/predetermined area for vending. *The building and/or property owner may charge a fee for your vending on their property.*
- C. **Fees:** Mobile vehicle vendor license fees are established per the PLI fee schedule. Mobile vehicle vendor license fees are subject to late fees per Rule VII(1)(B) and to additional employee fee(s) per vendor employee.
- a. **Fees due to license amendments:** Licensees must pay additional funds for an increase in vendor employees during the license period.
- D. **Expiration:** Mobile vehicle vendor licenses expire 365 days from the license start date.
- E. **Application Requirements:** Mobile vehicle vendor licensees must conform to the minimum qualifications of all applicants (Rule VII(1)(A)). In addition, applicants must provide the following upon application:
- a. Three (3) current photographs of the vehicle showing the front, side, and interior;
 - b. Valid vehicle registration;
 - c. Current and valid driver's license;
 - d. Valid vehicle insurance;
 - e. Valid Allegheny County Health Department ("ACHD") license, if vending food (see Appendix 1);
 - f. Additional employee license requirements, if applicable; and

- g. Workers' compensation insurance, if applicable.
- F. **Inspections:** Unless otherwise exempted herein, PLI shall inspect to ensure compliance of licensed activity. This applies to both new and renewed licenses (Rule II(7)). In addition, DOMI will inspect the vending site on the first day of business to ensure compliance with right-of-way regulations.
- G. **Requirements During License Period:** In addition to maintaining the aforementioned minimum requirements, all licensed mobile vehicle vendors must conform to the following provisions:
- a. Be capable of movement or mobility at all times.
 - b. Be situated on one of the approved public property locations only.
 - c. The vehicle must be moved every four (4) hours.
 - d. The size of the vending unit shall not be larger than eleven (11) feet high, twenty-four (24) feet long and eight (8) feet wide. DOMI may provide an exception to cart constraints upon written request. Any vendor on private property is not regulated by this section and must contact the Department of City Planning, Zoning Division for a list of requirements.
 - e. For the purpose of vending, so long as they follow all laws regarding metered parking and parking area time limits, mobile vehicle vendors may park their vehicles in on-street metered parking spaces and place any materials in on-street metered parking spaces. Mobile vehicle vendors may only park in and place materials in on-street metered parking spaces.
 - f. If the vendor is selling a product that generates trash, they must have with them a metal or rigid plastic trash containers with a thirty gallon combined minimum capacity. In addition, vendors must maintain and keep clean a twenty-five (25) foot perimeter surrounding the designated location of the vending unit or vehicle.
 - g. If vending in any of the locations listed below, contact the corresponding organization,—the organization may require the applicant to submit an approval letter to PLI or pay membership fees:
 - i. Downtown and Market Square: Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, 412-566-4190, Hours 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 - ii. Oakland: Oakland Business Improvement District, 412-683-6243; Hours 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 - iii. Strip District: Vendors must obtain written permission from the building and/or property owner to use a specific/predetermined area for their table(s), vending unit or food cart. It cannot be located on City property such as sidewalks, alleys, and

commercial parking lots. *The building and/or property owner may charge a fee for your vending on their property.*

H. Restrictions:

- a. No vendor is permitted to operate within 100 feet of a City of Pittsburgh permitted special event except parades. This includes previously approved vending sites.
- b. No loud noises are permitted.
- c. Any signs are regulated by current Zoning code ordinances.
- d. No mobile vendor vehicle is permitted in residential districts. Those operating in commercial districts are not permitted to operate between 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- e. No vendor shall be permitted to dispose of any debris or waste products generated from the operation of their business into City owned and maintained trash receptacles.
- f. Unless permission from the business owner has been granted, no vending activity will be permitted within 100 feet of any business that sells similar items.
- g. Unless approved through agreement with the appropriate Authority or its designated management company, no vending activity will be permitted on any public right-of-way within the boundaries set forth in Appendix 2 below or within any property owned by the Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County for the operation and management of Heinz Field, PNC Park, the PPG Paints Arena, and the David L. Lawrence Convention Center or on any other property used by professional sports franchises in which the Sports and Exhibition Authority of the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County has a financial or proprietary interest; and on property owned and operated by the University of Pittsburgh known as the John M. & Gertrude E. Peterson Event Center; and property owned and operated by Duquesne University known as A.J. Palumbo Center.
- h. A mobile vehicle vendor may not operate within a City park except at the following approved locations during normal park operating hours (6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.):
 - i. Schenley Park
 - I. The Bob O'Connor Golf Course.
 - II. Flagstaff Hill.
 - III. The Schenley Oval.
 - ii. Frick Park
 - I. Tennis court parking lot.

