AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-200.1 OF CHAPTER 13 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF CRESTWOOD, MISSOURI, REGARDING CONTRACTOR BUSINESS LICENSES

WHEREAS, Section 12.1 of the Charter of the City of Crestwood (the "City") provides that the Board of Aldermen of the City shall have power by ordinance to license, tax and regulate all businesses, occupations, professions, vocations, activities or things whatsoever set forth and enumerated by the statutes of this state now or hereafter applicable to constitutional charter cities, statutory class cities or cities of any population group, and which any such cities are now or may hereafter be permitted by law to license, tax and regulate; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen has previously adopted ordinances requiring general contractors to obtain a contractor business license before performing various work; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to clarify the applicability of Section 13-200.1 to clearly exempt "do-it-yourself" projects done by homeowners to their primary residence; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen finds that the amendment to Section 13-200.1 would be in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CRESTWOOD, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: ARTICLE II of Chapter 13, of the Municipal Code of the City of Crestwood, Missouri is hereby amended to read as follows (with added language appearing in red text):

Sec. 13-200.1. Applicability, license required.

- (a) The provisions of this division shall not apply to any person engaged by a general contractor, as defined in § 13-200, to perform work on any building, structure or other work. Additionally, homeowners performing work on their own primary residence are exempt from the requirements to obtain a contractor's business license for any work performed on the homeowner's primary residence. This exemption for homeowners shall not apply to any rental or investment property owned by the homeowners.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to act as, be or carry on the business of a general contractor, as defined in § 13-200, within the City, without first obtaining a license so to do from the City Clerk/Collector.
- (c) There is hereby levied an annual license fee, in an amount established by the Board of Aldermen, to be paid by any such person who shall act as, be or carry on as a general contractor. Such license fee shall be payable in full at the time of the issuance thereof. Such license shall be valid from the date of issuance until December 31 of the year issued, and shall be renewable and payable thereafter on January 1 of each year. A general contractor whose principal place of business is located within the City of Crestwood and who is required to pay a license tax pursuant to § 13-202 of this Code shall not be required to pay the annual license fee levied by this section.
- (d) All applications for a general contractor license shall be submitted along with the required license fee to the City Clerk/Collector as set forth in § 13-18 of this Code. All persons or entities granted a license under this division shall be subject to the regulations, not inconsistent with this division, of §§ 13-16 through 13-26 of this Code.
- (e) The Board of Aldermen may revoke any license issued under this article upon a showing that such licensee has violated or failed to comply with Chapter 7 of the Code of this City, or with any other ordinance of this City relating to or regulating the construction of buildings or other structures or works in the City.

SECTION 2: The remaining provisions of Chapter 13 of the Municipal Code of the City of Crestwood shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Board of Aldermen and its approval by the Mayor.

PASSED AND SIGNED this 24th day of October, 2023.

Mayor

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ATTEST:

APPROVED this 24th day of October, 2023.