Ivins City Staff Report
City Council Meeting 08/06/2026

Agenda Item: Discuss and consider approval of updating the City code regarding business licenses

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Recommended City Council Action:
Approve the updated verbiage to the City code to ensure the necessary businesses receive a fire inspection.

BACKGROUND:
The City repealed all regulations on home occupation businesses in 2017. Since then, the City has been informing applicants that a home-based business does not need to have an Ivins City business license. The City's current code does not state that a fire inspection is required to maintain an active business license for home-based businesses or non-home-based businesses. The Utah State Fire Code gives Santa Clara-Ivins Fire department authority to inspect a building but does not require it which has led to difficulties for the fire department in scheduling annual inspections.

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff have prepared amendments to the business license code to help identify businesses that may present increased fire or safety risks and to provide a mechanism for fire inspections when warranted, including for home occupation businesses. The proposed amendments are focused on enhancing public safety. The proposed amendments do not reinstate the City's former home occupation regulations but do require licenses for those certain types of home businesses that require inspections. The amendments are intended to ensure that businesses involving higher-risk activities can be identified and evaluated for compliance with applicable fire and safety standards.

The Council may wish to consider reinstating the home occupation regulations that used to be in Chapter 3 of Title 5. If so, we can provide the original text as it was before it was removed. This may be part of the discussion at Council meeting.

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