## **GENERAL INFORMATION FOR BUSINESSES**In the City of Talladega or Police Jurisdiction

The City of Talladega has authority through State law to license all businesses conducting trade or performing services within its city limits and/or police jurisdiction. The license year is based on a calendar year (January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>). It shall be the sole responsibility of the business to obtain the proper business license prior to the start of business. **All licenses** (except transient or temporary event licenses) **expire December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, regardless of the date purchased.** 

Application for business licenses are taken daily between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Talladega City Hall, 203 South Street W., Talladega, Alabama 35160. For your convience a checklist of documents required to process a business license and an application for a business license are available at <a href="www.talladega.com">www.talladega.com</a>. DO NOT complete the application and remit without payment, contact this office to obtain the correct license fee due.

Revenue Office 256-362-8186 phone 256-362-2999 fax Revenue Officer 256-362-8186 ext. 1023

## All license renewals become DUE ANNUALLY ON JANUARY $\mathbf{1}^{ST}$ . Penalties for a delinquent license are as follows:

Payments made after: January 30<sup>th</sup> will be assessed a 15% penalty

February 29<sup>th</sup> will be assessed a 30% penalty

In the case of persons who began business on or after the first day of the calendar year, the license for such "new business" shall be increased by 15% for the first 15 days they shall be delinquent, and shall incur an additional 15% for a delinquency of 45 days or more.

If business operations have been discontinued as of January 1<sup>st</sup> it is the responsibility of the taxpayer to notify the Revenue Division in writing of the cessation of the business operations in the City. Additionally, taxpayers are responsible for providing written notification of any change of address, business structure or organization, and/or ownership.

**Alcoholic Beverage License**: Applications for the retail sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages in a public location within city limits and/or the police jurisdiction are processed by the Revenue Division. *Applications are taken by appointment only* by calling 256-362-8186 ext. 1023. Alcoholic beverage licenses are not transferrable. Prior to purchasing a business which holds a valid ABC license, contact the Revenue Division at 256-362-8186 ext. 1023 or the Alabama ABC Board Field Enforcement Office at 256-237-3211.

**Regulated Licenses**: Applicants for certain types of licenses are required to show evidence of current, valid licensure or certification by a City, County or State Board regulating the specific business or industry before a City business license can be issued or renewed. Examples of such business include, but are not limited to: Electricians, Plumbers, Gas Fitters, Heating & Air

Conditioning Contractors, Landscape Architects & Gardeners, Tree Pruners &/or Tree Surgeons.

Applicants for licenses for eating/food establishments, bars, tattoo parlors, boarding houses, domiciliaries, and similar businesses must present a valid Health Department permit at the time of application. Day Care Centers must present a valid Zoning Certificate of Operation (ZCO), as well as a valid Day Care license issued through the County or State Department of Human Resources before the City license can be issued.

## **Smoking Regulations**

Effective September 1, 2007 the City of Talladega implemented a Smoke-Free Air Ordinance. This prohibits smoking in all buildings open to the public. A copy of Ordinance No. 1620 – Smoke-Free Air Ordinance is available at <a href="www.talladega.com">www.talladega.com</a> (Public Records, Ordinances) or from the City Clerk's Office, 203 South Street W., P.O. Box 498, Talladega, Alabama 35160.

## **City Historic Districts**

Effective February 5, 1990 the City of Talladega adopted Ordinance No. 1249 which established a Historic Preservation Commission. The Historic Preservation Commission is responsible for upholding preservation guidelines in the City's four Historic Districts (Silk Stocking District, Talladega College District, North Street District and the Courthouse Square District). For more information concerning conducting business in the historic districts contact the City Clerk at 256-362-8186 ext. 1026.