II. Frick Environmental Center.

- I. **Additional Employee License Count required:** Licenses must be amended to add additional employees during the licensed period, where applicable. Refunds are not provided for the reduction of employees.

6. **Parking Lot Licensing**

- A. **Applicability:** This section applies to licenses that are required for revenue-generating commercial parking places that are open and/or enclosed and located within the City (PCC § 763).

A parking lot is defined as any commercial parking area at which motor vehicles are parked or stored for any period of time in return for payment.

- B. **Exemptions:** The following revenue-generating commercial parking lots are exempt from obtaining a license as required under PCC Section 763:
- a. Any parking garage or place that is provided or leased exclusively to occupants of a residence, or any parking garage or place where at least 80% of spaces are provided to residents on the same or other premises for use only in connection to the residence.
 - b. Any parking place or garage that is provided exclusively for guests or tenants of a hotel, tourist court, or trailer park.
 - c. Any parking by an employee for a fee in a parking lot owned or operated by or for his or her employer at the employee's regular place of business (PCC § 763.04).
- C. **Fees:** Parking lot license fees are established per the fee schedule. Parking lot licenses are subject to late fees per Rule VII(1)(B).
- D. **Expiration:** Parking lot licenses expire 365 days from the license start date.
- E. **Application Requirements:** Unless otherwise exempted in this section, applicants must conform to the minimum qualification of all applicants (Rule VII(1)(A)). In addition to the general tax compliance requirements for all applicants, parking lot applicants must provide proof of payment of the parking tax imposed by the City of Pittsburgh (PCC § 249). In addition, applicants must provide the following upon application:
- a. Valid certificate of occupancy; and
 - b. A plot or sketch of the parking lot that clearly depicts all parking spots. This is required for all new licenses or where there has been a change in the Certificate of Occupancy for parking to reflect a different parking plot.
 - i. For open lots, a detailed sketch or plot showing every possible detail of the lot.
 - ii. For closed lots, a detailed sketch or plot and a written description of the number of uniformed security personnel to be used at the lot.
- F. **Inspections:** PLI shall inspect to ensure compliance of licensed activity (Rule II(7)). New license applicants are subject to PLI inspection prior to the

issuance of a license. Renewed licenses will be inspected throughout the year according to a departmental maintenance schedule.

G. Requirements During License Period: In addition to maintaining the aforementioned minimum requirements, all parking lot licensees must conform to the following provisions:

- a. Parking and driving areas shall be of smooth and compact surfacing.
- b. Parking places located on open lots shall be properly enclosed or maintained with bumper protection for sidewalks and adjacent property.
- c. Entrances and exits to and from parking places shall be plainly marked and so situated as to avoid obstructing traffic on the abutting street and to prevent interference with or obstruction of pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk.
- d. Reasonable effort shall be made to keep the parking area free of all debris.
- e. All open lots shall be lit so that all spaces may be observed from the adjoining public streets, alleys or walkways, or, if the open lot is such that is not observable in the regular course from adjoining public streets, alleys or walkways, it shall comply with the licensing and safety requirements for enclosed parking lots applicable to that particular open lot.
- f. For the entire time that a parking garage is in operation, there shall be surveillance of all areas of all enclosed parking garages in which attendants do not park all of the vehicles. At a minimum, the surveillance shall include uniformed garage personnel to patrol each area of the parking garage at least once every thirty (30) minutes, unless the uniformed person is detained for security reasons, as verified by Detex or comparable equipment or methodology. No person who is responsible for collecting money or parking cars shall be responsible for surveillance.
- g. On and after January 1, 1985, the lighting in every part of all enclosed parking garages in which attendants do not park all vehicles shall be consistent with the standards set forth in the City of Pittsburgh Lighting Code, Title Twelve Lighting Code, Chapter 1201 Lighting Code, Section 1201.07 Required Calculations for Lighting Installations, Table 7(E) and (F) Recommended Maintained Illuminance and Luminance Values.
- h. All access to enclosed parking garages shall be through secured entrances during all hours of operation. The access may be secured by alarm and/or lock and key, or closed-circuit TV, or verifiable uniformed security patrols at a minimum of at least once every fifteen (15) minutes.

