

(b) Except as otherwise defined in this article, terms, phrases, occupations, trades, commercial ventures and terms of art used in sections of this article other than those referred to in subsection (a) hereof shall have the meaning given to them in the West Virginia Code, as amended and currently in force and, when there is more than one such meaning, they shall have the meaning given in the sections of the West Virginia Code imposing any State license tax correlative to the City's license tax.

(c) "Fee" and "tax" may be used interchangeably to refer to the charges imposed under this article.

(d) "Person" includes, wherever the context will permit, not only natural persons, but all other legal entities such as partnerships, corporations, business trusts and the like.

(e) Festival vendors are excluded in mentions of business licenses.

#### **717.03 PAYMENT AND TERM OF LICENSE.**

Except as otherwise specified in this article, the entirety of any license fee designated as an annual fee shall be billed on or about June 1 in each year, and shall be paid within thirty days of the bill being sent. All annual licenses provided for by this article shall be issued for a term of one year beginning on July 1 and ending on the next succeeding June 30. Biennial licenses shall be issued for a term of two years, commencing on July 1 and ending on June 30 two years after the initial license date. Where licenses of other periods are authorized by this article, they shall be of such duration, and shall begin and end on such dates, as the City Clerk may provide; but the City Clerk shall select such dates as State law requires, if any, for any correlative State licenses, certificates or permits.

#### **717.4 FEES TO CONSTITUTE DEBTS DUE THE CITY.**

The fees provided for in this article shall constitute debts due the City and may be collected by the City Clerk by an appropriate action in either the circuit courts or magistrate courts of West Virginia.

#### **717.5 APPLICABILITY; NONTRANSFERABILITY.**

Except where otherwise expressly provided herein, the fees provided for herein apply to any person undertaking the herein described activities, trades or professions for any part, no matter how small, of a given time period in which the fee is imposed. Except where otherwise expressly provided herein, the licenses provided for in this article are not transferable; that is, the payment by one person of a license fee provided for in this article shall not exempt or excuse a purchaser from, a successor to, or assignee of, any such person from the payment of the prescribed fee for the maintenance or possession of a particular license for the conduct of a particular activity. The licenses provided for herein are nontransferable personal privileges. The fees provided for in this article apply only to persons engaging in the specified acts, having the specified ownership, or carrying on the specified operation or conduct of a trade or business where the foregoing are located within the geographic limits of the City.