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Article 1 – Alcoholic Beverages

SECTION 5-101: DEFINITIONS

All words and phrases herein used are to have the definitions applied thereto as defined in the Liquor Control Act of the State of Nebraska. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-103)

SECTION 5-102: ACQUISITION AND POSSESSION

It shall be unlawful for any person to purchase, receive, acquire, accept, or possess any alcoholic liquor acquired from any other person other than one duly licensed to handle alcoholic liquor under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act. Nothing in this section shall prevent (A) the possession of alcoholic liquor for the personal use of the possessor and his or her family and guests, as long as the quantity of alcoholic liquor transported, imported, brought, or shipped into the state does not exceed nine liters in any one calendar month; (B) the making of wine, cider, or other alcoholic liquor by a person from fruits, vegetables, or grains or the products thereof by simple fermentation and without distillation, if made solely for the use of the maker and his or her family and guests; (C) any duly licensed practicing physician or dentist from possessing or using alcoholic liquor in the strict practice of his or her profession, any hospital or other institution caring for sick and diseased persons from possessing and using alcoholic liquor for the treatment of bona fide patients of such hospital or other institution or any drug store employing a licensed pharmacist from possessing or using alcoholic liquor in compounding of prescriptions of licensed physicians; (D) the possession and dispensation of wine by an authorized representative of any church for the purpose of conducting any bona fide rite or religious ceremony conducted by such church; (E) persons who are 16 years old or older from carrying alcoholic liquor from licensed establishments when they are accompanied by a person not a minor; (F) persons who are 16 years old or older from handling alcoholic liquor containers and alcoholic liquor in the course of their employment; (G) persons who are 16 years old or older from removing and disposing of alcoholic liquor containers for the convenience of the employer and customers in the course of their employment; or (H) persons who are 19 years old or older from serving or selling alcoholic liquor in the course of their employment. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-168.06, 53-175, 53-194.03)

SECTION 5-103: DRINKING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY; POSSESSION OF OPEN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTAINER

A. Except when the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission has issued a license as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-186(2), it is unlawful for any person to consume

alcoholic liquor upon property owned or controlled by the state or any governmental subdivision thereof unless authorized by the governing bodies having jurisdiction over such property. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-186(1))

B. It is unlawful for any person in the passenger area of a motor vehicle to possess an open alcoholic beverage container while the motor vehicle is located in a public parking area or on any highway in this village.

C. Except as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-186, it is unlawful for any person to consume an alcoholic beverage (1) in a public parking area or on any highway in this village or (2) inside a motor vehicle while in a public parking area or on any highway in this village.

D. For purposes of this division:

1. "Alcoholic beverage" means (a) beer, ale porter, stout, and other similar fermented beverages, including sake or similar products, of any name or description containing one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume, brewed or produced from malt, wholly or in part, or from any substitute therefor; (b) wine of not less than one-half of one percent of alcohol by volume; or (c) distilled spirits, which is that substance known as ethyl alcohol, ethanol, or spirits of wine in any form, including all dilutions and mixtures thereof from whatever source or by whatever process produced. "Alcoholic beverage" does not include trace amounts not readily consumable as a beverage;
2. "Highway" means a road or street including the entire area within the right-of-way;
3. "Open alcoholic beverage container" means any bottle, can, or other receptacle that (a) contains any amount of alcoholic beverage; and (b) is open or has a broken seal; or (c) the contents of which are partially removed; and
4. "Passenger area" means the area designed to seat the driver and passengers while the motor vehicle is in operation and any area that is readily accessible to the driver or a passenger while in their seating positions, including any compartments in such area. "Passenger area" does not include the area behind the last upright seat of such motor vehicle if the area is not normally occupied by the driver or a passenger and the motor vehicle is not equipped with a trunk.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,211.08) (Ord. No. 82-5, 7/23/82)

SECTION 5-104: CONSUMPTION IN PUBLIC PLACES; LICENSE

It is unlawful for any person owning, operating, managing, or conducting any dance

hall, restaurant, café, club or any place open to the general public to permit or allow any person to consume alcoholic liquor upon the premises except as permitted by a license issued for such premises pursuant to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act. It is unlawful for any person to consume alcoholic liquor in any dance hall, restaurant, café, club or any place open to the general public except as permitted by a license issued for such premises pursuant to the Act. This division does not apply to a retail licensee while lawfully engaged in the catering of alcoholic beverages. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-186.01)

SECTION 5-105: LICENSE REQUIRED

It shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture for sale, sell, keep for sale, or to barter any alcoholic liquors within the village unless said person shall have in full force and effect a license as provided by the Nebraska Liquor Control Act. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-168.06)

SECTION 5-106: VILLAGE POWERS AND DUTIES

A. The Village Board is authorized to regulate by ordinance, not inconsistent with the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, the business of all retail, craft brewery, and microdistillery licensees carried on within the corporate limits of the village.

