

# Bloggers crying foul over Philly business tax

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(AP) -- Bloggers in Philadelphia are up in arms about what they're calling an unfair tax.

The city's so-called business privilege license costs \$50 a year or \$300 for a lifetime.

If a [blog](#) takes [money](#) for advertising, or sells photographs or other goods, it's a business and must pay for a license - no matter how little it makes - plus taxes on profits.

A spokesman for Mayor Michael Nutter says it's is nothing new and it applies to any revenue-making enterprise, from large corporations to neighborhood pizza joints and mom-and-pop businesses.

Some [bloggers](#) are complaining that the fee would impinge on their free speech and would discourage dissent. They also say it's unfair to require business to pay taxes if they're making only \$25 or \$50 a year.

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