

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 12-22 OF THE TOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES TO DECREASE BUSINESS TAX RATES AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 12-22(d) of the Town Code of Ordinances (the “Town Code”) sets forth the annual business tax due to the Town from businesses operating within the Town; and

WHEREAS, Section 205.0535(5), Florida Statutes, provides that the governing body of a municipality may, by majority vote, adopt an ordinance establishing new rates that decrease local business taxes and do not result in an increase in local business taxes for a taxpayer; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to amend the business tax rate schedule in Section 12-22(d) of the Town Code to decrease business tax rates as set forth in the attached Exhibit “A”.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE
TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. Recitals. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true, correct and reflective of the legislative intent underlying this Ordinance and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Approval of Business Tax Decreases. Section 12-22(d) of the Town Code is hereby amended by amending the business tax rate schedule to decrease business tax rates as set forth in the attached Exhibit “A”.

SECTION 3. Conflicts. All sections or parts of sections of the Code of Ordinances, all ordinances or parts of ordinances and all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same, are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. Severability. Should any section or provision of this Ordinance, or any paragraph, sentence or word, be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such

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decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder hereof, as a whole or a part hereof, other than the part declared to be invalid.

SECTION 5. Authority to Carry Out Business Tax Rate Changes. The appropriate Town officials are authorized to do all things necessary and expedient to carry out the aims of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption on second reading.

Passed on the first reading, this _____ day of July, 2015.

Passed and adopted on the second reading, this _____ day of September, 2015.

MAYOR SCOT SASSER

	First Reading	Second Reading
Mayor Sasser	_____	_____
Vice-Mayor Vincent	_____	_____
Commissioner Brown	_____	_____
Commissioner Dodd	_____	_____
Commissioner Sokolow	_____	_____

ATTEST:

Tedra Smith, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Susan L. Trevarthen, Town Attorney