TITLE 9

BUSINESS, PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, ETC.1

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CHAPTER 1

GENERALLY

SECTION

9-101. "Going out of business" sales.

9-101. "Going out of business" sales. It shall be unlawful for any person to falsely represent a sale as being a "going out of business" sale. A "going out of business" sale, for the purposes of this section, shall be a "fire sale," "bankrupt sale," "loss of lease sale," or any other sale made in anticipation of the termination of a business at its present location. When any person, after advertising a "going out of business" sale, adds to his stock or fails to go out of business within ninety (90) days he shall prima facie be deemed to have violated this section. (1983 Code, § 5-101)

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Building, plumbing, wiring and housing regulations: title 12.

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- **9-201.** Permit required. It shall be unlawful for any peddler, canvasser or solicitor, or transient merchant to ply his trade within the corporate limits of the Town of White Bluff without first obtaining a permit in compliance with the provisions of this chapter. No permit shall be used at any time by any person other than the one to whom it is issued. (1983 Code, § 5-201)
- **9-202.** Exemptions. The terms of this chapter shall not be applicable to persons selling at wholesale to dealers, nor to newsboys, nor to bona fide merchants who merely deliver goods in the regular course of business, nor to bona fide charitable, religious, patriotic or philanthropic organizations. (1983 Code, § 5-202)
- **9-203. Application for permit**. Applicants for a permit under this chapter must file with the city recorder a sworn written application containing the following:
 - (1) Name and physical description of applicant.
- (2) Complete permanent home address and local address of the applicant and, in the case of transient merchants, the local address from which proposed sales will be made.
- (3) A brief description of the nature of the business and the goods to be sold.

¹Municipal code references Privilege taxes: title 5.

- (4) If employed, the name and address of the employer, together with credentials therefrom establishing the exact relationship.
 - (5) The length of time for which the right to do business is desired.
- (6) A recent clear photograph approximately two (2) inches square showing the head and shoulders of the applicant.
- (7) The names of at least two (2) reputable local property owners who will certify as to the applicant's good moral reputation and business responsibility, or in lieu of the names of references, such other available evidence as will enable an investigator to evaluate properly the applicant's moral reputation and business responsibility, or in lieu of the names of references, such other available evidence as will enable an investigator to properly evaluate the applicant's moral reputation and business responsibility.
- (8) A statement as to whether or not the applicant has been convicted of any crime or misdemeanor or for violating any municipal ordinance; the nature of the offense; and, the punishment or penalty assessed therefor.
- (9) The last three (3) cities or towns, if that many, where applicant carried on business immediately preceding the date of application and, in the case of transient merchants, the addresses from which such business was conducted in those municipalities.
- (10) At the time of filing the application, a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be paid to the municipality to cover the cost of investigating the facts stated therein. (1983 Code, § 5-203, modified)
- **9-204.** <u>Issuance or refusal of permit</u>. (1) Each application shall be referred to the chief of police for investigation. The chief shall report his findings to the city recorder within seventy-two (72) hours.
- (2) If as a result of such investigation the chief reports the applicant's moral reputation and/or business responsibility to be unsatisfactory the city recorder shall notify the applicant that his application is disapproved and that no permit will be issued.
- (3) If, on the other hand, the chief's report indicates that the moral reputation and business responsibility of the applicant are satisfactory the city recorder shall issue a permit upon the payment of all applicable privilege taxes and the filing of the bond required by § 9-206. The city recorder shall keep a permanent record of all permits issued. (1983 Code, § 5-204)
- **9-205.** Appeal. Any person aggrieved by the action of the chief of police and/or the city recorder in the denial of a permit shall have the right to appeal to the governing body. Such appeal shall be taken by filing with the mayor within fourteen (14) days after notice of the action complained of, a written statement setting forth fully the grounds for the appeal. The mayor shall set a time and place for a hearing on such appeal and notice of the time and place of such hearing shall be given to the appellant. The notice shall be in writing and shall be mailed, postage prepaid, to the applicant at his last known address at

- least five (5) days prior to the date set for hearing, or shall be delivered by a police officer in the same manner as a summons at least three (3) days prior to the date set for hearing. (1983 Code, § 5-205)
- **9-206.** Bond. Every permittee shall file with the city recorder a surety bond running to the municipality in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). The bond shall be conditioned that the permittee shall comply fully with all the provisions of the ordinances of the Town of White Bluff and the statutes of the state regulating peddlers, canvassers, solicitors, transient merchants, itinerant merchants, or itinerant vendors, as the case may be, and shall guarantee to any citizen of the Town of White Bluff that all money paid as a down payment will be accounted for and applied according to the representations of the permittee, and further guaranteeing to any citizen of the municipality doing business with said permittee that the property purchased will be delivered according to the representations of the permittee. Action on such bond may be brought by any person aggrieved and for whose benefit, among others, the bond is given, but the surety may, by paying, pursuant to order of the court, the face amount of the bond to the clerk of the court in which the suit is commenced, be relieved without costs of all further liability. (1983) Code, § 5-206)
- **9-207.** Loud noises and speaking devices. No permittee, nor any person in his behalf, shall shout, cry out, blow a horn, ring a bell or use any sound amplifying device upon any of the sidewalks, streets, alleys, parks or other public places of the Town of White Bluff or upon private premises where sound of sufficient volume is emitted or produced therefrom to be capable of being plainly heard upon the adjacent sidewalks, streets, alleys, parks, or other public places, for the purpose of attracting attention to any goods, wares or merchandise which such permittee proposes to sell. (1983 Code, § 5-207)
- 9-208. <u>Use of streets</u>. No permittee shall have any exclusive right to any location in the public streets, nor shall any be permitted a stationary location thereon, nor shall any be permitted to operate in a congested area where the operation might impede or inconvenience the public use of such streets. For the purpose of this chapter, the judgment of a police officer, exercised in good faith, shall be deemed conclusive as to whether the area is congested and the public impeded or inconvenienced. (1983 Code, § 5-208)
- **9-209.** Exhibition of permit. Permittees are required to exhibit their permits at the request of any policeman or citizen. (1983 Code, § 5-209)
- **9-210.** Policemen to enforce. It shall be the duty of all policemen to see that the provisions of this chapter are enforced. (1983 Code, § 5-210)