- i. All enclosed parking garages in which attendants do not park all of the vehicles shall be in compliance with BOCA regulations, including but not limited to BOCA regulations regarding fire suppression equipment and emergency alarms/phones for elevators.
- j. Within six (6) months of the effective date of this subsection, the structures shall have emergency phones installed on all parking levels, or panic buzzers/alarms zoned to a central station which is staffed at all times, or comparable equipment. The equipment will be strategically located, visibly marked and accessible to persons with disabilities.
- k. All enclosed parking garages with three (3) or more floors shall provide escort service for all customers who request the service. Escort service shall be available during all hours of operation, by an employee readily identifiable as a representative of the garage.
- l. All enclosed parking garages which provide escort service shall post a sign at all entrances clearly defining the service. A patron should wait no longer than fifteen (15) minutes for an escort.
- m. Every operator shall post and maintain, in a conspicuous place at each entrance to each parking place, a sign showing the schedule of rates to be charged on an hourly, daily, Sunday, holiday, event and special basis and weekly, monthly and yearly leases, which corresponds to those rates stated in the operator's application; the operator's name and address, and the City license registration number all printed in letters three (3) inches high with half inch strokes as to be readily readable by prospective patrons. Once the operator posts a new schedule of rates, the operator must file a supplement to the license application within ten (10) business days to PLI.
- n. Every commercial place in excess of fifty (50) cars which does not have attendant parking shall have one (1) parking space designated as "Parking for Persons with Disabilities," and for each 100 parking spaces over fifty (50), there shall be an additional parking space for persons with disabilities. Each parking space for persons with disabilities shall be seventeen (17) by seventeen (17) by nineteen and one-half (19½ or 19.5) feet and shall be located in the commercial parking place in areas that are most accessible to garage entrances and exits that serve persons with disabilities.

H. Restrictions:

- o. For the purposes of this provision, a parking lot may be operated for the benefit of more than one (1) employer so long as spaces are not offered to nonemployees of those employers. In order for lots operated solely for the benefit of an employer or employers to qualify for the exemption under this provision, all employers affected shall execute a

form to be provided by the License Officer acknowledging that they are aware that their employees shall not be afforded the protections guaranteed by this Chapter and they agree that the protection of their employees in the employee lots is a matter which shall be determined between them and the operators of the lots.

- p. No operator shall permit any motor vehicle brought to any commercial parking place or any parking lot to be parked on a street or sidewalk.
- q. No operator shall permit any merchant or vendor to use a commercial parking lot to distribute or sell any goods, service, or merchandise.
- r. No operator shall allow any revenue control equipment required by this Chapter to be disabled or rendered inoperable entirely or in part by any switch, button, or other means. In the event that any revenue control equipment becomes disabled or inoperable entirely or in part, the operator shall immediately take action to have such equipment repaired and shall immediately notify the License Officer of the location of the equipment, date and time that the equipment malfunction began, the nature of the malfunction, and the action taken to effect its repair. Upon completion of the repairs to the equipment, the operator shall immediately notify the License Officer of the date and time that the equipment was restored to full operation.
- s. No operator shall exceed the capacity of a commercial parking lot as stated on the license application.

- I. **Additional Employee License Count Required:** No additional employee license count is required.

7. **Peddler Licensing**

- A. **Applicability:** This section applies to licenses issued to peddlers selling within the City of Pittsburgh (PCC § 719).

A peddler is defined as any person, whether a resident of the City of Pittsburgh or not, traveling by foot from place to place, from house to house, or from street to street, carrying on their person or by push-cart or wagon goods, wares, merchandise, products, and/or provisions, offering and exposing the same for sale, or making sales and delivering articles to purchasers.

- B. **Fees:** Peddler license fees are established per the PLI fee schedule. Peddler licenses are subject to late fees per Rule VII(1)(B) and to additional employee fee per vendor employee.

- t. **Fees due to license amendments:** Licensees shall be required to pay additional funds for an increase in vendor employees during the license period.

- C. **Exemptions:** Except for the insurance requirements (Rule IV(6)), peddler licensees must conform to the minimum qualifications of all applicants (Rule VII(1)(A)).

- I. **Expiration:** Peddler licenses expire 365 days from the license start date.

- J. **Application Requirements:** Except for insurance requirements (Rule VI(1)(B)), peddler applicants and licensees must conform to the minimum qualifications of all applicants. In addition, applicants must provide the following upon application:

- a. If an employee of a company, a letter from employer on company letterhead confirming employment must be provided; and
- b. If vending any food, a copy of the ACHD Certificate (see Appendix 1). Due to ACHD *Food Safety Rules and Regulations*, PLI makes no guarantees that Peddlers will be able to secure a certificate for Peddling food items. PLI will defer to ACHD decisions regarding food safety compliance and food permit issuance.