B. During the period of 45 days after the date of receiving from the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission an application for a new license to sell alcoholic liquor at retail or a craft brewery or microdistillery license, the Village Board may make and submit to the commission recommendations relative to the granting or refusal to grant such license to the applicant.

C. The Village Board, with respect to licenses within the corporate limits of the village, has the following powers, functions, and duties with respect to retail, craft brewery and microdistillery licenses:

1. To cancel or revoke for cause retail, craft brewery and microdistillery licenses to sell or dispense alcoholic liquor issued to persons for premises within its jurisdiction, subject to the right of appeal to the commission.
2. To enter or authorize any law enforcement officer to enter at any time upon any premises licensed under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act to determine whether any provision of the Act, any rule or regulation adopted and promulgated pursuant to the Act, or any ordinance, resolution, rule, or regulation adopted by the Village Board has been or is being violated and at such time examine the premises of such licensee in connection with such determination.
3. To receive a signed complaint from any citizen within its jurisdiction that any provision of the Act, any rule or regulation adopted and promulgated

pursuant to the Act, or any ordinance, resolution, rule or regulation relating to alcoholic liquor has been or is being violated and to act upon such complaints in the manner provided in the act.

4. To receive retail, craft brewery and microdistillery license fees as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-124 and 53-124.01 and pay the same to the village treasurer after the license has been delivered to the applicant.
5. To examine or cause to be examined any applicant or any retail, craft brewery or microdistillery licensee upon whom notice of cancellation or revocation has been served as provided in the Act, to examine or cause to be examined the books and records of any applicant or licensee, and to hear testimony and to take proof for its information in the performance of its duties. For purposes of obtaining any of the information desired, the Village Board may authorize its agent or attorney to act on its behalf.
6. To cancel or revoke on its own motion any license if, upon the same notice and hearing as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-134.04, it determines that the licensee has violated any of the provisions of Act or any valid and subsisting ordinance, resolution, rule, or regulation duly enacted, adopted, and promulgated relating to alcoholic liquor. Such order of cancellation or revocation may be appealed to the commission within 30 days after the date of the order by filing a notice of appeal with the commission, which shall handle the appeal in the manner provided for hearing on an application in Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-133.
7. Upon receipt from the commission of the notice and copy of application as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-131, to fix a time and place for a hearing at which the Village Board shall receive evidence, either orally or by affidavit from the applicant and any other person, bearing upon the propriety of the issuance of a license. Notice of the time and place of such hearing shall be published in a legal newspaper in or of general circulation in the village, one time not less than seven and not more than 14 days before the time of the hearing. Such notice shall include but not be limited to a statement that all persons desiring to give evidence before the board in support of or in protest against the issuance of such license may do so at the time of the hearing. Said hearing shall be held not more than 45 days after the date of receipt of the notice from the commission, and after such hearing the Village Board shall cause to be recorded in the minute record of its proceedings a resolution recommending either issuance or refusal of such license. The village clerk shall mail to the commission by first-class mail, postage prepaid, a copy of the resolution, which shall state the cost of the published notice, except that failure to comply with this provision shall not void any license issued by the commission. If the commission refuses to issue such a license, the cost of publication of notice shall be paid by the commission from the security for costs.

D. When the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission mails or delivers to the village clerk a license issued or renewed by it, the clerk shall deliver the license to the licensee upon proof of payment of (1) the license fee if, by the terms of Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-124(5), the fee is payable to the village treasurer; (2) any fee for publication of notice of hearing before the Village Board upon the application for license; (3) the fee for publication of notice of renewal, if applicable, as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-135.01; and (4) occupation taxes, if any, imposed by the village.

E. Notwithstanding any ordinance or charter power to the contrary, the village shall not impose an occupation tax on the business of any person, firm, or corporation licensed under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act and doing business within the corporate limits of the village in any sum which exceeds two times the amount of the license fee required to be paid under the Act to obtain such license.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-131, 53-132, 53-134) (Am. by Ord. Nos. 80-9, 10/14/80; 83-18, 11/21/83)

SECTION 5-107: LICENSEE REQUIREMENTS

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to own an establishment that sells at retail any alcoholic beverages unless said person is a resident of the state in which the premises are located; a person of good character and reputation; a citizen of the United States; a person who has never been convicted of a felony or any Class I misdemeanor pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 28, Article 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, or 12, or any similar offense under a prior criminal statute or in another state; a person who has never had a liquor license revoked for cause; a person whose premises for which a license is sought meets standards for fire safety as established by the state fire marshal. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-125) (Am. by Ord. Nos. 80-10, 10/14/80; 83-18, 11/21/83)