- **9-211.** Revocation or suspension of permit. (1) Permits issued under the provisions of this chapter may be revoked by the town council after notice and hearing, for any of the following causes:
 - (a) Fraud, misrepresentation, or incorrect statement contained in the application for permit, or made in the course of carrying on the business of solicitor, canvasser, peddler, transient merchant, itinerant merchant, or itinerant vendor.
 - (b) Any violation of this chapter.
 - (c) Conviction of any crime or misdemeanor.
 - (d) Conducting the business of peddler, canvasser, solicitor, transient merchant, itinerant merchant, or itinerant vendor, as the case may be, in an unlawful manner or in such a manner as to constitute a breach of the peace or to constitute a menace to the health, safety, or general welfare of the public.
- (2) Notice of the hearing for revocation of a permit shall be given by the city recorder in writing, setting forth specifically the grounds of complaint and the time and place of hearing. Such notice shall be mailed to the permittee at his last known address at least five (5) days prior to the date set for hearing, or it shall be delivered by a police officer in the same manner as a summons at least three (3) days prior to the date set for hearing.
- (3) When reasonably necessary in the public interest the mayor may suspend a permit pending the revocation hearing. (1983 Code, § 5-211)
- **9-212.** Reapplication. No permittee whose permit has been revoked shall make further application until a period of at least six (6) months has elapsed since the last revocation. (1983 Code, § 5-212)
- 9-213. Expiration and renewal of permit. Permits issued under the provisions of this chapter shall expire on the same date that the permittee's privilege license expires and shall be renewed without cost if the permittee applies for and obtains a new privilege license within thirty (30) days thereafter. Permits issued to permittees who are not subject to a privilege tax shall be issued for one (1) year. An application for a renewal shall be made substantially in the same form as an original application. However, only so much of the application shall be completed as is necessary to reflect conditions which have changed since the last application was filed. (1983 Code, § 5-213)

CHARITABLE SOLICITORS

SECTION

- 9-301. Permit required.
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- 9-301. Permit required. No person shall solicit contributions or anything else of value for any real or alleged charitable or religious purpose within the Town of White Bluff without a permit from the city recorder authorizing such solicitation. Provided, however, that this section shall not apply to any locally established organization or church operated exclusively for charitable or religious purposes if the solicitations are conducted exclusively among the members thereof, voluntarily and without remuneration for making such solicitations, or if the solicitations are in the form of collections or contributions at the regular assemblies of any such established organization or church. (1983 Code, § 5-301)
- **9-302.** Prerequisites for a permit. The recorder shall issue a permit authorizing charitable or religious solicitations when, after a reasonable investigation, he finds the following facts to exist:
- (1) The applicant has a good character and reputation for honesty and integrity, or if the applicant is not an individual person, that every member, managing officer or agent of the applicant has a good character or reputation for honesty and integrity.
- (2) The control and supervision of the solicitation will be under responsible and reliable persons.
- (3) The applicant has not engaged in any fraudulent transaction or enterprise.
- (4) The solicitation will not be a fraud on the public but will be for a bona fide charitable or religious purpose.
- (5) The solicitation is prompted solely by a desire to finance the charitable cause described by the applicant. (1983 Code, § 5-302)
- **9-303.** Denial of a permit. Any applicant for a permit to make charitable or religious solicitations may appeal to the town council if he has not been granted a permit within fifteen (15) days after he makes application therefor. (1983 Code, § 5-303)

9-304. Exhibition of permit. Any solicitor required by this chapter to have a permit shall exhibit such permit at the request of any policeman or person solicited. (1983 Code, § 5-304)

CHARITABLE ROADBLOCKS

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9-401. Definitions. As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Charitable originations" means a group which is or holds itself out to be benevolent, educational, voluntary health, philanthropic, humane, patriotic, religious, or for the benefit of law enforcement personnel, firefighters, or others who protect public safety.
- (2) "Contributions" means the promise or grant of any money or property of any kind of valuer including the payment or promise to pay in consideration of sale, performance or show of any kind which is advertised or offered in conjunction with the name of that charity.
- (3) "Professional solicitor" means any person who, for financial or other consideration, solicits contributions for or on behalf of, a charitable organization.
- (4) "Solicitation roadblock" shall mean the solicitation by any person of money on or in the right-of-way of any street, road, highway, or any other public way and place generally open to, and used by, the public for travel in or upon motor vehicles.
- (5) "Street," "road," "highway," and "public way and place" shall include the paved or unpaved portion of any street, road, highway, or public place, the entire width of the public right-of-way extending laterally therefrom, dividers, medians, and abutting or adjoining sidewalks or other pedestrian pathways generally open to the public for pedestrian traffic. (Ord. #214, Nov. 2001, as replaced by Ord. #357, March 2013 *Ch2_5-7-19*)
- **9-402.** Eligibility. Charitable organizations desiring to conduct a solicitation roadblock shall meet all the requirements set forth in this section:
- (1) Have their principal headquarters and meeting place within the municipal boundaries of the Town of White Bluff; and
- (2) Must be on file with the internal revenue service as a subchapter 501(c)3 or 4 organization. (Ord. #214, Nov. 2001, as replaced by Ord. #357, March 2013 *Ch2* 5-7-19)

