

CITY OF GREENACRES

Council Agenda Memo
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TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Andrea McCue, City Manager

FROM: Michael Grimm, Director/CBO, Building Department

SUBJECT: **Ordinance No. 2016-17** Amending the Business Tax and Registration Requirements of Businesses and Contractors
City Council Agenda Item for 06-06-2016

DATE: May 31, 2016

COPIES: James D. Stokes, City Attorney
Denise McGrew, City Clerk

Background:

Florida Statutes Chapter 489 entitled "Contracting" requires anyone engaging in Contracting to establish competency through certification and registration. The statutes also require local building departments, prior to issuing permits, to verify the applicant has a proper license, workers compensation insurance, and property liability insurance.

Section 8-49 of the City Code entitled "Contractors License Requirements" requires contractors that do not maintain a business office within the City to: furnish proof that they possess a valid state or county license, register their license with the City, provide proof of liability and workers compensation insurance, and to pay a registration fee pursuant to Section 8-76. Contractors that maintain an office within the City are subject to a local Business Tax Receipt and must also submit all required documents.

Analysis:

Contractor Registration Fee requirements in the current City Code are in conflict with provisions of recently passed Florida HB535. The new law prohibits local enforcement agencies from requiring payment of any additional fees, charges, or expenses associated with providing proof of licensure pursuant to Chapter 489. The provisions of the new law go into effect July 1, 2016. This proposed Ordinance amends the contractor registration requirements in the City Code to align with the new state law.

Financial:

The proposed change to the contractor registration requirements is expected to result in an estimated loss of \$2,500 in revenue to the City.

Legal:

The Ordinance has been prepared in compliance with City Codes and Florida Statutes.

Staff Recommendation:

Approval of Ordinance 2016-17 amending the Business Tax and Registration requirements of businesses and contractors.

Michael Grimm CBO
Director Building Department

Attachments:

1. Ordinance No. 2016-17