- K. **Inspections:** Unless otherwise exempted herein, PLI shall inspect to ensure compliance of licensed activity. This applies to both new and renewed licenses (Rule II(7)).

- L. **Requirements During License Period:** In addition to maintaining the aforementioned minimum qualifications, any and all licensed peddlers shall not remain more than fifteen (15) minutes in a single location. Upon the expiration of the fifteen (15) minutes, the peddler must begin moving to a location at least 250 feet from the first location.

- M. **Restrictions:** No peddler shall:

- a. Be permitted to operate in residential districts between the hours of 8 p.m. to 8 a.m., unless otherwise allowed through a permitted event.
 - b. Be permitted to operate in commercial districts between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.
 - c. Without the written permission of the event organizers, be permitted to operate within 100 feet of a City of Pittsburgh permitted special event, as enforced by Special Events.
 - d. Whether licensed or not, no peddler shall use any public place to sell wares or do anything else in any way(s) that obstruct(s), interfere(s) with, or prevent(s) the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic in the Central Business District, except during the hours of a City of Pittsburgh permitted special event; and, unless they have approval through agreement with the appropriate Authority or its designated management company, no peddler shall operate on any public right-of-way within the boundaries set forth in Appendix 2 below or within any property owned by the Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County for the operation and management of Heinz Field, PNC Park, the Mellon Arena and the David L. Lawrence Convention Center and of any other property used by professional sports franchises in which the Sports and Exhibition Authority of the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County has a financial or proprietary interest, and/or within the boundaries set forth in Appendix 2 below of the property owned and operated by the University of Pittsburgh known as the John M. & Gertrude E. Peterson Event Center and property owned and operated by Duquesne University known as the A.J. Palumbo Center.
 - e. Community groups, and charitable organizations may vend on the public right-of-way during the hours and within the perimeters of a permitted special event with the approval of the appropriate City of Pittsburgh departments and personnel including the Department of Permits Licenses and Inspections and the special events coordinator of the City of Pittsburgh.
 - f.
- N. **Additional Employee License Count required:** No additional employee license count is required. Each individual person/employee is an individual peddler who must have their own peddler's license.

8. **Secondhand Dealer Licensing**

- A. **Applicability:** This section applies to license(s) provided to re-sell goods second-hand with a valid Certificate of Occupancy for a retail use (PCC § 717).

Secondhand Dealers: Any person who either wholly or partly engages or operates the trade or business of the buying and selling of any articles or goods that are purchased, salvaged or received from any person such as antiques, precious stones, metals and jewelry, tools, electrical devices, fixtures, appliances, second hand cars, automobile accessories or tires, household goods, firearms and bric-a-brac.

Pawn Broker: “Pawn broker” is defined as any person who 1) engages in the business of lending money on the deposit or pledge of personal property, other than choses in action, securities or written evidence of indebtedness; 2) purchases personal property with an express or implied agreement or understanding to sell it back at a subsequent time at a stipulated price; and/or 3) lends money upon goods, wares or merchandise pledged, stored or deposited as collateral security.

Pledge: “Pledge” is defined as article(s) deposited with a pawnbroker in the course of his or her business as security for a loan.

Pledger: Pledger is defined as the person who obtains a loan from a pawnbroker and delivers a pledge into the possession of a pawnbroker, unless the person discloses that he or she is or was acting or another, in which case a "pledger" means the disclosed principal.

- B. **Exemptions:** None.
- C. **Fees:** Secondhand dealer license fee(s) are established per the PLI fee schedule. Secondhand dealer licenses are subject to late fees per Rule VII(1)(B) and to the additional employee fee per vendor employee.
- D. **Expiration:** Secondhand dealer licenses expire 365 days from license start date.
- E. **Application Requirements:** Secondhand Dealer License applicants and licensees must conform to the minimum qualification of all applicants (Rule VII(1)(a)). In addition, applicants must provide the following upon application:
- a. Valid certificate of occupancy;
 - b. ePatch criminal record check (see Appendix 1);
 - c. If selling jewelry, the applicant/licensee must also obtain a Precious Metal License through Allegheny County (see Appendix 1); and
 - d. If the applicant/licensee gives loans in exchange for merchandise and charges interest, the applicant/licensee must provide a Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities license.

F. **Inspections:** PLI shall inspect to ensure compliance of licensed activity (Rule II(7)). This applies to both new and renewed licenses. The City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Police will conduct inspections as required.