9-403. Exemptions. The eligibility requirements stated in § 9-402(1) and (2) shall not apply to bona fide religious institutions, educational institutions, volunteer fire departments, rescue squads, non-profit athletic organizations, animal rescue groups or local civil defense organizations. (Ord. #214, Nov. 2001, as replaced by Ord. #357, March 2013 **Ch2_5-7-19**)

9-404. Restrictions. Restrictions shall be as follows:

- (1) Road block permit is non-transferable.
- (2) Only one (1) road block permit issued per weekend.
- (3) Scheduling of roadblocks shall be based upon order in which the permit applications are filed. No permit shall be filed for more than thirty (30) days prior to the requested date.
- (4) No organization shall be awarded more than two (2) permits per year.
- (5) Roadblocks shall only be conducted at the intersection of Hwy 47 North and Hwy 70.
- (6) No one under the age of eighteen (18) shall be allowed to participate in a roadblock.
- (7) Roadblocks shall be limited to seven (7) active participants at any one (1) time.
- (8) All participants shall be dressed in orange safety vests or similar OSHA approved reflective attire and bright orange cones shall be strategically placed at the intersection to alert the public of the roadblock.
- (9) Roadblocks shall be limited to Saturdays and/or Sundays from 7:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. (noon).
- (10) All organizations shall clean up litter generated by their solicitation activities. (Ord. #214, Nov. 2001, as replaced by Ord. #357, March 2013 *Ch2_5-7-19*)
- **9-405.** Permits. Every charitable organization, which intends to solicit roadblock contributions within the Town of White Bluff, shall, prior to any solicitation:
- (1) File an application for permit¹ including a copy of documentation from Internal Revenue Service showing 501(c)3 or 4 status with the Town of White Bluff Recorder. Any application permit which contains false, misleading, deceptive, or incomplete information or documentation shall be considered insufficient or incomplete and will be rejected.
- (2) Any applicant who is denied approval of registration may have a reconstruction of its denial by requesting, in writing, a hearing before the town

¹The charitable roadblock permit application, and any amendments thereto, may be found in the recorder's office.

council. (Ord. #214, Nov. 2001, as replaced by Ord. #357, March 2013 **Ch2_5-7-19**)

9-406. Records. True and accurate fiscal records, including but not limited to, all income and expenses, shall be made available, upon request, to the Town of White Bluff. (Ord. #214, Nov. 2001, as replaced by Ord. #357, March 2013 *Ch2_5-7-19*)

9-407. <u>Identification</u>. Identification requirements are:

- (1) Each participant shall wear identification on their persons to include participants name and organization that they are representing.
- (2) Each participant shall be required to have and produce on demand or display, identification indicating that the participant has been duly authorized by the organization for which the participant is soliciting.
- (3) There shall be a visible notice posted at the intersection, at each collection point, identifying the soliciting organization. (Ord. #214, Nov. 2001, as replaced by Ord. #357, March 2013 *Ch2_5-7-19*)
- **9-408.** <u>Violations</u>. Any person or organization violating this chapter shall be subject to punishment under the general penalty provision of the Town of White Bluff Municipal Code. (Ord. #214, Nov. 2001, as replaced by Ord. #357, March 2013 *Ch2_5-7-19*)

CABLE TELEVISION

SECTION

9-501. To be furnished under franchise.

9-501. To be furnished under franchise. Cable television service shall be furnished to the Town of White Bluff and its inhabitants under franchise as the board of mayor and aldermen shall grant. The rights, powers, duties and obligations of the Town of White Bluff and its inhabitants and the grantee of the franchise shall be clearly stated in the franchise agreement which shall be binding upon the parties concerned.¹ (1983 Code, § 13-401)

¹For complete details relating to the cable television franchise agreement see Ordinance #61 and 61A, the latter of which transferred the franchise right from CET, Inc. to Galaxy Cablevision, Inc. and made other changes in the franchise agreement. Ordinance #93 transferred the license from Exxex 1985-2 Limited Partnership to U.S. Cable Television Group, L.P. All ordinances are of record in the office of the city recorder.

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- **9-601. Purpose**. It is the purpose of this chapter to regulate sexually oriented businesses in order to promote the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the citizens of the town, and to establish reasonable and uniform regulations to prevent the deleterious secondary effects of sexually oriented businesses within the town. It is neither the intent nor effect of this chapter to restrict or deny access by adults to sexually oriented materials protected by the First Amendment, or to deny access by the distributors and exhibitors of sexually oriented entertainment to their intended market. (as added by Ord. #347, June 2012 *Ch2_5-7-19*)
- **9-602.** <u>Definitions</u>. For the purpose of this chapter, the words and phrases used herein shall have the following meanings, unless otherwise clearly indicated by the context.
- (1) "Adult-oriented establishment" shall include, but not be limited to, "adult bookstore," "adult motion picture theaters," "adult mini-motion picture establishments," or "adult cabaret," and further means any premises to which the public patrons or members (regardless of whether or not the establishment is categorized as a private or members only club) are invited or admitted and/or which are so physically arranged as to provide booths, cubicles, rooms, compartments or stalls separate from the common areas of the premises for the purpose of viewing adult-oriented motion pictures, or wherein an entertainer

provides adult entertainment to a member of the public, a patron or a member, when such adult entertainment is held, conducted, operated or maintained for a profit, direct or indirect. An "adult-oriented establishment" further includes, without being limited to, any "adult entertainment studio" or any premises that is physically arranged and used as such, whether advertised or represented as an adult entertainment studio, rap studio, exotic dance studio, encounter studio, sensitivity studio, modeling studio or any other term of like import.

