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Charles Town, WV – The Mayor and Charles Town City Council are excited to unveil exciting news for the area’s business partners. On Monday, June 3rd, 2024, the City Council unanimously passed the City’s latest endeavor to attract economic growth and development within the city.

Article 745 of the Business and Occupation Tax was amended to include B&O Tax Credit Incentives which will exempt certain entities from paying B&O Tax, such as licensed new and existing childcare businesses and/or facilities operating in the City. “It has been evident for some time that our community lacks sufficient childcare provider resources,” says Mayor Bob Trainor. “This is a step in the right direction to combat the need.”

Other B&O Tax Credit Incentives address businesses that meet certain qualifying requirements to be entitled to a tax credit computed under the provisions of 745.16B of the ordinance. One such example of a credit would apply for any new retail, dining, and entertainment business that locates within the Old Town Mixed Use – Commercial area to be allowed a phased credit over a period of 3 years spanning from 100% credit in the first year to a 25% credit the third year. For any new retail, dining, and entertainment business that locates beyond the boundaries of the Old Town Mixed Use – Commercial area, but still within the corporate limits of the City’s zoned commercial areas, the business may be allowed a 50% and 25% phased credit.

“As a City we are collectively committed to the on-going progress in economic development and business growth and expansion for Charles Town, Trainor said. “The passage of this amended ordinance is an example of the progress we are making to attract businesses that we’ve heard our residents say they want in our City.”

The Charles Town Code, Article 745 Business and Occupation Tax revision can be found on the City’s website; sections 16, 16A, and 16B delineate exempt activities and incentives.

For specific business-related criteria or questions pertaining to the amended Article 745 Ordinance, please contact Alissa Meeks, Director of Community Development at ameeks@charlestownwv.us.