



**City of Phoenix**  
CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT  
LICENSE SERVICES

July 12, 2019

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### UPDATE ON CHANGE TO SCRAP METAL DEALER LICENSE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO USED BEVERAGE CONTAINERS (ALUMINUM CANS)

To: Scrap Metal Dealers

From: Phoenix City Clerk Department – License Services Office

Re: Change in Licensing Requirements for Some Scrap Metal Businesses

Ordinance Change:

Businesses that deal exclusively in aluminum cans are now required to obtain a scrap metal dealer license. The text of approved Ordinance G-6599, amending Chapter 19 of the Phoenix City Code, is attached to this notice.

Summary of Issue:

Transacting in scrap metal is regulated by Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) and the Phoenix City Code. The City Code previously provided an exemption for businesses that dealt exclusively in aluminum cans from the requirement to obtain a scrap metal dealer license from the City of Phoenix. The recently approved amendment removed that exemption.

No new fees were created as a result of the ordinance change. However, as a result of the change, some businesses that were not previously required to obtain a scrap metal dealer license from the City of Phoenix will now be required to comply with the licensing requirements and pay the corresponding existing fees.

This change was approved by the City Council on June 5, 2019, and takes effect on Sept. 5, 2019.

If you have any questions, please email [licenseservices@phoenix.gov](mailto:licenseservices@phoenix.gov) or contact License Services Program Manager Jennifer Wingenroth at 602-262-7003.

For more information, visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/services/licensing>, under **Vending/Scrap Metal Dealers**.

ORDINANCE G-6599

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE I, SECTION 19-1, SUBSECTION 27 OF THE PHOENIX CITY CODE RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF SCRAP METAL DEALERS TO CONFORM THE PHOENIX CITY CODE TO AN AMENDMENT OF STATE LAW RELATING TO SCRAP METAL DEALERS.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHOENIX as

follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 19, Article I, Section 19.1, Subsection 27 of the Phoenix City Code, is amended to read:

**27. *Scrap metal dealer*** means a person or business entity, including all employees of the person or business entity, except automotive recyclers as defined and licensed pursuant to Title 28, Chapter 10, Arizona Revised Statutes, and whose primary business is the dismantling, selling or disposing of parts or accessories of motor vehicles, engaged in the business of purchasing, trading, bartering or otherwise receiving secondhand or cast-off material of any kind, ~~except used beverage containers,~~ which is commonly known as scrap metal.

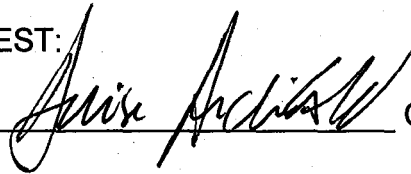
SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective on September 5, 2019.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Phoenix this 5th day of June, 2019.




MAYOR

ATTEST:

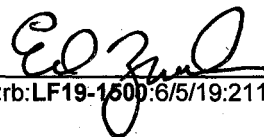
  
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Acting City Attorney

REVIEWED BY:

  
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