- (2) "Adult bookstore" means an establishment having as a substantial portion of its stock in trade ("substantial portion" meaning over twenty percent (20%) of floor area, or over twenty percent (20%) of inventory by units or value, or over twenty percent (20%) of revenues, or an inventory of two hundred (200) or more units) in books, films, video cassettes, compact discs, computer software, computer generated images or text, or magazines and other periodicals or publications or reproductions of any kind which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas" as defined below, and in conjunction therewith have facilities for the presentation of adult entertainment, as defined below, and including adult-oriented films, movies, or live entertainment, for observation by patrons therein.
- (3) "Adult motion picture theater" means an enclosed building with a capacity of fifty (50) or more persons regularly used for presenting materials having as a dominant theme or presenting material distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas" as defined below, for observation by any means by patrons therein.
- (4) "Adult mini-motion picture theater" means an enclosed building with a capacity of less than fifty (50) persons regularly used for presenting material distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas," as defined below, for observation by any means by patrons therein.
- (5) "Adult cabaret" is defined to mean an establishment which features as a principle use of its business, entertainers and/or waiters and/or bartenders and/or any other employee or independent contractor, who expose to public view of the patrons within said establishment, at any time, the bare female breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola, human genitals, pubic region, or buttocks, even if partially covered by opaque material or completely covered by translucent material; including swim suits, lingerie or latex covering. "Adult cabarets" shall include commercial establishments which feature entertainment of an erotic nature including exotic dancers, table dancers, private dancers, strippers, male or female impersonators, or similar entertainers.
- (6) "Employee" means any and all persons, including independent contractors, who work in or at or render any services directly related to the operation of an adult-oriented establishment.

- (7) "Entertainer" means any person who provides entertainment within an adult-oriented establishment as defined in this section, whether or not a fee is charged or accepted for entertainment and whether or not entertainment is provided as an employee or an independent contractor.
- (8) "Adult entertainment" means any exhibition of any adult-oriented: motion pictures, live performance, computer or CD Rom generated images, displays of adult- oriented images or performances derived or taken from the internet, displays or dance of any type, which has a substantial portion of such performance any actual or simulated performance of specified sexual activities or exhibition and viewing of specified anatomical areas, removal or partial removal of articles of clothing or appearing unclothed, pantomime, modeling, or any other personal service offered customers.
- (9) "Mayor and council" means the Board of Mayor and Council members of the Town of White Bluff, Tennessee.
- (10) "Operator" means any person, partnership, corporation, or entity of any type or character operating, conducting or maintaining an adult-oriented establishment.
 - (11) "Specified sexual activities" means:
 - (a) Human genitals in a state of actual or simulated sexual stimulation or arousal;
 - (b) Acts or simulated acts of human masturbation, sexual intercourse or sodomy;
 - (c) Fondling or erotic touching of human genitals, pubic region, buttock or female breasts.
 - (12) "Specified anatomical areas" means:
 - (a) Less than completely and opaquely covered:
 - (i) Human genitals, pubic region;
 - (ii) Buttocks;
 - (iii) Female breasts below a point immediately above the top of the areola; and
 - (b) Human male genitals in an actual or simulated discernibly turgid state, even if completely opaquely covered. (as added by Ord. #347, June 2012 *Ch2_5-7-19*)
- **9-603.** <u>License required</u>. (1) Except as provided in subsection (5) below, from and after the effective date of this chapter, no adult-oriented establishment shall be operated or maintained in the Town of White Bluff without first obtaining a license to operate issued by the Town of White Bluff.
- (2) A license may be issued only for one (1) adult-oriented establishment located at a fixed and certain place. Any person, partnership, or corporation which desires to operate more than one (1) adult-oriented establishment must have a license for them.
- (3) No license or interest in a license may be transferred to any person, partnership, or corporation.

- (4) It shall be unlawful for any entertainer, employee or operator to knowingly work in or about, or to knowingly perform any service directly related to the operation of any unlicensed adult-oriented establishment.
- (5) All existing adult-oriented establishments at the time of the passage of this chapter must submit an application for a license within one hundred twenty (120) days of the passage of this chapter on second and final reading. If a license is not issued within said one hundred twenty (20) day period, then such existing adult-oriented establishment shall cease operations.
- (6) No license may be issued for any location unless the premises is lawfully zoned for adult-oriented establishments and unless all requirements of the zoning ordinance are complied with. (as added by Ord. #347, June 2012 $Ch2_5-7-19$)
- **9-604.** Application for license. (1) Any person, partnership, or corporation desiring to secure a license shall make application to the Police Chief of the Town of White Bluff. The application shall be filed in triplicate with and dated by the police chief. A copy of the application shall be distributed promptly by the police chief to the city recorder and to the applicant.
- (2) The application for a license shall be upon a form provided by the police chief. An applicant for a license including any partner or limited partner of the partnership applicant, and any officer or director of the corporate applicant and any stockholder holding more than five percent (5%) of the stock of a corporate applicant, or any other person who is interested directly in the ownership or operation of the business (including, but not limited to, all holders of any interest in land of members of any limited liability company) shall furnish the following information under oath:
 - (a) Name and addresses, including all aliases.
 - (b) Written proof that the individual(s) is at least eighteen (18) years of age.
 - (c) All residential addresses of the applicant(s) for the past three (3) years.
 - (d) The applicants' height, weight, color of eyes and hair.
 - (e) The business, occupation or employment of the applicant(s) for five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the application.
 - (f) Whether the applicant(s) previously operated in this or any other county, town or state under an adult-oriented establishment license or similar business license; whether the applicant(s) has ever had such a license revoked or suspended, the reason therefore, and the business entity or trade name under which the applicant operated that was subject to the suspension or revocation.
 - (g) All criminal statutes, whether federal or state, or town ordinance violation convictions, forfeiture of bond and pleadings of nolo contendere on all charges, except minor traffic violations.