G. **Requirements During License Period:** In addition to maintaining the aforementioned minimum requirements, all secondhand dealer licensees must conform to the following provisions:

- a. Each Licensee shall keep a book at the time of acquiring articles in the course of business containing a full and accurate description of any article(s) purchased and the name and address of any person buying or selling any article(s).
- b. Each pawnbroker shall keep a book legibly written in the English language recording a full and accurate description of any article(s) purchased or pledged, the time of purchase or pledge, the time that the purchase or pledge is to be redeemed, and the amount of money lent or paid.
- c. All dealers, pawnbrokers, and junk dealers shall furnish the book described above for the previous business week to the Superintendent of Police by 12:00 p.m. Monday.
- d. All Licensees shall keep and retain on their premises all articles and/or junk in the original form, shape or condition in which they were received for a minimum period of forty-eight (48) hours after receipt.

H. **Restrictions:** No licensee shall:

- a. Sell or dispose of antiques, precious stones, jewelry, watches, old gold, platinum, silver or other precious metals, or similar items within thirty (30) days of purchase;
- b. Sell or dispose of any other items within seven (7) days after purchase;
- c. Purchase any item from anyone under eighteen (18) years of age, an intoxicated person, or a known thief; and/or
- d. Transact any business between 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

I. **Additional Employee License Count Required:** No additional employee license count is required.

9. Stationary Vendor Licensing

A. **Applicability:** This section applies only to licenses issued to stationary vehicle vendors situated on one of the approved public property locations, known as approved vending sites; such vendors must be licensed. Any vendor on private property is not regulated by this section, but must contact the Department of City Planning, Zoning Division, for a list of requirements. (PCC § 719).

A stationary vendor is any person who sells or offers for sale goods, wares, merchandise, food, or provisions from an approved vending unit at a fixed, pre-approved location.

A Vending Unit is a motor vehicle, cart, or other structure that conforms to the unit size requirements as defined in the PCC and these *Rules and Regulations*. Other structures may include, but are not limited to, a small structure or stand in a public area with one or more open sides used to vend.

B. **Exemptions:** Neither a vending permit nor occupancy permit is required to vend wares where vending units are located in the Strip District neighborhood of the City of Pittsburgh. Vendors that fall under this exception must seek written permission from the building and/or property owner to use a specific/pre-determined area for vending.

C. **Fees:** Stationary vendor license fees are established per the PLI fee schedule. Stationary vendor licenses are subject to late fees per Rule VII(1)(B) and to additional employee fees per vendor employee.

a. **Fees due to license amendments:** Licensees shall be required to pay any additional amounts for any and all increases in vendor employees during the license period.

D. **Expiration:** Stationary vendor licenses expire 365 days from the license start date.

E. **Application Requirements:** Stationary vendor licensees must conform to the minimum qualifications of all applicants (Rule VII(1)(A)). In addition, applicants must provide the following upon application:

- a. One (1) colored picture of the vending unit or sketch design of vending unit that includes the vending unit's measurements.
- b. Select a pre-approved site from the pre-approved site list or nominate a new site.
- c. Valid general liability insurance, per Rule IV(6)(C)).
- d. Valid Allegheny County Health Dept. License number, if vending food (Appendix 1).
- e. Valid vehicle registration, if required.
- f. Additional Employee License requirements, if applicable.

- g. Workers' Compensation Insurance, if applicable.
 - h. Copy of Registration letter if vending in Downtown or Oakland.
- F. **Inspections:** Unless otherwise exempted herein, PLI shall inspect to ensure compliance of licensed activity. This applies to both new and renewed licenses (Rule II (7)). In addition, DOMI will inspect the vending site on the first day of business to ensure compliance with right-of-way regulations.
- G. **Requirements During License Period:** In addition to maintaining the aforementioned minimum qualifications, all licensed stationary vendors must conform to the following provisions:
- a. The size of the vending unit shall not be larger than eleven (11) feet high, twenty-four (24) feet long, and eight (8) feet wide. DOMI may provide an exception to cart constraints upon written request.
 - b. Maintain valid vehicle registration where the vending unit used to carry on business is a vehicle.
 - c. Any signs are regulated by current Zoning code ordinances.
 - d. If the vendor is selling a product that generates trash, the vendor must have with them a metal or rigid plastic trash container with a thirty gallon combined minimum capacity. In addition, vendors must maintain and keep clean a twenty-five (25) foot perimeter surrounding the designated location of the vending unit or vehicle.
- H. **Restrictions:** No stationary vendor shall
- a. Operate in residential districts.
 - b. Operate in commercial districts between 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.
 - c. Operate within 100 feet of a City of Pittsburgh permitted special event, except parades. This includes previously approved vending sites.
 - d. Produce loud noises.
 - e. Take part in vending activity within 100 feet of any business that sells similar items unless permission from business owner has been granted.
 - f. Dispose of any debris or waste products generated from the operation of their business into City owned and maintained trash receptacles.
 - g. Unless approved through agreement with the appropriate Authority or its designated management company, no vending activity will be permitted on any public right-of-way within the boundaries set forth in Appendix 2 below or within any property owned by the Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County for the operation and management of Heinz Field, PNC Park, the PPG Paints Arena, and the David L. Lawrence Convention Center or on any other property used by professional sports franchises in which the Sports and Exhibition Authority of the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County

