

Ordinance No. 031913

**TOWN OF WINNSBORO
2013 BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE**

Section 1. License Required.

Every person engaged or intending to engage in any calling, business, occupation or profession, in whole or in part, within the limits of the Town of Winnsboro, South Carolina, is required to pay an annual license tax for the privilege of doing business and obtain a business license as herein provided.

Section 2. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this ordinance, shall have the meaning ascribed herein:

“*Business*” means a calling, occupation, profession, or activity engaged in with the object of gain, benefit or advantage, either directly or indirectly.

“*Charitable Organization*” means an organization that is determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be exempt from Federal income taxes under 26 U.S.C. section 501 (c) (3), (4), (6), (7), (8), (10) or (19).

“*Charitable Purpose*” means a benevolent, philanthropic, patriotic, or eleemosynary purpose which does not result in personal gain to a sponsor, organizer, officer, director, trustee or person with ultimate control of the organization.

“*Classification*” means that division of businesses by major groups subject to the same license rate as determined by a calculated index of ability to pay based on national averages, benefits, equalization of tax burden, relationships of services, or other basis deemed appropriate by the Council.

“*Gross Income*” means the total income of a business, received or accrued, for one calendar year collected or to be collected from business done within the Municipality, excepting therefrom income earned outside of the Municipality on which a license tax is paid to some other municipality or a county and fully reported to the Municipality. Gross income for brokers or agents means gross commissions received or retained, unless otherwise specified. Gross income for insurance companies means gross premiums collected. Gross income for business license tax purposes shall not include taxes collected for a governmental entity, escrow funds, or funds which are the property of a third party. The value of bartered goods or trade-in merchandise shall be included in gross income. The gross income for business license purposes may be verified by inspection of returns and reports filed with the Internal Revenue Service, the South Carolina Department of Revenue, the South Carolina Insurance Commission, or other government agency.

“*License Official*” means a person designated to administer this ordinance.