- (h) Fingerprints and two (2) portrait photographs at least two inches by two inches (2"x2") of each applicant.
- (i) The address of the adult-oriented establishment to be operated by the applicant(s).
- (j) The names and addresses of all persons, partnerships, limited liability entities, or corporations holding any beneficial interest in the real estate upon which such adult-oriented establishment is to be operated, including but not limited to, contract purchasers or sellers, beneficiaries of land trust or lessees subletting to applicant.
- (k) If the premises are leased or being purchased under contract, a copy of such lease or contract shall accompany the application.
- (l) The length of time each applicant has been a resident of the Town of White Bluff, or its environs, immediately preceding the date of the application.
- (m) If the applicant is a limited liability entity, the applicant shall specify the name, the date and state of organization, the name and address of the registered agent and the name and address of each member of the limited liability entity.
- (n) A statement by the applicant that he or she is familiar with the provisions of this chapter and is in compliance with them.
- (o) All inventory, equipment, or supplies which are to be leased, purchased, held in consignment or in any other fashion kept on the premises or any part or portion thereof for storage, display, any other use therein, or in connection with the operation of said establishment, or for resale, shall be identified in writing accompanying the application specifically designating the distributor business name, address phone number, and representative's name.
- (p) Evidence in form deemed sufficient to the town manager that the location for the proposed adult-oriented establishment complies with all requirements of the zoning ordinances as now existing or hereafter amended.
- (3) Within ten (10) days of receiving the results of the investigation conducted by the Town of White Bluff Police Department, the police chief shall notify the applicant that his/her application is conditionally granted, denied or held for further investigation. Such additional investigation shall not exceed thirty (30) days unless otherwise agreed to by the applicant. Upon conclusion of such additional investigation, the police chief shall advise the applicant in writing whether the application is granted or denied. All licenses shall be further held pending consideration of the required special use zoning permit by the mayor and council.
- (4) Whenever an application is denied or held for further investigation, the police chief shall advise the applicant in writing of the reasons for such action. If the applicant requests a hearing within ten (10) days of receipt of notification of denial, a public hearing shall be held thereafter before the mayor

and council at which time the applicant may present evidence as to why his/her license should not be denied. The board shall hear evidence as to the basis of the denial and shall affirm or reject the denial of any application at the hearing. Any applicant who is denied a license for an adult-oriented establishment, may have the right for judicial review of such denial.

- (5) Failure or refusal of the applicant to give any information relevant to the investigation of the application, or his or her refusal or failure to appear at any reasonable time and place for examination under oath regarding said application or his or her refusal to submit to or cooperate with any investigation required by this chapter, shall constitute an admission by the applicant that he or she is ineligible for such license and shall be grounds for denial thereof by the police chief.
- (6) The applicant shall provide with his/her application, a diagram, drawn to scale of the premises, including the location and layout of all booths and stages and the location of the clerk/manager's stand or counter. Though the diagram shall be drawn to scale, it does not have to be professionally prepared.
- (7) If any of the information on the application changes over the course of the time for which the license is issued, including any changes in the physical layout of the premises, the licensee shall inform the town, in writing, of the changes. (as added by Ord. #347, June 2012 *Ch2_5-7-19*)

9-605. Standards for issuance of license. (1) Physical layout of sexually oriented business.

- (a) Any sexually oriented business having available for customers, patrons or members any booth, for the viewing of any sexually oriented entertainment, including but not limited to sexually oriented films, sexually oriented movies, sexually oriented videos, shall submit a diagram and the diagram submitted be substantially the same as the structure observed by the inspector. Further, the structure and the diagram shall comply with the following requirements:
 - (i) Access. Each booth shall be totally accessible to and from aisles and public areas of the sexually oriented business and shall be unobstructed by any door, gate, lock or other control-type devices.
 - (ii) Construction. Every booth shall meet the following construction requirements:
 - (A) Each booth shall be separated from adjacent booths and any nonpublic areas by a solid or opaque wall:
 - (B) Have at least one (1) side totally open to a public lighted aisle so that there is an unobstructed view at all times of anyone occupying same;
 - (C) All walls shall be solid and without any openings, extended from the floor to a height of not less

than six feet (6') and be light colored, nonabsorbent, smooth textured and easily cleanable;

- (D) The floor must be light colored, nonabsorbent, smooth textured and easily cleanable; and
- (E) The lighting level of each booth shall be a minimum of ten (10) foot-candles at all times as measured from the floor.
- (b) The provisions enunciated in subsection (1)(a) above shall not apply to bathrooms unless the bathroom contains any equipment which would allow the viewing of sexually oriented films, sexually oriented movies, sexually oriented videos or the like.
- (c) Any live performance of sexually oriented entertainment shall occur upon a stage at least eighteen inches (18") above the immediate floor level and removed at least six feet (6') from the nearest customer. A six-foot (6') boundary from the outer edge of the stage shall be indicated on the floor by a rail, barrier, lighting, luminous tape or paint, or any other method which will make the boundary visible in a darkened condition s that the customer will not invade the six-foot boundary from the stage with any portion of his/her body.

