

AN ORDINANCE No. 86-304 - 275

ADOPTED DEC 8 1986

To amend and reordain Section 28-432 of the Code of the City of Richmond, 1985, concerning procurement of a license to do business as a palmist, phrenologist, fortuneteller, etc.

---

Patron - Mrs. Williams

---

Approved as to form and legality  
by City Attorney

---

1. THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

2. § 1. That Section 28-432 of the Code of the City of  
3. Richmond, 1985, be and is hereby amended and reordained as  
4. follows:

5. Sec. 28-432. Palmistry, phrenology and fortune-  
6. telling, etc.

7. (a) Every person engaged in the occupation of a  
8. fortuneteller, palmist, astrologist, numerologist,  
9. clairvoyant, craniologist, phrenologist, a card reader,  
10. spiritual reader or advisor, or in any other manner  
11. pretending to tell fortunes, or pretending to disclose  
12. mental faculties of individuals, for any money, gift,  
13. gratuity or other reward, within the city, shall pay a  
14. license tax of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00).

15. (b) No such license shall be granted to any person  
16. except upon a certificate of the director of public safety

1. that such person has appeared at police headquarters and has  
2. been photographed, had his fingerprints taken, and given  
3. such general description of himself as is required by the  
4. director of public safety, and has presented to him a  
5. certificate signed by five (5) citizens of the city that  
6. such person is of good character and honest demeanor [and  
7. ~~has-resided-in-the-city-or-in-the-territory-annexed-to-the~~  
8. ~~city-for-at-least-eighteen-(18)-months-prior-to-the-granting~~  
9. ~~of-such-certificate-and-own-and-have-owned-property-occupied~~  
10. ~~by-him-for-at-least-four-(4)-years-prior-thereto~~], and  
11. except and until the director of public safety shall be  
12. satisfied from his own knowledge, or from an independent  
13. investigation to be made by him that the statements  
14. contained in the certificate required to be signed by  
15. citizens of the city are true. Upon presentation of such  
16. certificates to the director of finance, by any such  
17. applicant, the director shall issue a license in which shall  
18. be stated the day, month and year on which the license  
19. expires; and, upon the payment of the license tax by the  
20. applicant to the collector of city taxes, the collector  
21. shall deliver the license to the applicant and shall also  
22. transmit a duplicate thereof to the director of public  
23. safety.

24. (c) Nothing contained in this section shall be

1. construed to apply to persons pretending to tell fortunes or  
2. practicing palmistry, phrenology or craniology in a regular  
3. licensed theatre, as part of any show or exhibition  
4. presented therein, or as a part of any play, exhibition,  
5. fair or show presented or offered in aid of any benevolent,  
6. charitable or educational purpose.

7. § 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect  
8. January 1, 1987.

**ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION SUMMARY**  
**CITY OF RICHMOND, VIRGINIA**

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Resolution Ordinance No.</b> ..... 86-304     | <b>Subject</b><br><br>To Amend Code/<br>Delete Residency Requirement<br>for Palmist, Fortuneteller, etc. |
| <b>Requested by</b> ..... Councilmember Williams |  |
| <b>Received City Manager's Office</b> ..... - -  |  |
| <b>Summarized</b> ..... 12/3/86                  |  |

**SUMMARY**

This Ordinance would amend and reordain Section 28-432 of the Code of the City of Richmond by DELETING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR PALMIST, FORTUNETELLER, PHRENOLOGY, ETC.

**COUNCIL ACTION**

|                                |
|--------------------------------|
| <b>On Docket</b> ..... 12/8/86 |
| <b>Amended</b> .....           |
| <b>Adopted</b> .....           |
| <b>Rejected</b> .....          |