has a financial or proprietary interest; and on property owned and operated by the University of Pittsburgh known as the John M. & Gertrude E. Peterson Event Center; and property owned and operated by Duquesne University known as A.J. Palumbo Center.

- I. **Additional Employee License Count Required:** Licenses must be amended to add new/additional employees during the licensed period. Refunds are not provided for the reduction of employees.
- J. **Vending Site Nomination:** Prior to issuance of a license by PLI and in accordance with Resolution number 756 of 2000, all stationary vending sites must be approved by the Pittsburgh City Council.
 - a. To nominate a site:
 - i. Fill out the site nomination form.
 - ii. The Site Designation Committee will review and submit the form to City Council for approval or denial.
 - iii. If the site is approved, an application for a particular site may be submitted to the vending site committee.
 - b. If any vending locations are located within the areas listed below, you must contact the organization listed. The organization may require the applicant to submit an approval letter to PLI or pay membership fees.
 - i. Downtown and Market Square:
Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, 412-566-4190
Hours 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 - ii. Oakland:
Oakland Business Improvement District, 412-683-6243
Hours 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 - c. Strip District –Vendors must obtain written permission from the building and/or property owner to use a specific/predetermined area for your table(s), vending unit or food cart. *The building and/or property owner may charge a fee for your vending on their property.*

10. **Ticket Reselling Licensing**

- A. **Applicability:** This license is issued to peddlers selling tickets to events within the City of Pittsburgh (PCC § 726).

A ticket reseller is defined as a person who resells tickets for sporting and cultural events located at PNC Park, PPG Paints Arena, or Heinz Field.

- B. **Fees:** Ticket reselling license fees are established per the fee schedule. Ticket reselling licenses are not subject to late fees.
- C. **Exemptions:** Except for the insurance requirements (Rule IV(6)), ticket reselling licensees must conform to the minimum qualifications of all applicants (Rule VII(1)(A)).
- D. **Expiration:** Ticket reselling licenses expire 365 days from the license start date.
- E. **Application Requirements:** Applicants must conform to the minimum qualifications of all applicants (Rule VII(1)(A)).
- F. **Inspections:** Unless otherwise exempted herein, PLI shall inspect to ensure compliance of licensed activity. This applies to both new and renewed licenses (Rule II(7)).
- G. **Requirements During License Period:** In addition to maintaining the aforementioned minimum requirements, all ticket reselling licensees must carry the license and their valid government identification at all times while engaging in the business of ticket sales and shall, if requested to do so by a law enforcement officer or City official, permit said individual to examine and review the license. Each refusal to permit a law enforcement officer or City official to examine and review the license shall constitute a separate offense. Each day's operation of such business without a license shall constitute a separate offense.
- H. **Restrictions:**
- a. A person may not sell or offer for sale any ticket for admission to any event at Heinz Field or PNC Park on a public street, sidewalk, public right-of-way, or any other City or publicly owned property, except in the Reselling Zone created in Section 726.06 of the PCC, without first obtaining a license from PLI.
 - b. Except for the Reselling Zone created in Section 726.06 of the PCC, tickets may not be offered for sale or sold within the area described in the map referred to in Section 726.06 of the PCC.
 - c. Tickets may not be offered for sale or sold on sidewalks where passage is restricted by construction.
 - d. Tickets may not be offered for sale or sold within fifteen (15) feet of a bus stop marked by appropriate signage.