SECTION 5-108: LOCATION

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to own, maintain, manage, or hold open to the public any establishment for the purpose of selling at retail any alcoholic liquor within 150 feet of any church, school, hospital, or home for aged or indigent persons or for veterans, their wives or children. This prohibition does not apply to any location within such distance when the said establishment has been licensed by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission at least two years and to hotels offering restaurant service, regularly organized clubs, or to restaurants, food shops, or other places where the selling of alcoholic liquors is not the principal business carried on, if the business was licensed and in operation prior to May 24, 1935. No alcoholic liquor other than beer shall be sold for consumption on the premises within 300 feet from the campus of any college within the village. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-177)

SECTION 5-109: ACCESS TO DWELLINGS

Except in the case of hotels and clubs, no alcoholic liquor shall be sold at retail upon any premises having any access which leads from such premises to any other portion of the same building used for dwelling or lodging purposes and which is permitted to be used or kept accessible for use by the public. Nothing herein shall prevent any connection with such premises and such other portion of the building that is used only by the licensee, his or her family, or personal guests. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-178)

SECTION 5-110: SANITARY CONDITIONS

It shall be unlawful to open for public use any retail liquor establishment that is not in a clean and sanitary condition. Toilet facilities shall be adequate and convenient for customers and patrons and said licensed premises shall be subject to any health inspections the Village Board or the village police may make or cause to be made. All applications for liquor licenses shall be viewed in part from the standpoint of the sanitary conditions, and a report concerning the said sanitary conditions shall be made at all hearings concerning the application for or renewal of a liquor license. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-118)

SECTION 5-111: CATERING LICENSE

A. The holder of a Class C, Class D, or Class I license issued under Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-124(5) or a craft brewery license may obtain an annual catering license by filing an application and license fee with the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

B. Upon receipt from the commission of the notice and copy of the application as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-124.12, the Village Board shall process the application in the same manner as provided in Section 5-106 (Village Powers and Duties). (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-124.12)

SECTION 5-112: LICENSE DISPLAYED

Every licensee under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act shall cause his or her license to be framed and hung in plain public view in a conspicuous place on the licensed premises. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-148)

SECTION 5-113: HOURS OF SALE

A. For the purposes of this section:

1. "On sale" shall be defined as alcoholic beverages sold by the drink for consumption on the premises of the licensed establishment.

2. "Off sale" shall be defined as alcoholic beverages sold at retail in the original container for consumption off the premises of the licensed establishment.

B. It shall be unlawful for any licensed person or persons or their agents to sell at retail or dispense any alcoholic beverages within the village except during the hours provided herein:

Alcoholic Liquors (except Beer and Wine)	
Monday through Saturday	
Off Sale/On Sale	6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Sunday	
Off Sale/On Sale	6:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.
Beer and Wine	
Daily	
Off Sale/On Sale	6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Sunday	
Off Sale/On Sale	6:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

C. It shall be unlawful on property licensed to sell alcoholic liquor at retail to allow alcoholic liquor in open containers to remain or be in possession or control of any person for purposes of consumption between 15 minutes after the closing hour applicable to the licensed premises and 6 a.m. on any day.

D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit licensed premises from being open for other business on days and hours during which this section prohibits the sale or dispensing of alcoholic beverages.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-179) (Am. by Ord. Nos. 83-14, 1/16/84; 85-1, 12/18/84)

SECTION 5-114: INSPECTIONS

The Liquor Control Commission and Village Board shall cause frequent inspections to be made on the premises of all retail licensees and if it is found that any such licensee is violating any provision of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act or the rules and regulations of the commission adopted and promulgated under the Act or is failing to observe in good faith the purposes of the Act, the license may be suspended, canceled, or revoked after the licensee is given an opportunity to be heard in his or her defense.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-116.01)

SECTION 5-115: OWNER OF PREMISES

The owner of any premises used for the sale at retail of alcoholic beverages shall be deemed guilty of a violation of these laws to the same extent as the said licensee if the

owner shall knowingly permit the licensee to use the said licensed premises in violation of any municipal code section or Nebraska statute. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-1,101)

SECTION 5-116: EMPLOYER

The employer of any officer, director, manager, or employee working in a retail liquor establishment shall be held to be liable and guilty of any act or omission or violation of any law or ordinance. Each such act or omission shall be deemed and held to be the act of the employer and will be punishable in the same manner as if the said act or omission had been committed by him or her personally. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-1,102)

