

**ORDINANCE NO. 2011-2**

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MIDFIELD, ALABAMA DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES FOR PAWN SHOPS, PAYDAY LOAN BUSINESSES, CHECK CASHING/TITLE LOAN BUSINESSES, CAR TITLE LOAN BUSINESS AND OTHER SIMILAR BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

**Section 1: Findings**

- a) The Council of Midfield envisions the City of Midfield attracting and retaining a diverse combination of business enterprises.
- b) In contrast to objectives and visions of the City Council, the City of Midfield has experienced a proliferation and excessive growth of pawn shops, pay day loan businesses, check cashing/title loan businesses, car title loan businesses, and other similar business operations.
- c) The excessive concentration of these types of businesses within the territorial confines of the Midfield City limits, effectively limits the ability of the City of Midfield to attract various and different types of businesses which would conform to the City Council plans for the city.
- d) The City of Midfield finds that it is in its best interest to have a diversity of the types of businesses operating within its city limits, and that a proliferation of the singular or substantially similar types of businesses as described hereto in the Ordinance Title frustrates and impairs the best interest of the City in having business operation diversity.
- e) The City of Midfield finds and determines that the concentration of the types of businesses described in the title of this ordinance has reached an unacceptable level and conflicts with the City's objectives for business diversity.

**Section 2: Declaration of Moratorium**

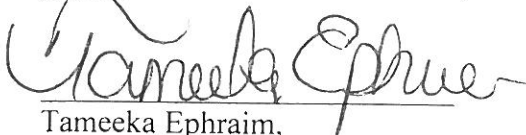
Be it therefore Ordained that the City of Midfield hereby declares a moratorium on the issuance of any further approvals of business licenses for any businesses as described in the title of this Ordinance until such time as the concentration, the number of such businesses, and/or the number of business locations of these business have been reduced.

**Section 3: Effective Date**

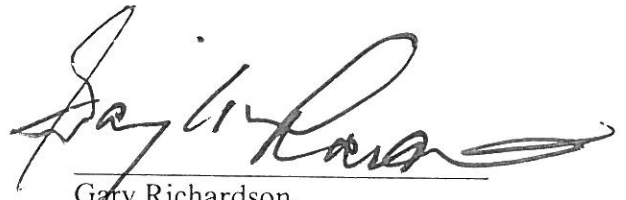
This Ordinance shall become immediately effective of upon its adoption and approval of the city council and publication by posting as required by law.

Approved this 27 day of May, 2011.

Attest:



Tameeka Ephraim,  
City Clerk



Gary Richardson,  
Mayor