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**Subject:** Dueling Business Licenses for Sarge's from the Secretary of State.

A thoughtful Haywood County Taxpayer posted a photograph of the Business License from the Secretary of State's Office, evidently currently hanging in the lobby of **Sarge's**, on a Facebook Page - We Support Monroe Miller. This is the photograph that was posted.



It indicates that "This license is not transferable and shall continue in full force and effect from the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019 to the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020, unless revoked for cause. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at the City of Raleigh, this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019. Elaine F. Marshall, Secretary of State."

I spoke to Samantha at the Secretary of State's office on October 3, 2019, and she indicated that **Sarge's** current license ends May, 2019. Sarge's current status is that their License has expired.

The following is the document I pulled from the Secretary of State's website on October 3, 2019 -

**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**Department of the Secretary of State**  
*Charitable Solicitation License*

This document certifies that, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 131F of  
the General Statutes of North Carolina

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**Sarge's Animal Rescue Foundation, Inc.**

North Carolina Solicitation License Number: SL004205

Federal Tax Exempt Status: 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization

with headquarters in Waynesville, NC is hereby duly licensed by the Department of the Secretary of State to solicit charitable contributions in North Carolina for the purposes set forth in the application for license approved by and filed with the Department of the Secretary of State. This license is not transferable and shall continue in full force and effect from the 7th day of January, 2019 to the 15th day of May, 2019, unless revoked for cause.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed  
my official seal at the City of Raleigh, this the 9th day of January,  
2019.



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Verify this certificate online at <http://www.sosnc.gov/verification>

*Elaine F. Marshall*  
Secretary of State

Upon closer examination of these two licenses, we note the following.

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Whoa! Hold the phone. The Document pulled off the Secretary of State website is dated one day later than the document hanging on the wall in **Sarge's** lobby. It would appear Elaine F. Marshall updated **Sarge's** license status one day after creating the license currently hanging in **Sarge's** lobby. The document with the most current date takes precedence.

This is not the first time **Sarge's** license has expired. See the letter from Demian Silvers to Stephen Hewitt on December 27, 2018.

<http://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/191003SargesLicenseExpired.pdf>

**Sarge's** license from the Secretary of State has expired.

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