COMMISSIONERS' ORDINANCE NO. 1-44-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 155.05 OF THE COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES, RENTAL DWELLING LICENSING - ISSUANCE, DURATION AND RENEWAL, TO CHANGE THE LICENSE PERIOD FOR RENTAL DWELLING LICENSES TO APRIL 16 THROUGH APRIL 15.

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WHEREAS, Section 155.05(B) currently specifies that rental dwelling licenses are annual licenses and are effective January 16 through January 15 of the following year; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Services Department and the Code Enforcement Division believe modifying the license period to match the deadline for City occupational license returns would be more efficient.

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

Section 1

Section 155.05 of the Covington Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

§ 155.05 ISSUANCE, DURATION, AND RENEWAL.

(A) The owner of each rental dwelling unit shall make initial written application for a rental dwelling license to the Community Services Division on a form provided by the city. The city may provide an electronic application in lieu of, or in addition to, a written application.

(B) All rental dwelling licenses shall be issued on an annual basis. The license period shall be for one full year commencing [January] April 16 and extending through and expiring on [January] April 15 of the following year, subject to renewal year to year.

(C) The owner of each rental dwelling unit holding a current and valid rental dwelling license shall make written application for a renewal of the rental dwelling license to the Community Services Division on a form provided by the city. The city may provide an electronic renewal application in lieu of, or in addition to, a written application.

(D) No application for renewal or reissuance shall be granted while a license is under suspension until the violations that resulted in suspension have been remedied.

(E) Any application for renewal made after [January] April 15 of each year shall be subject to a late fee of $60. No owner shall be subject to more than one late fee in one
calendar year, regardless of the number of renewal applications submitted. No late fee shall apply to:

(1) A first-time application for a rental dwelling license for a particular rental dwelling unit;

(2) An application submitted after a period of 90 days or more in which the subject rental dwelling unit was not rented or offered for rent; or

(3) An application submitted due to a change in ownership, pursuant to division (F) of this section, provided that the application is submitted within 30 days of the change in ownership of the rental dwelling and/or rental dwelling unit.

(F) Any rental dwelling license issued hereunder is nontransferable. A new license application shall be required for each change of ownership of any rental dwelling.

Section 2

That any licenses previously issued by the City for the license period beginning January 16, 2018 and ending January 15, 2019 shall remain in effect until April 15, 2019, at which time any such licenses shall expire unless they are renewed in accordance with the above-listed license period.

Section 3

That this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force when passed, published, and recorded according to law.

ATTEST:

MARGARET M. HUGHES
CITY CLERK

Passed: __12-11-18__ (Second Reading)

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