

Chapter 610

TELEPHONE COMPANIES

Editor's Note — Ord. no. 7658 was passed May 2, 2006, in compliance with HB209 of the 2006 Missouri Legislative session. Provisions contained in HB209 were subsequently deemed unconstitutional by the Missouri Supreme Court on August 8, 2006 in City of Springfield, Appellant V Sprint Spectrum, L.P., Respondent Case No. SC87238. Consequently ord. no. 7658 was not included herein.

Section 610.010. License Tax — Imposed — Amount. [R.O. 2012 §610.010; CC 1979 §15-15; Ord. No. A-1231 §1, 12-17-1951]

Every person engaged in the business of supplying telephones and telephonic service, for compensation or for any other purpose, in the City shall pay to the City, as a license tax, a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the gross receipts derived from such business.

Section 610.020. License Tax — Statements of Gross Receipts — Payment. [R.O. 2012 §610.020; CC 1979 §15-16; Ord. No. A-1231 §2, 12-17-1951; Ord. No. A-1232 §1, 1-16-1952; Ord. No. 7593 §1, 8-22-2005]

Every person supplying telephones or telephonic service as provided in Section 610.010 shall file with the City Clerk, on or before September first (1st) of each year, a sworn statement of the gross receipts derived by such person from such business for the period from January first (1st) to June thirtieth (30th) immediately prior thereto, and on or before March first (1st) of each year, such person shall file with the City Clerk a sworn statement of such gross receipts for the period from July first (1st) to December thirty-first (31st) immediately prior thereto. At the time of filing each such sworn statement, such person shall pay to the City a sum equal to five percent (5%) of such gross receipts during the period covered by each such statement.

Section 610.030. License Tax — Effect of Payment On Other Taxes. [R.O. 2012 §610.030; CC 1979 §15-17; Ord. No. A-1231 §3, 12-17-51]

The payments required by the provisions of this Chapter shall be in lieu of all other excises, charges, exactions, rentals, impositions or other license or occupation taxes imposed upon any person engaged in the business described in Section 610.010, but nothing contained in this Chapter shall be construed to exempt such person from any general or special ad valorem tax imposed upon the public generally by the City.

Section 610.040. Raising, Etc., of Wires To Permit Moving of Houses or Other Bulky Structures. [R.O. 2012 §610.040; CC 1979 §15-18; Ord. No. A-1231 §4, 12-17-1951]

Every person required to pay a license tax pursuant to this Chapter, on the request of any person, shall remove or raise or lower his/her wires temporarily to permit the moving of houses or other bulky structures. The expense of such temporary removal, raising or lowering of wires shall be paid by the party requesting such raising or lowering of wires, and payment in advance may be required. Not less than forty-eight (48) hours' advance notice shall be given to arrange for such temporary wire changes.

Section 610.050. Trimming of Trees, Etc., Necessary To Furnishing of Service. [R.O. 2012 §610.050; CC 1979 §15-19; Ord. No. A-1231 §5, 12-17-1951]

The right is hereby granted to every person required to pay a license tax pursuant to this Chapter to trim trees, brush or hedges upon and overhanging the streets, alleys, sidewalks and public places of the City, when such trimming is necessary to the furnishing of such telephone service within the City and when such trimming may be done consistent with the laws of the State.