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By: [Paul Morris](#), ESQ & NBBLO Founder

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» Arrangements for the **2014 Conference July 16–18** are being made and Registration is available via the NBBLO website at: <http://www.nbblo.org/conferences>

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mission of written articles and/or live presentations. Send us an email of your interest in this program to: confmgr@nbblo.org

Many thanks to our vendors for their generous support, Madeline at The Pursort, Marta of the HDL Companies and Chris at Progressive Solutions.

We thank our vendors for the opportunity to hear about their latest offerings and look forward to expanded vendor participation in San Diego.

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NBBLO membership enables you access to information regarding code enforcement, regulatory and revenue raising business licensing at the local level of government.

Individual Membership is \$50 per year and entitles you to a discounted annual conference registration and two newsletters a year. Entity level membership offers additional benefits. NBBLO also sponsors several national certifications.

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» Mark your calendars for the 31st Annual NBBLO Conference July 15th through July 17th 2015 in Savannah, GA. We look forward to see you there! The city of Denver has expressed interest in hosting our conference in 2016.

From the RGJ Reno Gazette-Journal

Sparks OKs temporary vendor permits for special events

Marcella Corona 5:25 p.m. PDT June 23, 2014

Vendors looking to participate in future special events in Sparks will have one less hoop to jump through as of Monday.

The Sparks City Council on Monday unanimously approved issuing temporary permits instead of business licenses for any vendors planning on doing short-term business at a few local events such as the annual Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-off — one of the biggest events in Sparks.

“Even if it’s for one day at the city of Sparks, you have to have a city of Sparks business license,” said Tracy Domingues, Parks and Recreation director. “It’s not enforced currently due to resources.”

Not enforcing that policy has cost Sparks money from license fees. But the new permits are estimated to

bring the city \$18,000 in revenues, based on last year’s numbers of participating vendors, Domingues said.

Big plus for vendors

The new permits, which would only be valid for a specific event, could also be easier on the vendors. “Our city business license department would get overwhelmed with hundreds of people coming in to get their licenses,” she [Burge] said. “We couldn’t process all those in time.”

Business licenses currently cost \$80 plus \$20 for the first year, Burge said. The permits would cost \$15 for anyone preparing food, selling packaged food or any retail item. Meanwhile, event organizers will now be issuing the permits instead to help relieve the city’s pressure to attend to hundreds of vendors.

Kiosks —How your organization can benefit

By: [Glenn R. Vodhanel](#), Progressive Solutions Inc.

Many municipalities have experimented with Kiosks for single purposes such as information dispersal to citizens. Today many of those single purpose kiosks are long out of service gathering dust.

PSI has developed multi purpose kiosks designed to require minimal main-

tenance.

Expect these devices to become even more readily available and given management support they may even make your job a little easier and more efficient!

Glenn Vodhanel, President of Progressive Solutions Inc., has over 35

years experience in the government sector and often consults and speaks rendering expert advice on efficiency via automation.

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June 24, 2014

City tells app to stop auctions of parking spaces

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco's city attorney issued a cease-and-desist demand Monday to a mobile app called Monkey Parking, which allows people to auction public parking spaces that they're using to other nearby drivers.

In a letter to Paolo Dobrowolny, the CEO of the Rome, Italy-based tech startup, city attorney Dennis Herrera cited a provision in San Francisco's police code that prohibits people and companies from buying, selling or leasing public on-street parking and mandates fees of up to \$300 for drivers who violate the law.

Herrera's warning to Monkey Parking is the latest attempt by city government officials and state lawmakers nationwide trying to figure out how to regulate Web-based businesses that offer shared parking, transportation and housing services using mobile applications. Among the more popular ride-sharing services are Uber and Lyft, and popular housing apps include Airbnb.

The Monkey Parking

app allows drivers to get an often elusive parking spot and sell it for \$5, \$10, even \$20, and then wait until the buyer arrives to take their place.

Herrera has given its creators until July 11 to shut down operations in San Francisco or possibly face a lawsuit under California's Unfair Competition Law. Herrera added that besides the violations, Monkey Parking's app encourages drivers to unsafely use their mobile devices and engage in online parking bidding wars while behind the wheel.

Dobrowolny said in an email Monday that he is talking with his legal staff and didn't immediately have a specific comment about the letter.

"Technology has given rise to many laudable innovations in how we live and work — and Monkey Parking is not one of them. It's illegal, it puts drivers on the hook for \$300 fines, and it creates a predatory private market for public parking spaces that San Franciscans will not tolerate," Herrera said in a written statement.

"People are free to rent out their own private driveways and garage spaces should they choose to do so. But we will not abide businesses that hold hostage on-street public parking spots for their own private profit."

Parking in San Francisco has long been known as a driver's worst nightmare. A recent San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency parking census reported that the city has 440,000 parking spots available — but only 275,000 of those are street parking.

Herrera's letter to Monkey Parking also asked Apple Inc. to immediately remove Monkey Parking from its app store. Apple did not immediately respond to emails seeking comment.

Two other tech companies, Sweetch and ParkModo, which Herrera said also violates city and state laws, will receive similar cease-and-desist warnings later this week.

See Page 4 for the follow-on in which the company refuses to shut down the ap.