- e. Tickets may be offered for sale or sold only from a public sidewalk, except sales to or from a passenger vehicle, provided that neither buyer nor seller is in violation of any statute, ordinance or regulation relating to traffic and operation of a motor vehicle in any public right-of-way.
 - f. Tickets may not be offered for sale to or be sold to occupants of vehicles in traffic.
 - g. Tickets may not be offered for sale or sold in any manner that:
 - iii. blocks, obstructs or restricts the passage of pedestrians or vehicles in the lawful use of the sidewalks, streets, highways or other public rights-of-way, or the ingress or egress to or from an abutting property, and/or
 - iv. interferes with the operation of any display stand of a person licensed as a vendor (PCC § 719).
 - h. Ticket sellers shall not use a display stand, table, booth, chair or sign other than a hand-held sign for the sale or offering for sale of tickets.
 - i. The Reselling Zone shall be located at the northeastern corner of Dorsett Way and North Shore Drive and consist of an area approximately twenty-three (23) feet by thirty (30) feet. The Reselling Zone shall be identified by appropriate signage. For the protection of the public, at the Reselling Zone, there may also be displayed signage that contains information including but not necessarily limited to the validity of tickets and the maximum price at which tickets may be sold. Placement and size of signage shall be subject to the approval of the Zoning Administrator in accordance with the applicable provisions of Title Ten of the PCC.
- I. **Additional Employee License Count required:** No additional employee license count is required. Each individual person/employee is an individual ticket reseller who must have their own ticket reseller's license.

VIII. Appendices

1. Required Documents List

- A. **Affordable Housing Certificate:** A document recognizing the location as an approved affordable housing location.
- B. **Allegheny County Health Department Certificate:** A document that confirms that the business has authorization from the Allegheny County Health Department (“ACHD”) to serve food. The expiration date must be after the date of license activity start date. ACHD can be reached at (412)-687-2243.
- C. **Certificate of Occupancy:** Certificate of Occupancy document issued by the City of Pittsburgh for the address where the licensed activity will occur. New Certificates of Occupancy can be obtained through a two-step process that requires review and approval first by the Department of City Planning, Zoning Division and then by PLI. A search tool for Certificates of Occupancy can be found at <http://pittsburghpa.gov/pli/occupancy/index.html>. Contact PLIrecords@pittsburghpa.gov for more information or if you cannot find a Certificate of Occupancy on our search tool.
- D. **City of Pittsburgh Tax Compliance:** A letter or notice from the Department of Finance providing a tax ID to any legal entity in the City of Pittsburgh doing business. The Tax Compliance letter states that the applicant legal entity is current and in compliance with all applicable tax obligations to the City of Pittsburgh. The tax compliance letter must have been generated within the past twelve months to be accepted by PLI.
- E. **Continuing Education Credits:** Documentation issued by the educational provider showing continuing education credits.
- F. **Documentation Regarding Experience:** For new trade license applicants, work experience must be accompanied with a resume and references of relevant job experience and contact information for references provided, and/or a statement from an employer or City licensed trade-person attesting to the applicant’s years of experience. Self-employed applicants must provide proof of experience in the form of a notarized statement attesting the number of years of experience.
- G. **Employer Letter Authorizing Employee:** A letter stating the applicant is authorized to do work on behalf of the business identified as the legal entity.
- H. **ePatch Criminal Record Check:** Verification of completed Pennsylvania Criminal Background Check. For more information about obtaining this document, please visit <https://epatch.state.pa.us/>.

- I. **General Liability Insurance:** A Certificate of Insurance showing general liability coverage for the applicant at the location where licensed activity will take place, and listing the City of Pittsburgh as the certificate holder and additionally insured.
- J. **Government Issued Photo ID:** Current and valid government-issued photo identification, such as a non-expired Driver's License or Passport. This is used as proof that the applicant is at least 18 years or older.
- K. **Lease or Legal Agreement:** A lease or legal agreement regarding the licensee's right to occupy a location.
- L. **NIULPE Certification:** Certification from the National Institute for the Uniform Licensing of Power Engineers, Inc. showing completion of any power engineer classification.
- M. **PA Department of Banking & Securities License:** If the applicant's business provides loans in exchange for merchandise and charges interest, the applicant must provide a Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities license.
- N. **Picture of Mechanical Device:** A picture of the mechanical device(s) located at the place of business.
- O. **Picture of Sign:** A picture of the installed, approved sign. All signs must conform to the City of Pittsburgh zoning and building provisions. The sign displayed must match the valid Certificate of Occupancy issued. Any changes to any sign(s) must be approved by the Department of City Planning, Zoning Division.
- P. **Precious Metals License:** A license issued by the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office that permits the owner to sell precious metals license. The expiration date must be after the license activity start-date. For further information about the Precious Metal License, contact (412)-350-4714.
- Q. **Proof of Passing Test Results to Selected Trade:** Documented, written proof of passing the ICC exam relevant to the Trade License application.
- R. **Sketch or Plot Drawing:** A document that contains a sketch or plot showing the details of the lot. For closed lots, this should also include the details of the building and a written description of the number of uniformed security you will be using.
- S. **Temporary Certificate of Occupancy:** Temporary Certificate of Occupancy document issued by the City of Pittsburgh for the address where the licensed activity will occur.
- T. **Trade Fair Agreement:** Documentation from the owner of the space where the trade fair will be held authorizing the applicant to occupy the site for said trade fair.

