

**ORDINANCE NO. 637**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING EXISTING BUSINESS REGISTRATION ORDINANCES NO.S 534 AND 564; REPLACING SUCH ORDINANCES; ADOPTING A BUSINESS REGISTRATION FEE, PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER BUSINESS OR RENEW BUSINESS REGISTRATION WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF CLAYTON, NEW MEXICO:**

**Section 1. Repeal. ORDINANCES 534 AND 564 BE AND HEREBY ARE REPEALED.**

**Section 2. Imposition of Business Registration Fee.** There is imposed on each place of business conducted in this municipality, a business registration fee of \$35.00. The Fee is imposed pursuant to Section 3-38-3 N.M.S.A. 1978 Comp, as amended, and shall be known as the "BUSINESS REGISTRATION FEE." The business Registration fee may not be prorated for businesses conducted for a portion of the year.

**Section 3. Application to do Business.** Any person prior to engaging in business within the municipal limits of the Town of Clayton shall apply for and pay the Business Registration fee for each outlet, branch or location within the municipal limits of the Town of Clayton prior to engaging in business.

**Section 4. Renewal.** Prior to March 16th of each year, any person with a place of business in the Town of Clayton and subject to this ordinance shall apply for renewal of business registration with the municipal clerk.

**Section 5. Application.** Any person filing an application for issuance or renewal of any business registration shall include in the application, his current revenue division taxpayer identification number.

**Section 6. Penalty for Failure to Register.** Any person with a place of business within the Town of Clayton who fails to register his or her business or who fails to renew his or her business registration within the time provided by ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine in any sum not to exceed \$300.00 and or by imprisonment for any period not to exceed 30 days.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** The effective date of this ordinance shall be five days after its adoption and publication as provided by state statute.

**ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF CLAYTON, NEW**

**MEXICO this 10th day of August 2004.**

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

  
Mayor

  
Municipal Clerk