(2) Applicant.

- (a) To receive a license to operate an adult-oriented establishment, an applicant must meet the following standards:
 - (i) If the applicant is an individual:
 - (A) The applicant shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
 - (B) The applicant shall not have been convicted of or pleaded nolo contendere to a felony or any crime involving moral turpitude, prostitution, obscenity, or other crime of a sexual nature in any jurisdiction within five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the application.
 - (C) The applicant shall not have been found to have previously violated this chapter within five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the application.
 - (ii) If the applicant is a corporation:
 - (A) All officers, directors and stockholders required to be named under § 9-603 shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
 - (B) No officer, director or stockholder required to be named under § 9-603 shall have been found to have previously violated this chapter within five (5) years immediately preceding the date of application.
 - (iii) If the applicant is a partnership, joint venture, limited liability entity, or any other type of organization where two (2) or more persons have a financial interest:

- (A) All persons having a financial interest in the partnership, joint venture or other type of organization shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- (B) No persons having a financial interest in the partnership, joint venture or other type of organization shall have been convicted of or pleaded nolo contendere to a felony or any crime involving moral turpitude, prostitution, obscenity or other crime of a sexual nature in any jurisdiction within five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the application.
- (C) No persons having a financial interest in the partnership, joint venture or other type of organization shall have been found to have previously violated this chapter within five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the application.
- (b) No license shall be issued unless the Town of White Bluff Police Department has investigated the applicant's qualifications to be licensed. The results of that investigation shall be filed in writing with the police chief no later than twenty (20) days after the date of the application. (as added by Ord. #347, June 2012 *Ch2_5-7-19*)
- **9-606.** Permit required. In addition to the license requirements previously set forth for owners and operators of "adult-oriented establishments," no person shall be an employee or entertainer in an adult-oriented establishment without first obtaining a valid permit issued by the police chief. (as added by Ord. #347, June 2012 *Ch2_5-7-19*)
- **9-607.** Application for permit. (1) Any person desiring to secure a permit as an employee or entertainer shall make application to the police chief. The application shall be filed in triplicate with and dated by the police chief. A copy of the application shall be distributed promptly by the police chief to the city recorder and to the applicant.
- (2) The application for a permit shall be upon a form provided by the police chief. An applicant for a permit shall furnish the following information under oath:
 - (a) Name and address, including all aliases.
 - (b) Written proof that the individual is at least eighteen (18) years of age.
 - (c) All residential addresses of the applicant for the past three (3) years.
 - (d) The applicant's height, weight, color of eyes, and hair.
 - (e) The business, occupation or employment of the applicant for five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the application.

- (f) Whether the applicant, while previously operating in this or any other town or state under an adult-oriented establishment permit or similar business for whom applicant was employed or associated at the time, has ever had such a permit revoked or suspended, the reason therefor, and the business entity or trade name for whom the applicant was employed or associated at the time of such suspension or revocation.
- (g) All criminal statutes, whether federal, state or town ordinance violation, convictions, forfeiture of bond and pleadings of nolo contendere on all charges, except minor traffic violations.
- (h) Fingerprints and two (2) portrait photographs at least two inches by two inches (2"x2") of the applicant.
- (i) The length of time the applicant has been a resident of the Town of White Bluff, or its environs, immediately preceding the date of the application.
- (j) A statement by the applicant that he or she is familiar with the provisions of this chapter and is in compliance with them.
- (3) Within ten (10) days of receiving the results of the investigation conducted by the Town of White Bluff Police Department, the police chief shall notify the applicant that his application is granted, denied, or held for further investigation. Such additional investigation shall not exceed an additional thirty (30) days unless otherwise agreed to by the applicant. Upon the conclusion of such additional investigations, the police chief shall advise the applicant in writing whether the application is granted or denied.
- (4) Whenever an application is denied or held for further investigation, the police chief shall advise the applicant in writing of the reasons for such action. If the applicant requests a hearing within ten (10) days of receipt of notification of denial, a public hearing shall be held thereafter before the mayor and council at which time the applicant may present evidence bearing upon the question.
- (5) Failure or refusal of the applicant to give any information relevant to the investigation of the application, or his or her refusal or failure to appear at any reasonable time and place for examination under oath regarding said application or his or her refusal to submit to or cooperate with any investigation required by this chapter, shall constitute an admission by the applicant that he or she is ineligible for such permit and shall be grounds for denial thereof by the police chief. (as added by Ord. #347, June 2012 *Ch2_5-7-19*)
- **9-608.** Standards for issuance of permit. (1) To receive a permit as an employee or entertainer, an applicant must meet the following standards:
 - (a) The applicant shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
 - (b) The applicant shall not have been convicted of or pleaded no contest to a felony or any crime involving moral turpitude or prostitution, obscenity or other crime of a sexual nature (including violation of similar