By TERRY COLLINS of
Associated Press

San Francisco parking app refuses shut down order

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The company behind a mobile app that allows San Francisco drivers to get paid for the public parking spaces they exit has rejected an order from the city attorney to stop its operations. MonkeyParking CEO Paolo Dobrowolny said in an email Friday that City Attorney Dennis Herrera is misapplying a police code that prohibits the sale or lease of San Francisco's streets. Dobrowolny said MonkeyParking doesn't sell parking spots, but convenience. He cites freedom of speech, saying people have the right to tell others they're leaving a parking spot and get paid for it.

"Parked users can make some money just by notifying drivers about the time in which they will leave from a spot," Dobrowolny said. "It just gives our users all they need to be in the right place at the right time when a parking spot is going to become available."

"As people leave from parking spots every day, we are just making that moment a valuable moment for them, while providing a service to drivers looking for parking."

Herrera sent a letter to the Rome, Italy-based company Monday threatening a lawsuit if it doesn't cease operations by July 11. Herrera also asked Apple Inc. to immediately remove MonkeyParking's application from its App Store. Apple has not responded to emails seeking comment, and the app remains available.

The city attorney is also cracking down on two similar smartphone apps that exchange

money for parking spaces.

Dobrowolny said he believes he and the other companies have found a new solution to an old problem.

"We are paying people to provide that information before they are going to leave from a parking spot. They get some extra (cash) while drivers avoid cruising for parking," Dobrowolny said. "It's a win-win."

Herrera spokesman Matt Dorsey described MonkeyParking's statements as "verbal gymnastics."

"It's like a prostitute saying she's not selling sex — she's only selling information about her willingness to have sex with you," Dorsey said in a written statement. "One could similarly imagine drug dealers avoiding 'intent to sell' charges by merely selling information about nearby illicit drugs that are actually available for free."

"But until and unless the law changes, their business is plainly illegal in San Francisco."

**From the *Snoqualmie Valley Record* Jun 25, 2014
Snoqualmie requires peddlers to get a license, badge**

The city of Snoqualmie is an advocate of business and fundraising in many forms. Door-to-door solicitation is allowed within city limits. However, certain rules apply.

All door-to-door solicitation companies or individuals working within the Snoqualmie city limits must have an active city of Snoqualmie temporary, door-to-door business license.

Solicitors must wear a

badge issued by the city, which provides the name of the solicitor, the business license number, and the license expiration date. (Snoqualmie Municipal Code Title 5, Chapter 5.36.070).

Some legitimate solicitors neglect to obtain licenses and badges as required and can be directed to the city of Snoqualmie.

If residents answer the door for a solicitor who is unwilling to present a copy of their business license or otherwise causes them concern, they may report it to the Snoqualmie Police

Department at (425) 888-3333.

You may choose to be cautious and not answer the door for any unknown person.

Door-to-door business license information is available on the City of Snoqualmie website or by calling 425-888-1555. Solicitors may obtain a temporary business license application and badge at Snoqualmie City Hall, located at 38624 SE River Street. The fee is \$35 per individual for a period of seven days.

June 24, 2014 : <http://www.kyforward.com/our-government>

New state house bill making it easier for small businesses to get tax credits is signed into law

State officials joined community and small business leaders this week to ceremonially sign new legislation making it easier for small businesses to receive tax credits, thus encouraging further growth and expansion. House Bill 301, sponsored by Reps. Ruth Ann Palumbo of Lexington, Tanya Pullin of South Shore, and Brent Yonts of Greenville, will make it much easier for any eligible small business in Kentucky to apply and qualify for the Kentucky Small Business Tax Credit, a non-refundable state income tax credit ranging between \$3,500 – \$25,000.

“Entrepreneurship is at an all-time high in Kentucky, and we need to support these companies every

step of the way,” said Gov. Steven Beshear. “This new law will provide a much-needed financial boost to small businesses as they grow their ideas and create more jobs.”

To receive the credit, small businesses must create and fill one or more eligible jobs for one year and invest \$5,000 or more in qualifying equipment or technology. The bill clarifies that the minimum average hourly wage will include bonuses and commissions and that the cabinet will go by the employee’s W2 in determining wage.

The new law also simplifies the application and compliance processes to allow businesses to take advantage of the credits. The equipment purchase and the new hire must occur within six months of each other, but the application can be made anytime within 24 months of the first of those two events.

“We should be doing everything we can to help Kentuckians who work

hard every day to keep their small businesses,” said Palumbo. “I’m very pleased that Gov. Beshear is signing this legislation into law and hope it goes a long way to provide incentives for Kentuckians who are following their dreams and running businesses of their own.”

“Small businesses are the backbone of every community across Kentucky,” said Yonts. “These are the folks who keep our Commonwealth going, and I’m happy to see that we’re offering them a shot in the arm. I hope this will go a long way in helping them grow their businesses.”

The Kentucky Small Business Tax Credit program has helped encourage dozens of businesses to invest nearly \$1.3 million over the past three years. Most for-profit businesses with 50 or fewer full-time employees are considered eligible small businesses for the program.



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While the theme is: "*Preparing for Brighter Times!*", the conference will also include seminars by representatives of several of the state business licensing organizations about their organization's ability to regulate and issues of current relevance in their states, which have applicability to administration, licensing, and code enforcement officials throughout the country. For information you may put to use when you return to work, join us July 16-18th, 2014 in San Diego, CA.

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