SECTION 5-117: HIRING MINORS

It shall be unlawful for any person to hire minors under the age of 19 years to serve or dispense alcoholic liquors, including beer, in the course of their employment. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-168.06)

SECTION 5-118: MINOR'S PRESENCE

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons who own, manage, or lease an establishment selling alcoholic beverages at retail to allow any minor under the age of 18 years to frequent or otherwise remain in the said establishment unless the said minor is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian and unless said minor remains seated with and under the immediate control of the said parent or legal guardian. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-134.03)

SECTION 5-119: MINORS AND INCOMPETENTS

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to sell, give away, dispose of, exchange, permit the sale of or make a gift of any alcoholic liquors or to procure any such alcoholic liquors to or for any minor or any person who is mentally incompetent. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-180)

SECTION 5-120: CREDIT SALES

No person shall sell or furnish alcoholic liquor at retail to any person on credit, on a passbook, on an order on a store, in exchange for any goods, wares, or merchandise, or in payment for any services rendered, and if any person extends credit for any such purpose, the debt thereby attempted to be created shall not be recoverable at law. Nothing in this section shall prevent any club holding a Class C license from permitting

checks or statements for alcoholic liquor to be signed by members or guests of members and charged to the accounts of the said members or guests in accordance with the bylaws of any such club, and nothing in this section shall prevent any hotel or restaurant holding a retail alcoholic beverage license from permitting checks or statements for liquor to be signed by regular guests residing in the said hotel and charged to the accounts of such guests. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-183)

SECTION 5-121: ORIGINAL PACKAGE

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons who own, manage, or lease any premises in which the sale of alcoholic beverages is licensed to have in their possession for sale at retail any alcoholic liquors contained in bottles, casks, or other containers except in the original package. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-184)

SECTION 5-122: CONDUCT PROHIBITED ON LICENSED PREMISES

No licensee in this village shall engage in, allow or suffer in or upon the licensed premises any disturbances, lewdness, immoral activities or displays, brawls or unnecessary noise; or allow, permit or suffer the licensed premises to be used in such a manner as to create public censure or become a nuisance, public or private.

SECTION 5-123: AUTOMATIC LICENSE RENEWAL

A. Outstanding retail licenses issued by the commission may be automatically renewed in the absence of a request by the Village Board to require the said licensee to submit an application for renewal. Any licensed retail or bottle club establishment located in an area which is annexed to the village shall file a formal application for a license and while such application is pending, the licensee shall be authorized to continue all license privileges pursuant to this article until the original license expires, is canceled, or revoked. If such license expires within 60 days following the annexation date of such area, the license may be renewed by order of the commission for not more than one year.

B. The village clerk, upon notice from the commission, shall cause to be published in a legal newspaper in or of general circulation in the village one time between January 10 and January 30 each year a notice in the form prescribed by law of the right of automatic renewal of each retail liquor and beer license within the village; provided, Class C license renewal notices shall be published between July 10 and July 30 each year. Upon the conclusion of any hearing required by this section, the Village Board may request a licensee to submit an application.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-135, 53-135.01) (Am. by Ord. No. 83-18, 11/ 21/ 83)

SECTION 5-124: PROTESTS AGAINST RENEWAL

In the event written protests are filed by three or more residents of the village against said license and a hearing is held, the Village Board may request a licensee to submit an application as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-135. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-135.01)

SECTION 5-125: CITIZEN COMPLAINTS

A. Any five residents of the village shall have the right to file a complaint with the Village Board stating that any retail licensee subject to the jurisdiction of the board has been or is violating any provision of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act or the rules or regulations issued pursuant to the Act. Such complaint shall be in writing in the form prescribed by the board and shall be signed and sworn by the parties complaining. The complaint shall state the particular provision, rule or regulation believed to have been violated and the facts in detail upon which belief is based.

B. If the Village Board is satisfied that the complaint substantially charges a violation and that from the facts alleged there is reasonable cause for such belief, it shall set the matter for hearing within ten days from the date of the filing of the complaint and shall serve notice upon the licensee of the time and place of such hearing and of the particular charge in the complaint. The complaint must in all cases be disposed of by the board within 30 days from the date the complaint was filed by resolution thereof and said resolution shall be deemed the final order for purposes of appeal to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-1,115. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-134.04)

SECTION 5-126: FORM FOR CITIZEN COMPLAINT

The following form is hereby prescribed for the use of residents of this village desiring to complain to the chair and the Village Board that any licensee is violating any provision of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, regulations prescribed by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission or any provision of this ordinance:

To the Chair and Village Board of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska: The undersigned respectfully state:

