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Surprise rental properties now require business license

SURPRISE, AZ (February 10, 2009) If you own a rental property in Surprise, you are now required to obtain a business license for each property, following a City Council approved change to the Surprise Municipal Code. The change brings City Code into line with state statutes and Maricopa County ordinances relating to rental accountability.

Previously those with two or fewer rental properties, in a non-commercial zone, were exempt from obtaining a business license in Surprise.

Business licenses for rental properties in Surprise are \$100 per year. Applications are available online at www.surpriseaz.com, under the Finance Department, by mail, or in person, 12425 W. Bell Road, Suite B-205.

Owners will not be charged the 2009 license if they apply prior to July 1, 2009. A pro-rated licensing fee will be applied on July 1, 2009 or later.

All rental property owners that have not filed for the business license by July 1, 2009, will be in violation of the City Code and could face a penalty of up to \$100.

All rental property owners are reminded that they must register with the Maricopa County Assessor's Office. Forms are available at www.maricopa.gov/assessor. Failure to register a rental with the County could result in a \$150 violation, per day. The Business License Application and the Licensing Eligibility Requirement Form (ARS 41-1080) are easily available online under the Finance Department's Business Licensing section of our web site www.surpriseaz.com.

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