- adult-oriented establishment laws or ordinances) in any jurisdiction within five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the application.
- (c) The applicant shall not have been found to violate any provision of this chapter within five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the application.
- (2) No permit shall be issued until the Town of White Bluff Police Department has investigated the applicant's qualifications to receive a permit. The results of that investigation shall be filed in writing with the police chief not later than twenty (20) days after the date of the application. (as added by Ord. #347, June 2012 *Ch2_5-7-19*)
- **9-609.** Fees. (1) A license fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) shall be submitted with the application for a license. If the application is denied, one-half (%) of the fee shall be returned.
- (2) A permit fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be submitted with the application for a permit. If the application is denied, one-half (1/2) of the fee shall be returned. (as added by Ord. #347, June 2012 *Ch2_5-7-19*)
- **9-610.** <u>Display of license or permit</u>. (1) The license shall be displayed in a conspicuous public place in the adult-oriented establishment.
- (2) The permit shall be carried by an employee and/or entertainer upon his or her person and shall be displayed upon request of a customer, any member of the Town of White Bluff Police Department, or any person designated by the mayor and council.
- (3) If the business for which a license was issued ceases to exist in that a majority of the business assets have been liquidated, or the business has closed and ceased operations, then the license shall be returned to the town and cease to be valid. (as added by Ord. #347, June 2012 *Ch2_5-7-19*)
- 9-611. Renewal of license or permit. (1) Every license issued pursuant to this chapter will terminate at the expiration of one (1) year from the date of issuance, unless sooner revoked, and must be renewed before operation is allowed in the following year. Any operator desiring to renew a license shall make application to the police chief. The application for renewal must be filed not later than sixty (60) days before the license expires. The application for renewal shall be filed in triplicate with and dated by the police chief. A copy of the application for renewal shall be distributed promptly by the police chief to the city recorder and to the operator. The application for renewal shall be a form provided by the police chief and shall contain such information and data, given under oath or affirmation, as may be required by the mayor and council.
- (2) A license renewal fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) shall be submitted with the application for renewal. In addition to the renewal fee, a late penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be assessed against the applicant

who files for a renewal less than sixty (60) days before the license expires. If the application is denied, one-half (1/2) of the total fees collected shall be returned.

- (3) If the Town of White Bluff Police Department is aware of any information bearing on the operator's qualifications, that information shall be filed in writing with the police chief.
- (4) Every permit issued pursuant to this chapter will terminate at the expiration of one (1) year from the date of issuance unless sooner revoked, and must be renewed before an employee and/or entertainer is allowed to continue employment in an adult-oriented establishment in the following calendar year. Any employee and/or entertainer desiring to renew a permit shall make application to the police chief. The application for renewal must be filed not later than sixty (60) days before the permit expires. The application for renewal shall be filed in triplicate with and dated by the police chief. A copy of the application for renewal shall be distributed promptly by the police chief to the city recorder and to the employee. The application for renewal shall be upon a form provided by the police chief and shall contain such information and data, given under oath or affirmation, as may be required by the mayor and council.
- (5) A permit renewal fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be submitted with the application for renewal. In addition to said renewal fee, a late penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be assessed against the applicant who files for renewal less that sixty (60) days before the license expires. If the application is denied one-half (1/2) of the fee shall be returned.
- (6) If the Town of White Bluff Police Department is aware of any information bearing on the employee's qualifications, that information shall be filed in writing with the police chief. (as added by Ord. #347, June 2012 *Ch2 5-7-19*)
- **9-612.** Revocation of license or permit. (1) The police chief shall revoke a license or permit for any of the following reasons:
 - (a) Discovery that false or misleading information or data was given on any application or material facts were omitted from any application.
 - (b) The operator, entertainer, or any employee of the operator, violates any provision of this chapter or any rule or regulation adopted by the town council pursuant to this chapter; provided, however, that in the case of a first offense by an operator where the conduct was solely that of an employee, the penalty shall not exceed a suspension of thirty (30) days if the town council shall find that the operator had no actual or constructive knowledge of such violation and could not by the exercise of due diligence have had such actual or constructive knowledge.
 - (c) The operator or employee becomes ineligible to obtain a license or permit.
 - (d) Any cost or fee required to be paid by this chapter is not paid.

- (e) An operator employs an employee who does not have a permit or provide space on the premises, whether by lease or otherwise, to an independent contractor who performs or works as an entertainer without a permit.
- (f) Any intoxicating liquor, cereal malt beverage, narcotic or controlled substance is allowed to be sold or consumed on the licensed premises.
- (g) Any operator, employee or entertainer sells, furnishes, gives or displays, or causes to be sold, furnished, given or displayed to any minor any adult-oriented entertainment or adult-oriented material.
- (h) Any operator, employee or entertainer denies access of law enforcement personnel to any portion of the licensed premises wherein adult-oriented entertainment is permitted or to any portion of the licensed premises wherein adult-oriented material is displayed or sold.
- (i) Any operator allows continuing violations of the rules and regulations of the Dickson County Health Department.
- (j) Any operator fails to maintain the licensed premises in a clean, sanitary and safe condition.
- (k) Any minor is found to be loitering about or frequenting the premises.
- (2) The police chief, before revoking or suspending any license or permit, shall give the operator or employee at least ten (10) days' written notice of the charges against him or her and the opportunity for a public hearing before the mayor and council, at which time the operator or employee may present evidence bearing upon the question. In such cases, the charges shall be specific and in writing.
- (3) The transfer of a license or any interest in a license shall automatically and immediately revoke the license. The transfer of any interest in a non-individual operator's license shall automatically and immediately revoke the license held by the operator. Such license shall thereby become null and void.
- (4) Any operator or employee whose license or permit is revoked shall not be eligible to receive a license or permit for five (5) years from the date of revocation. No location or premises for which a license has been issued shall be used as an adult-oriented establishment for two (2) years from the date of revocation of the license. (as added by Ord. #347, June 2012 *Ch2_5-7-19*)
- **9-613.** <u>Hours of operation</u>. (1) No adult-oriented establishment shall be open between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. Monday through Saturday, and between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. on Sunday.
- (2) All adult-oriented establishments shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times by the Town of White Bluff Police Department, the Dickson County Sheriff's Department, or such other persons as the mayor and council may designate. (as added by Ord. #347, June 2012 *Ch2_5-7-19*)

- **9-614.** Responsibilities of the operator. (1) The operator shall maintain a register of all employees and/or entertainers showing the name, and aliases used by the employee, home address, age, birth date, sex, height, weight, color of hair and eyes, phone numbers, Social Security number, date of employment and termination, and duties of each employee and such other information as may be required by the mayor and council. The above information on each employee shall be maintained in the register on the premises for a period of three (3) years following termination.
- (2) The operator shall make the register of the employees available immediately for inspection by police upon demand of a member of the White Bluff Police Department at all reasonable times.
- (3) Every act or omission by an employee constituting a violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed the act or omission of the operator if such act or omission occurs either with the authorization, knowledge, or approval of the operator, or as a result of the operator's negligent failure to supervise the employee's conduct, and the operator shall be punishable for such act or omission in the same manner as if the operator committed the act or caused the omission.
- (4) An operator shall be responsible for the conduct of all employees and/or entertainers while on the licensed premises and any act or omission of any employees and/or entertainer constituting a violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed the act or omission of the operator for purposes of determining whether the operator's license shall be revoked, suspended or renewed.
- (5) There shall be posted and conspicuously displayed in the common areas of each adult-oriented establishment a list of any and all entertainment provided on the premises. Such list shall further indicate the specific fee or charge in dollar amounts for each entertainment listed. Viewing adult-oriented motion pictures shall be considered as entertainment. The operator shall make the list available immediately upon demand of the Town of White Bluff Police Department at all reasonable times.
- (6) No employee of an adult-oriented establishment shall allow any minor to loiter around or to frequent an adult-oriented establishment or to allow any minor to view adult entertainment as defined herein.
- (7) Every adult-oriented establishment shall be physically arranged in such a manner that the entire interior portion of the booths, cubicles, rooms or stalls, wherein adult entertainment is provided, shall be visible from the common area of the premises. Visibility shall not be blocked or obscured by doors, curtains, partitions, drapes, or any other obstruction whatsoever. It shall be unlawful to install booths, cubicles, rooms or stalls within adult-oriented establishments for whatever purpose, but especially for the purpose of secluded viewing of adult-oriented motion pictures or other types of adult entertainment.
- (8) The operator shall be responsible for and shall provide that any room or area used for the purpose of viewing adult-oriented motion pictures or

other types of live adult entertainment shall be readily accessible at all times and shall be continuously opened to view in its entirely.

- (9) No operator, entertainer, or employee of an adult-oriented establishment shall demand or collect all or any portion of a fee for entertainment before its completion.
- (10) A sign shall be conspicuously displayed in the common area of the premises, and shall read as follows:

This adult-oriented establishment is regulated by the Town of White Bluff Municipal Code which provides that no customer shall be permitted to have any physical contact with any entertainer on the premises during any performance. All performances shall only occur upon a stage at least eighteen inches (18") above the immediate floor level and at least six feet from the nearest customer. Entertainers are:

- (a) Not permitted to engage in any type of sexual conduct;
- (b) Not permitted to expose their sex organs;
- (c) Not permitted to demand or collect all or any portion of a fee for entertainment before its completion.
- (11) Live sexually oriented entertainment shall not be permitted in booths. (as added by Ord. #347, June 2012 *Ch2_5-7-19*)
- **9-615.** Prohibitions and unlawful sexual acts. (1) No operator, entertainer, or employee of an adult-oriented establishment shall permit to be performed, offer to perform, perform or allow customers, employees or entertainers to perform sexual intercourse or oral or anal copulation or other contact stimulation of the genitalia.
- (2) No operator, entertainer, or employee shall encourage or permit any person upon the premises to touch, caress, or fondle the breasts, buttocks, anus or genitals of any other person.
- (3) No operator, entertainer, or employee shall encourage or permit any other person upon the premises to touch, caress, or fondle his or her breasts, buttocks, anus or genitals.
- (4) No operator, entertainer, employee, or customer shall be unclothed or in such attire, costume, or clothing so as to expose to view any portion of the sex organs, breasts or buttocks of said operator, entertainer, or employee with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desires of the operator, entertainer, employee or customer.
- (5) No entertainer, employee or customer shall be permitted to have any physical contact with any other person on the premises during any performance and all performances shall only occur upon a stage at least eighteen inches (18") above the immediate floor level and removed six feet (6') from the nearest entertainer, employee and/or customer.
- (6) Only one (1) individual shall occupy a booth at any time. No occupant of a booth shall engage in any type of copulation, masturbation or the display or specified anatomical areas as defined herein or cause any bodily

discharge or urine, feces or semen while in the booth. No individual shall damage or deface any portion of the booth.

- (7) Live sexually oriented entertainment shall not be permitted in booths.
- (8) No customer shall invade the six-foot (6') boundary as required to be designated by $\S 9-605(1)$ (c). (as added by Ord. #347, June 2012 *Ch2_5-7-19*)
- **9-616.** Penalties and prosecution. (1) Any person, partnership, corporation, or other business entity that is found to have violated this chapter shall be fined a definite sum not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each violation and shall result in the suspension or revocation of any permit or license.
- (2) Each violation of this chapter shall be considered a separate offense, and any violation continuing more than one (1) hour of time shall be considered a separate offense for each hour of violation. (as added by Ord. #347, June 2012 *Ch2_5-7-19*)
- **9-617. Severability**. If a part of this chapter is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of this chapter is invalid in one (1) or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications. (as added by Ord. #347, June 2012 *Ch2_5-7-19*)