1. That each one is a resident of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska.
2. That they believe that _____, the holder of a Class ____ license in

SECTION 5-128: REVOCATION OF LICENSE

Whenever any licensee has been convicted by any court of a violation of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, the licensee may, in addition to the penalties for such offense, incur a forfeiture of the license and all money that had been paid for the license. The Village Board may conditionally revoke the license subject to a final order of the Liquor Control Commission or the commission may revoke the license in an original proceeding brought before it for that purpose. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-116.02)

SECTION 5-129: REMOVAL OF INTOXICATED PERSONS FROM PUBLIC OR QUASI-PUBLIC PROPERTY

A. City police, county sheriffs, officers of the Nebraska State Patrol, and any other such law enforcement officer with power to arrest for traffic violations may take a person who is intoxicated and in the judgment of the officer dangerous to himself, herself, or others, or who is otherwise incapacitated from any public or quasi-public property. An officer removing an intoxicated person from public or quasi-public property shall make a reasonable effort to take such intoxicated person to his or her home or to place such person in any hospital, clinic, alcoholism center, or with a medical doctor as may be necessary to preserve life or to prevent injury. Such effort at placement shall be deemed reasonable if the officer contacts those facilities or doctors which have previously represented a willingness to accept and treat such individuals and which regularly do accept such individuals. If such efforts are unsuccessful or are not feasible, the officer may then place such intoxicated person in civil protective custody, except that civil protective custody shall be used only as long as is necessary to preserve life or to prevent injury and under no circumstances for longer than 24 hours.

B. The placement of such person in civil protective custody shall be recorded at the facility or jail to which he or she is delivered and communicated to his or her family or next of kin, if they can be located, or to such person designated by the person taken into civil protective custody.

C. The law enforcement officer who acts in compliance with this section shall be deemed to be acting in the course of his or her official duty and shall not be criminally or civilly liable for such actions.

D. The taking of an individual into civil protective custody under this section shall not be considered an arrest. No entry or other record shall be made to indicate that the person has been arrested or charged with a crime.

E. For purposes of this section, "public property" shall mean any public right-of-way, street, highway, alley, park, or other state-, county- or village-owned property.

"Quasi-public property" shall mean and include private or publicly owned property utilized for proprietary or business uses which invites patronage by the public or which invites public ingress and egress.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-1,121)

Article 2 – Peddlers and Solicitors

SECTION 5-201: REGISTRATION; ISSUANCE OF PERMIT

To prevent the sale of fraudulent, dangerous and unhealthful goods and services; to protect the public by maintaining records of the products sold and the persons and companies responsible for such sales; all peddlers and solicitors shall apply for and be issued a license with the village clerk before doing business within the village. Said registration shall contain all the necessary information and documents required for the protection of the residents of the village. Any person or persons granted a peddlers' and solicitors' license shall be subject to any fees, occupation taxes, and other rules and regulations which the Village Board deems appropriate for the purposes stated herein. It shall be unlawful at any hour for a solicitor, salesman, or peddler to solicit without a proper permit on his or her person at all times. Any license so granted shall be subject to revocation for good and sufficient cause. It shall be unlawful at any hour for a solicitor, salesman, or peddler to solicit without a proper license on his or her person at all times (Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-525)

SECTION 5-202: EXCEPTIONS

Nothing herein shall be construed to apply to any person or persons selling produce raised within the county, to wholesale salesmen soliciting merchants directly, or to a representative of a non-profit or charity organization soliciting on behalf of that organization.

SECTION 5-203: HOURS

It shall be unlawful to make calls as a solicitor or peddler to prospective customers before 8:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m. any day unless requested to do so by the prospective customer. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-134)

Article 3 – Occupation Taxes

SECTION 5-301: AUTHORITY; TAX AMOUNTS ON FILE

A. The Village Board has the authority, for the purpose of raising revenue, to place occupation taxes on occupations, trades, agencies, and businesses operating in the village. It shall be unlawful for any person to exercise, carry on or engage in any such occupations, trades, agencies, or businesses in the village upon which the board has imposed an occupation tax without paying the occupation tax.

B. Occupations subject to taxes and the amounts of such taxes shall be established by ordinance from time to time by the Village Board. Said ordinance shall be on file in the office of the village clerk, available for public inspection during office hours. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-525) (Am. by Ord. Nos. 143-77, 11/14/77, 2011-1, 3/15/11)

SECTION 5-302: ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR LICENSEES

An occupation tax is hereby levied on all alcoholic liquor licensees. Said occupation tax shall be 50% of the cost paid to the State of Nebraska for the licensee's retail liquor license. Said occupation tax shall be paid by the licensee at the same time that the licensee pays his or her respective license fee to the state. Said occupation tax shall not apply to special designated liquor licenses issued by the state. (Ord. No. 2010-7, 11/16/10) (Am. Ord. No. 2011-1, 3/15/11)

SECTION 5-303: FIREWORKS VENDORS

An occupation tax, as set by the Village Board and placed on file in the office of the village clerk, is hereby levied on all fireworks vendors having received permission from the board to sell permissible fireworks at retail in the village pursuant to Section 8-502. Said occupation tax shall be payable at the time of issuance of the permit by the village clerk. (Ord. No. 2011-1, 3/15/11)

SECTION 5-304: SOLID WASTE CONTRACTOR

An occupation tax is hereby levied on any company collecting solid waste within the village as provided in Sections 7-511 and 7-512.

SECTION 5-305: FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES

For the use, support, and maintenance of the Fire Department, all revenue realized from the occupation tax on fire insurance companies shall be appropriated to the Fire Department fund. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §35-106)

SECTION 5-306: COLLECTION DATE

All occupation taxes shall be due and payable on May 1 each year, except in the event that the said tax is levied daily and except the solid waste contractor as provided in Section 7-511. Upon the payment thereof by any person or persons, the village clerk shall give a receipt, properly dated and specifying the person paying the said tax and the amount paid; provided, occupation taxes collected from Class C liquor licensees shall be due and payable on November 1. The revenue collected shall be deposited into the general fund by the village treasurer, who shall keep an accurate account of all revenue received. All forms and receipts herein mentioned shall be issued in duplicate. One copy shall then be kept by each party in the transaction. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-525) (Am. by Ord. No. 143-77, 11/14/77) (Am. Ord. No. 2011-1, 3/15/11)

SECTION 5-307: CERTIFICATES

The receipt issued after the payment of any occupation tax shall be the Occupation Tax Certificate. The said certificate shall specify the amount of the tax and the name of the person, and business that paid the said tax. The certificate shall then be displayed in a prominent place or carried in such a way as to be easily accessible while business is being conducted. (Ord. No. 2011-1, 3/15/11)

SECTION 5-308: FAILURE TO PAY

If any person, company, or corporation fails or neglects to pay the occupation taxes as

provided herein on the day they become due and payable, the village shall then proceed by civil suit to collect the amount due. All delinquent occupation taxes shall bear interest at the rate of 1% per month until paid. (Ord. No. 2011-1, 3/15/11)

Article 4 – Games of Chance

SECTION 5-401: LOTTERY

A. Any person conducting a lottery within the Village shall adhere to all rules and regulations of the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act referred to in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§9-601 to 9-653.

B. Lottery operator; conflict of interest prohibited.

1. No sole proprietor, partner in a partnership, member in a limited liability company, officer or director of a corporation, or individual with a substantial interest in a sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation applying for a lottery operator license or licensed as a lottery operator shall be connected with or interested in, directly or indirectly, any person, partnership, limited liability company, firm, corporation, or other party licensed as a distributor, manufacturer, or manufacturer-distributor under Neb. Rev. Stat. §§9-255.07, 9-255.09, 9-330, 9-332, or 9-632.
2. No member of the governing board or governing official of the village shall be connected with or interested in, directly or indirectly, any lottery operator with whom the village contracts to conduct its lottery or any manufacturer-distributor.
3. The lottery operator with whom the village contracts to conduct its lottery shall not operate the lottery at a sales outlet location other than the location of the lottery operator without prior approval of the sales outlet location by the village. The village shall approve or disapprove each sales outlet location and individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation which desires to conduct the lottery at its sales outlet location solely on the basis of the qualification standards prescribed in subsection (4).
4. Any individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation which seeks to have its location approved as an authorized sales outlet location shall:
 - (a) first obtain a retail liquor license for consumption on the premises pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 53, Article 1;
 - (b) not have been convicted of, forfeited bond upon a charge of or pleaded guilty to forgery, larceny, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, willful failure to make required payments or reports to a governmental agency at any level, filing false reports with any such agency, or any similar offense or offenses or any crime, whether felony or misdemeanor, involving gambling activity or moral turpitude;
 - (c) not have had a gaming license revoked or cancelled under the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, or the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act; and
 - (d) be fit, willing, and able to properly provide the service proposed in conformance

with all provisions and requirements of the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act and the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to the Act.

5. If the person seeking to have its location approved as an authorized sales outlet location is a partnership or corporation, the qualification standards shall apply to every partner of such partnership, every officer of such corporation, and stockholder owning more than 10 percent of the stock of such corporation.
6. The village shall notify the Department of Revenue of all approved lottery locations within 30 days of approval.
7. No person under nineteen (19) years of age shall play or participate in any way in the lottery established and conducted by the village.
8. Nothing shall prohibit (a) any member of the Village Board of the village, a municipal official, or the immediate family of such member or official; (b) the lottery operator whom the village contracts to conduct its lottery or his or her immediate family, employees, or agents; or (c) any person having an ownership interest in a sales outlet location or any employee thereof, from playing in the lottery established and conducted by the village; provided that such person is 19 years of age or older.
9. For purposes subsection (8), "immediate family" shall mean a person who is related to the member, official, or operator by blood, marriage, or adoption and resides in the same household of the member, official, or operator, or a person who is claimed by the member, official, operator, or spouse of a member, official, or operator as a dependent for federal income tax purposes.

(Ord. No. 2018-2, 7/30/18)

SECTION 5-402: BINGO

Anyone requesting to hold games of bingo to be conducted within the village shall adhere to all rules and regulations of the Nebraska Bingo Act referred to in Neb. Rev. Stat. §9-201 through 9-266.

Article 5 – Junk and Salvage Yards

SECTION 5-501: JUNK; DEFINITION

The term "junk" as used in this code shall include scrap metals, scrap materials, whether they are liquids, solids, or gases, branches of trees, and dismantled, or wrecked automobiles, tractors, and machinery, or parts thereof. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §28-1035)

SECTION 5-502: JUNKYARD; DEFINITION

The term "junkyard" as used in this code shall mean the use of any lot, tract of land, building, structure, or part thereof for the storage, collection, depositing, keeping, abandonment, barter, or sale of junk as herein defined.

SECTION 5-503: JUNKYARD; PROHIBITED

It shall hereafter be unlawful to own or operate a junkyard within the village limits whether for profit or otherwise, as herein defined.

SECTION 5-504: AUTO SALVAGE YARDS, COMMERCIAL GARAGES AND REPAIR SHOPS; DEFINITIONS

"Auto salvage yard" shall mean an establishment or place of business where automobiles, trucks, tractors, and farm machinery or parts thereof are wrecked or dismantled and processed for re-sale.

"Automobile garage and repair shop" shall mean any place of business where vehicles, vehicle repair parts, or vehicles in total or partial dismantlement are kept, stored, worked on, or sold.

(Ord. No. 157-79, 7/9/79)

SECTION 5-505: AUTO SALVAGE YARDS, COMMERCIAL GARAGES AND REPAIR SHOPS; SCREENING FROM VIEW

That portion of a commercial automobile garage or repair shop or auto salvage yard upon which vehicles, vehicle repair parts, scrap material, or tools or equipment used in repair or servicing of vehicles is stored or kept which is within 300 feet of a public street shall be completely surrounded by some form of screening sufficient to reasonably cover the view of the premises from the public streets. In the event that such property is located more than 300 feet but less than 500 feet from a public street, such screening shall be maintained along the entire side of the premises which runs parallel with the public street. In the event that the area on the premises where the above described material is kept is located either within or less than 500 feet from any residential or commercial zoning district, the same screening requirements as specified for a public street shall apply to the premises. The screening may include planting, vertical walls or fences, or other structures approved by the Village Board. Entrances and exits shall not be wider nor more numerous than reasonably necessary for the conduct of the business. (Ord. No. 157-79, 7/9/79)

SECTION 5-506: AUTO SALVAGE YARDS; COMMERCIAL GARAGES AND REPAIR SHOPS; SCREENING EFFECTIVE DATE

The owner of any business failing to comply with the terms of Sections 5-504 and 5-505 when required shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to punishment as provided in Section 5-701 of this chapter, in addition to such other remedies as may be available to the village to insure compliance with the screening requirements. (Ord. No. 157-79, 7/9/79)

Article 6 – Nursing Homes

SECTION 5-601: REGULATIONS

It shall be unlawful for any person to own or operate a nursing home within the village without first obtaining a license from the Village Board. The application shall be presented to the clerk and shall request such information and documents as may be required by the board to ascertain the propriety of granting the said application. No license shall be granted to any person who has not been duly licensed by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services in the manner prescribed by law. Upon the satisfaction of the Village Board that the granting of a license will be beneficial to the village, the clerk shall convey to the said applicant a license which will permit him or her to own or operate a nursing home. The said licensee shall be subject to any bond, fee, and other rules and regulations which the board in its discretion may designate. Any license so issued shall be subject to revocation by the board after proper notice and a hearing, if one is requested by the licensee. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-964, 17-965, 71-2042)

Article 7 – Franchises

SECTION 5-701: FRANCHISE FEE; ALL FRANCHISEES

The Village of Ceresco hereby establishes a fee on every public and/or private entity utilizing, with the permission of the Village Board, the public right of way of the village, and every other person, firm, or corporation, their successors and assigns, owning, operating, controlling, leasing, or managing said public and/or private entity (hereinafter referred to collectively as "franchisees" and each individually as "franchisee"). Franchisees shall collect from their customers located within the corporate limits of the village, as depicted on the map as defined in Section 5-704, and pay to the village the franchise fees as set by resolution by the Village Board and kept on file in the office of the village clerk. Such fees shall be a percentage of the gross receipts each franchisee derives from the sale or distribution or transportation of its services delivered within the present limits of the village. Gross receipts as used herein are revenues received from the sale, distribution or transportation of each franchisee's services, after adjustment for the net write-off of uncollectible accounts and corrections of bills theretofore rendered. (Ord. No. 2010-3, 11/16/10)

SECTION 5-702: FRANCHISE FEE; REPORTING

Each franchisee shall report and pay any amount payable pursuant to Section 5-701 on an _____ basis. Such payment shall be made no more than 30 days following the close of the period for which payment is due. Initial and final payments shall be prorated for the portions of the periods at the beginning and end of any franchise granted by the village to a franchisee. (Ord. No. 2010-3, 11/16/10)

SECTION 5-703: FRANCHISE FEE; NOTATION ON STATEMENTS

Franchisees shall list the franchise fee collected from customers as a separate item on bills for service issued to their customers. If at any time the Nebraska Public Service Commission or other authority having proper jurisdiction prohibits such recovery, each franchisee affected thereby will no longer be obligated to collect and pay the franchise fee until an alternate lawful franchise fee can be negotiated and implemented. (Ord. No. 2010-3, 11/16/10)

SECTION 5-704: FRANCHISE FEE; MAP

The village shall provide to each of its franchisees a map with the village's corporate limits indicated thereon. The map shall be of sufficient detail to assist the franchisees in determining whether their customers reside within the village's corporate limits. The map shall serve as the sole basis for determining a franchisee's obligation hereunder to collect and pay the franchise fee from customers; provided, however, that if the village's corporate limits are changed by annexation or otherwise, it shall be the village's sole responsibility to (A) update the map so that such changes are included therein and (B) provide the updated map to the franchisees. A franchisee's obligation to collect

and pay the franchise fee from customers within an annexed area shall not commence until the later of the following: (1) 60 days after such franchisee's receipt from the village of an updated map including such annexed area or (2) such time after such franchisee's receipt from the village of an updated map including such annexed area as is reasonably necessary for such franchisee to identify the customers in the annexed area obligated to pay the franchise fee. (Ord. Nos. 2010-3, 11/16/10; 2019-9, 1/21/20)

SECTION 5-705: FRANCHISE FEE; ANNEXATION

The village shall provide copies of annexation ordinances to franchisees on a timely basis to ensure appropriate franchise fee collection from customers within the corporate limits of the village as set forth in Section 5-704 above. (Ord. No. 2010-3, 11/16/10)

SECTION 5-706: FRANCHISE FEE; EXAMINATION OF RECORDS

The village shall have access to and the right to examine, during normal business hours, the franchisees' books, receipts, files, records and documents as is reasonably necessary to verify the accuracy of payments due hereunder; provided, the village shall not exercise such right more than twice per calendar year. If it is determined that a mistake was made in the payment of any franchise fee required hereunder, such mistake shall be corrected promptly upon discovery such that any underpayment by a franchisee shall be paid within 30 days of recalculation of the amount due and any overpayment by a franchisee shall be deducted from the next payment of such franchise fee due by such franchisee to the village; provided, neither party shall have the obligation to correct a mistake that is discovered more than one year after the occurrence thereof. (Ord. No. 2010-3, 11/16/10)

SECTION 5-707: INTERNET, CABLE TELEVISION, AND TELEPHONE SERVICES

The Village Board has granted to Zito Midwest, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, the authority to maintain and operate non-exclusive internet, cable television, and telephone services within the village for the purpose of furnishing said services to the citizens of the village. Actual details of the agreement and the franchise fee shall be available for inspection at the village clerk's office. (Ord. No. 2019-9, 1/21/20)

Article 8 – Penal Provision

SECTION 5-801: VIOLATION; PENALTY

Any person who shall violate or refuse to comply with the enforcement of any of the provisions of this chapter, set forth at full length herein or incorporated by reference, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$500.00 for each offense. A new violation shall be deemed to have been committed every 24 hours of such failure to comply. (Am. by Ord. No. 2002-13, 10/15/02)