- U. **Vehicle Registration:** The document issued by the State of Pennsylvania that shows the vehicle as currently registered. The expiration date must be after the date of license application.
- V. **Vending Unit Photo:** Three photos which show the Front, Side and Interior of the truck or unit.
- W. **Vendor List:** List of Vendors participating in a Trade Fair.
- X. **Worker's Compensation Insurance:** A Certificate of Insurance showing Worker's Compensation coverage for the applicant business and listing the City of Pittsburgh as the certificate holder. If the business does not have any employees, then upload a notarized statement attesting that there are no employees.

2. Prohibited Peddler and Special Permission Vendor Locations

1. MAP 1—HEINZ FIELD:

- ❖ Northern boundary - Reedsdale Street
- ❖ Southern boundary - North Shore Drive
- ❖ Eastern boundary - Art Rooney Avenue
- ❖ Western boundary - Allegheny Avenue

2. MAP 2—PNC PARK:

- ❖ Northern boundary - General Robinson Boulevard
- ❖ Southern boundary - Allegheny River
- ❖ Eastern boundary - 6th Street/Federal Street
- ❖ Western boundary - Mazeroski Way

3. MAP 3—PPG Paints Arena:

- ❖ Northern boundary - Bedford Avenue
- ❖ Southern boundary - Centre Avenue
- ❖ Eastern boundary - Mario Lemieux Place
- ❖ Western boundary - Washington Place

4. MAP 4—DAVID L. LAWRENCE CONVENTION CENTER:

- ❖ Northern boundary - Allegheny River
- ❖ Southern boundary - Penn Avenue
- ❖ Eastern boundary - 11th Street
- ❖ Western boundary - 9th Street

5. MAP 5—PETERSON EVENT CENTER:

- ❖ Northern boundary - Univ. of Pittsburgh Property Line
- ❖ Southern boundary - Terrace Street
- ❖ Eastern boundary - Univ. of Pittsburgh Property Line
- ❖ Western boundary - Sutherland Street

6. MAP 6—A.J. PALUMBO CENTER:

- ❖ Northern boundary - Forbes Avenue
- ❖ Southern boundary - Duquesne Univ. Property Line
- ❖ Eastern boundary - Stevenson Street
- ❖ Western boundary - Duquesne Univ. Property Line

3. Tag Day Letter Example

William Peduto
Mayor



Maura Kennedy
Director

###EXAMPLE###

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November 20, 2016

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Lisa Smith and I am the Volunteer Coordinator for Permits, Licenses and Inspections. We would like to apply for a Tag Day Permit For Saturday December 24, 2016. We would like to request the Corner of Penn Avenue and 16th Street and 84 Liberty Avenue. We will be donating all of our proceeds to our "Winter Pups" fund which goes to benefit the Humane Society. We have done this event for 12 years.

I have attached our application as well as schedules A, B, C, D, and E. Please contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your time,

Lisa Smith

Volunteer Coordinator

412-555-5555

200 Ross Street

Pittsburgh PA, 15219

###EXAMPLE###

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Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections
City of Pittsburgh | 200 Ross Street, Room 320 | Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Main number: 412-255-2175 | Fax: 412-255-2974 | www.pittsburghpa.gov/pli

4. Workers' Compensation Exemption Affidavit



Department of
**PERMITS, LICENSES,
AND INSPECTIONS**

Workers' Compensation Exemption Affidavit

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

County of _____

I affirm, under penalty of perjury, that no individuals will be employed to perform work pursuant to any building permit issued by the City of Pittsburgh, Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections, in accordance with Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1993 Act 44 – Workman's Compensation Act, Section 302.

Printed Name

Applicant Signature

Street Address

Today's Date

City, State, Zip

City Contractor License

Phone Number

AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 20__ .

NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL

NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE