TITLE 9

BUSINESS, PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, ETC.¹

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CHAPTER 1

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION

9-101. "Going out of business" sales. It shall be unlawful for any person falsely to 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 sixty (60) days he shall prima facie be deemed to have violated this section. (1989 Code, § 5-101, modified)

¹Municipal code references
Liquor and beer regulations: title 8.
Noise reductions: title 11.
CHAPTER 2

ITINERANT VENDORS AND PEDDLERS

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9-201. Selling - registration required.
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9-201. **Selling - registration required.** It shall be unlawful anywhere in the City of Lakeland, Tennessee, for any person, peddler, huckster, hawker or transient vendor to sell or offer for sale any goods, wares, services or merchandise of any nature prior to applying for and receiving a valid permit from the City of Lakeland.

1. The City of Lakeland may create and maintain a "do-not-knock" list allowing any owner or occupier of any residence within Lakeland to prohibit commercial solicitation at his or her residence by registering his or her address with the city.

2. If Lakeland establishes a "do-not-knock" list, the city shall maintain and publish the list on its website and make a copy available at city hall during regular business hours.

3. Upon issuing a permit, Lakeland shall provide a copy of the list to each person, peddler, huckster, hawker or transient vendor.

4. Any person, peddler, huckster, hawker or transient vendor found to violate the "do-not-knock" list by offering to sell any goods, wares, services or merchandise of any nature at a residence on "do-not-knock" list shall be subject to a fifty dollar ($50.00) fine per violation. (1989 Code, § 5-201, as replaced by Ord. #06-88, June 2006, and Ord. #15-229, Nov. 2015)

9-202. **Panhandling prohibited.** It shall be unlawful anywhere in the City of Lakeland, Tennessee to stop a vehicle or approach a stopped vehicle on a public street or roadway and ask for donations of any kind or sell any product standing on said street, roadway, sidewalk or median. (1989 Code, § 5-202, as replaced by Ord. #06-88, June 2006)

9-203. **Exceptions.** (1) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply bona fide merchants who deliver goods in the regular course of business.

2. Solicitors for charitable, non-profit or religious organizations who go from dwelling to dwelling, business to business, street to street, taking or attempting to take orders for goods, wares and merchandise are exempt from these provisions, provided a Lakeland permit is obtained, a picture identification is worn at all times and the organization meets the Internal Revenue Service criteria to qualify as a charitable, non-profit or religious organization.
(3) The dispensing of religious pamphlets or other literature which is protected by the United States Constitution under Freedom of Speech, Religion or Press is exempt from this chapter.

(4) Campaigning for public office is exempt from this chapter. (1989 Code, § 5-203, as replaced by Ord. #06-88, June 2006)
CHAPTER 3

CHARITABLE SOLICITORS

SECTION
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9-303. Denial of a permit.
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9-301. Commercial door-to-door solicitation - permit required. No person shall engage in door-to-door commercial solicitation within Lakeland between the hours of 6:30 P.M. and 9:30 A.M. No person shall engage in door-to-door commercial solicitation within Lakeland without first obtaining a permit and identification badge from the city manager and paying all applicable fees. Any business applying for a permit shall submit all required information for each person engaging in commercial door-to-door solicitation on its behalf. Upon issuance of a permit, Lakeland shall issue identification badge(s) for each person authorized to solicit under said permit. Each person engaged in commercial door-to-door solicitation shall prominently display his or her identification badge while soliciting in Lakeland.

(1) Each person applying for a door-to-door commercial solicitation permit shall file with the city manager an application on a form supplied by the city manager stating the following:
   (a) His or her full name, business address, business telephone number, and email address, and website;
   (b) Proof that the applicant has all applicable local and state business licenses;
   (c) Information regarding the business as required by the city manager, including the business' federal tax identification number, its legal status and proof of registration with, or a certificate of good standing from the Tennessee Secretary of State, and its registered agent;
   (d) A complete list of all persons who will be authorized to solicit under the permit and all supervising staff;
   (e) The following information for each person authorized to solicit under a permit and all supervising staff:
      (i) Full name, address, telephone number, email address, date of birth, and social security number;
      (ii) A copy of the individual's driver's license, state identification card, passport, or other government-issued identification card;
      (iii) Any other identifying information as may be required by the city manager.
(f) A brief explanation of the nature of the solicitation including what is being sold or offered for sale to the residents of Lakeland;

(g) any other information determined to be relevant by the city manager.

(2) Each applicant shall pay a fee in an amount sufficient to defray the costs incurred by Lakeland in processing the application, plus an additional fee to defray the actual costs of preparing and issuing an identification badge for each person to be authorized to solicit under the permit. The fees shall be set by resolution of the mayor and board of commissioners, and said fees may from time to time be adjusted in like manner to reflect any change in preparation and issuance costs.

(3) Each permit shall be valid for two (2) weeks from the date of issuance. Any permit holder wishing to renew a permit shall apply for the renewal no less than three (3) business days from expiration. The cost of the renewal shall be set by the city manager and shall be sufficient to defray the costs incurred by Lakeland in processing the renewal.

(4) The city manager shall deny an application for a permit or renewal of a permit if the city manager determines that the applicant has failed to comply with the do-not-knock ordinance, made any material misrepresentation or false statement in the application, failed to obtain proper business license(s) as required by law, or has been convicted of a felony or Class I misdemeanor under the laws of the State of Tennessee or an equivalent offense under any federal, state, county or municipal law. The city manager may revoke a permit if the applicant, or any person soliciting under a permit, fails to comply with the do-not-knock ordinance. (1989 Code, § 5-301, as replaced by Ord. #16-244, Sept. 2016)

9-302. Prerequisites for a permit. The recorder shall, upon application, issue a permit authorizing charitable or religious solicitations when, after a reasonable investigation, the following facts 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. (1989 Code, § 5-302)
9-303. **Denial of a permit.** Any applicant for a permit to make charitable or religious solicitations may appeal to the board of commissioners if he has not been granted a permit within fifteen (15) days after he makes application therefor. (1989 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 city official, policeman, or person solicited. (1989 Code, § 5-304)
CHAPTER 4
CABLE TELEVISION

SECTION
9-401. To be furnished under franchise.

9-401. To be furnished under franchise. Cable television shall be furnished to the City of Lakeland and its inhabitants under a non-exclusive franchise granted to Time Warner Communications by the board of commissioners of the City of Lakeland, Tennessee dated Oct. 1997. The rights, powers, duties and obligations of the City of Lakeland and its inhabitants are clearly stated in the franchise agreement executed by, and which shall be binding upon, the parties concerned.1 (1989 Code, § 13-201, modified)

1Complete details relating to the cable television franchise agreement are available in the office of the city recorder.
CHAPTER 5
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9-501. Purpose and findings. (1) Purpose. It is the purpose of this ordinance to regulate sexually oriented businesses in order to promote the health, safety, moral, and general welfare of the citizens of the city, and to establish reasonable and uniform regulations to prevent the deleterious secondary effects of sexually oriented businesses within the city. The provisions of this ordinance have neither the purpose nor effect of imposing a limitation or restriction on the content or reasonable access to any communicative materials, including sexually oriented materials. Similarly, it is neither the intent nor effect of this ordinance 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. Neither is it the intent nor effect of this ordinance to condone or legitimize the distribution of obscene material.

(2) Findings and rationale. Based on evidence of the adverse secondary effects of adult uses presented in hearings and in reports made available to the board, and on findings, interpretations, and narrowing constructions incorporated in the cases of City of Littleton v. Z.J. Gifts D-4,
(a) Sexually oriented businesses, as a category of commercial uses, are associated with a wide variety of adverse secondary effects including, but not limited to, personal and property crimes, prostitution, potential spread of disease, lewdness, public indecency, obscenity, illicit drug use and drug trafficking, negative impacts on surrounding properties, urban blight, litter, and sexual assault and exploitation.

(b) Sexually oriented businesses should be separated from sensitive land uses to minimize the impact of their secondary effects upon such uses, and should be separated from other sexually oriented businesses, to minimize the secondary effects associated with such uses and to prevent an unnecessary concentration of sexually oriented businesses in one area.

(c) Each of the foregoing negative secondary effects constitutes a harm which the city has a substantial government interest in preventing and/or abating. This substantial government interest in preventing secondary effects, which is the city's rationale for this ordinance, exists independent of any comparative analysis between sexually oriented and non-sexually oriented businesses. Additionally, the city's interest in regulating sexually oriented businesses extends to preventing future secondary effects of either current or future sexually oriented businesses that may locate in the city. The city finds that the cases and documentation relied on in this ordinance are reasonably believed to be relevant to said secondary effects. (as added by Ord. #06-85, Feb. 2006)

9-502. Definitions. For purposes of this chapter, the words and phrases defined in the sections hereunder shall have the meanings therein respectively ascribed to them unless a different meaning is clearly indicated by the context.

(1) "Adult bookstore or adult video store" means a commercial establishment which, as one of its principal business activities, offers for sale or rental for any form of consideration any one or more of the following: books, magazines, periodicals or other printed matter, or photographs, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, compact discs, digital video discs, slides, or other visual representations which are characterized by their emphasis upon the display of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."

A principal business activity of offering one or more of the foregoing enumerated items exists if the establishment:

(a) Has a substantial portion of its displayed merchandise which consists of said items, or

(b) Has a substantial portion of the wholesale value of its displayed merchandise which consists of said items, or

(c) Has a substantial portion of the retail value of its displayed merchandise which consists of said items, or
(d) Derives a substantial portion of its revenues from the sale or rental, for any form of consideration of said items, or

(e) Maintains a substantial section of its interior business space for the sale or rental of said items; or

(f) Maintains an "adult arcade," which means any place to which the public is permitted or invited wherein coin-operated or slug-operated or electronically, electrically, or mechanically controlled still or motion picture machines, projectors, or other image-producing devices are regularly maintained to show images to five or fewer persons per machine at any one time, and where the images so displayed are characterized by their emphasis upon matter exhibiting "specified sexual activities" or specified "anatomical areas."

(2) "Adult cabaret" means a nightclub, bar, juice bar, restaurant, bottle club, or other commercial establishment, whether or not alcoholic beverages are served, which regularly features persons who appear semi-nude.

(3) "Adult motel" means a motel, hotel, or similar commercial establishment which:

(a) Offers accommodations to the public for any form of consideration; provides patrons with closed-circuit television transmissions, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, other photographic reproductions, or live performances which are characterized by the display of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas"; and which advertises the availability of such material by means of a sign visible from the public right-of-way, or by means of any on or off-premises advertising, including but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, pamphlets or leaflets, radio or television; or

(b) Offers a sleeping room for rent for a period of time that is less than 10 hours; or

(c) Allows a tenant or occupant of a sleeping room to subrent the room for a period of time that is less than 10 hours.

(4) "Adult motion picture theater" means a commercial establishment where films, motion pictures, videocassettes, slides, or similar photographic reproductions which are characterized by their emphasis upon the display of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas" are regularly shown to more than five persons for any form of consideration.

(5) "Board" means the Board of Commissioners of Lakeland, Tennessee.

(6) "Characterized by" means describing the essential character or quality of an item. As applied in this ordinance, no business shall be classified as a sexually oriented business by virtue of showing, selling, or renting materials rated NC-17 or R by the Motion Picture Association of America.

(7) "City" means the City of Lakeland, Tennessee.

(8) "Employ, employee, and employment" describe and pertain to any person who performs any service on the premises of a sexually oriented
business, on a full time, part time, or contract basis, whether or not the person is denominated an employee, independent contractor, agent, or otherwise. Employee does not include a person exclusively on the premises for repair or maintenance of the premises or for the delivery of goods to the premises.

(9) "Establish or establishment" shall mean and include any of the following:

(a) The opening or commencement of any sexually oriented business as a new business;
(b) The conversion of an existing business, whether or not a sexually oriented business, to any sexually oriented business; or
(c) The addition of any sexually oriented business to any other existing sexually oriented business.

(10) "Hearing officer" shall mean an attorney, not an employee of the city, who is licensed to practice law in Tennessee.

(11) "Influential interest" means any of the following:

(a) The actual power to operate the sexually oriented business or control the operation, management or policies of the sexually oriented business or legal entity which operates the sexually oriented business,
(b) Ownership of a financial interest of thirty percent (30%) or more of a business or of any class of voting securities of a business, or
(c) Holding an office (e.g., president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, managing member, managing director, etc.) in a legal entity which operates the sexually oriented business.

(12) "Licensee" shall mean a person in whose name a license to operate a sexually oriented business has been issued, as well as the individual or individuals listed as an applicant on the application for a sexually oriented business license. In case of an "employee," it shall mean the person in whose name the sexually oriented business employee license has been issued.

(13) "Nudity or a state of nudity" means the showing of the human male or female genitals, pubic area, vulva, anus, anal cleft or cleavage with less than a fully opaque covering, or the showing of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any part of the nipple and areola.

(14) "Operate or cause to operate" shall mean to cause to function or to put or keep in a state of doing business. "Operator" means any person on the premises of a sexually oriented business who causes the business to function or who puts or keeps in operation the business or who is authorized to manage the business or exercise overall operational control of the business premises. A person may be found to be operating or causing to be operated a sexually oriented business whether or not that person is an owner, part owner, or licensee of the business.

(15) "Person" shall mean individual, proprietorship, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity.

(16) "Premises" means the real property upon which the sexually oriented business is located, and all appurtenances thereto and buildings
thereon, including, but not limited to, the sexually oriented business, the grounds, private walkways, and parking lots and/or parking garages adjacent thereto, under the ownership, control, or supervision of the licensee, as described in the application for a business license pursuant to § 9-504 of this ordinance.

(17) "Regularly" means and refers to the consistent and repeated doing of the act so described.

(18) "Semi-nude or state of semi-nudity" means the showing of the female breast below a horizontal line across the top of the areola and extending across the width of the breast at that point, or the showing of the male or female buttocks. This definition shall include the lower portion of the human female breast, but shall not include any portion of the cleavage of the human female breasts exhibited by a bikini, dress, blouse, shirt, leotard, or similar wearing apparel provided the areola is not exposed in whole or in part.

(19) "Semi-nude model studio" means a place where persons regularly appear in a state of semi-nudity for money or any form of consideration in order to be observed, sketched, drawn, painted, sculptured, photographed, or similarly depicted by other persons.

This definition does not apply to any place where persons appearing in a state of semi-nudity did so in a modeling class operated:

   (a) By a college, junior college, or university supported entirely or partly by taxation;

   (b) By a private college or university which maintains and operates educational programs in which credited are transferable to college, junior college, or university supported entirely or partly by taxation; or:

   (c) In a structure:

      (i) Which has no sign visible from the exterior of the structure and no other advertising that indicates a semi-nude person is available for viewing; and

      (ii) Where, in order to participate in a class a student must enroll at least three days in advance of the class.

(20) "Sexual device" means any three (3) dimensional object designed and marketed for stimulation of the male or female human genital organ or anus or for sadomasochistic use or abuse of oneself or others and shall include devices such as dildos, vibrators, penis pumps, and physical representations of the human genital organs. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to include devices primarily intended for protection against sexually transmitted diseases or for preventing pregnancy.

(21) "Sexual device shop" means a commercial establishment that regularly features sexual devices. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to include any pharmacy, drug store, medical clinic, or any establishment primarily dedicated to providing medical or healthcare products or services, nor
shall this definition be construed to include commercial establishments which do not restrict access to their premises by reason of age.

(22) "Sexual encounter center" shall mean a business or commercial enterprise that, as one of its principal business purposes, purports to offer for any form of consideration, physical contact in the form of wrestling or tumbling between persons of the opposite sex when one or more of the persons is semi-nude.

(23) "Sexually oriented business" means an "adult bookstore or adult video store," an "adult cabaret," an "adult motel," an "adult motion picture theater," a "semi-nude model studio," "sexual device shop," or a "sexual encounter center."

(24) "Specified anatomical areas" means and includes:
   (a) Less than completely and opaquely covered: human genitals, pubic region; buttock; and female breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola; and
   (b) Human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state, even if completely and opaquely covered.

(25) "Specified criminal activity" means:
   (a) Any of the following specified crimes for which less than five years elapsed since the date of conviction or the date of release from confinement for the conviction, whichever is the later date:
      (i) Rape, sexual assault, public indecency, statutory rape, rape of a child, sexual exploitation of a minor, indecent exposure;
      (ii) Prostitution, patronizing prostitution, promoting prostitution;
      (iii) Obscenity;
      (iv) Dealing in controlled substances;
      (v) Racketeering, tax evasion, money laundering;
   (b) Any attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit one of the foregoing offenses; or
   (c) Any offense in another jurisdiction that, had the predicate act(s) been committed in Tennessee, would have constituted any of the foregoing offenses.

(26) "Specified sexual activity" means any of the following:
   (a) Intercourse, oral copulation, masturbation or sodomy; or
   (b) Excretory functions as a part of or in connection with any of the activities described in (a) above.

(27) "Substantial" means at least thirty-five percent (35%) of the item(s) so modified.

(28) "Transfer of ownership or control" of a sexually oriented business shall mean any of the following:
   (a) The sale, lease, or sublease of the business;
(b) The transfer of securities which constitute an influential interest in the business, whether by sale, exchange, or similar means; or
(c) The establishment of a trust, gift, or other similar legal device which transfers the ownership or control of the business, except for transfer by bequest or other operation of law upon the death of the person possessing the ownership or control.

(29) "Viewing room" shall mean the room, booth, or area where a patron of sexually oriented business would ordinarily be positioned while watching a film, videocassette, or other video reproduction. (as added by Ord. #06-85, Feb. 2006).

9-503. Classifications. The classifications for sexually oriented businesses shall be as follows:
(1) Adult bookstore or adult video store;
(2) Adult cabaret;
(3) Adult motel;
(4) Adult motion picture theater;
(5) Semi-nude model studio;
(6) Sexual device shop;
(7) Sexual encounter center. (as added by Ord. #06-85, Feb. 2006)

9-504. License required. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a sexually oriented business in the City of Lakeland without a valid sexually oriented business license.
(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to be an "employee," as defined in this Chapter, of a sexually oriented business in the City of Lakeland without a valid sexually oriented business employee license.
(3) An applicant for a sexually oriented business license or a sexually oriented business employee license shall file in person at city hall completed application made on a form provided by the city. Only one applicant for a business need appear in person. The application shall be signed as required by subsection (5) herein and shall be notarized. An application shall be considered complete when it contains, for each person required to sign the application, the information and/or items required in paragraphs (a) through (g) below, accompanied by the appropriate fee identified in § 9-506.
(a) The applicant's full true name and any other names used by the applicants in the preceding five (5) years.
(b) Current business address or another mailing address of the applicant.
(c) Written proof of age, in the form of a driver's license or a copy of a birth certificate accompanied by a picture identification document issued by a governmental agency.
(d) If the application is for a sexually oriented business license, the business name, location, legal description, mailing address and phone number of the sexually oriented business.

(e) If the application is for a sexually oriented business license, the name and business address of the statutory agent or other agent authorized to receive service of process.

(f) A statement of whether an applicant has been convicted of or has pled guilty or nolo contendere to a specified criminal activity as defined in this ordinance, and if so, each specified criminal activity involved, including the date, place, and jurisdiction of each as well as the dates of conviction and release from confinement, where applicable.

(g) A statement of whether any sexually oriented business in which an applicant has had an influential interest, has, in the previous five (5) years (and at a time during which the applicant had the influential interest):

(i) Been declared by a court of law to be a nuisance; or

(ii) Been subject to a court order of closure or padlocking.

The information provided pursuant to paragraphs (a) through (g) of this subsection shall be supplemented in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the city within ten (10) working days of a change of circumstances which would render the information originally submitted false or incomplete.

(4) An application for a sexually oriented business license shall be accompanied by a legal description of the property where the business is located and a sketch or diagram showing the configuration of the premises, including a statement of total floor space occupied by the business. The sketch or diagram need not be professionally prepared but shall be drawn to a designated scale or drawn with marked dimensions of the interior of the premises to an accuracy of plus or minus six (6) inches. Applicants who are required to comply with § 9-514 and 9-518 of this chapter shall submit a diagram indicating that the interior configuration meets the requirements of those sections.

(5) If a person who wishes to operate a sexually oriented business is an individual, he shall sign the application for a license as applicant. If a person who wishes to operate a sexually oriented business is other than an individual, each person with an influential interest in the business shall sign the application for a license as applicant. Each applicant must be qualified under § 9-505 and each applicant shall be considered a licensee if a license is granted.

(6) The information provided by an applicant in connection with an application for a license under this chapter shall be maintained by the office of the city on a confidential basis, and such information may be disclosed only as may be required, and only to the extent required, by court order. (as added by Ord. #06-85, Feb. 2006)

9-505. Issuance of license. (1) Upon the filing of a completed application under § 9-504(3) for a sexually oriented business license, the city
shall immediately issue a temporary license if the completed application is from a business that is seeking renewal of a current license that was previously issued under this ordinance. The temporary license shall expire upon the final decision of the city to deny or grant an annual license. Within twenty (20) days of the filing date of a completed sexually oriented business license application, the city shall issue a license to the applicant or issue to the applicant a letter of intent to deny the application. The city shall issue a license unless:

(a) An applicant is less than eighteen (18) years of age.
(b) An applicant has failed to provide information as required by § 9-504 for issuance of a license or has falsely answered a question or request for information on the application form.
(c) The license application fee required by this chapter has not been paid.
(d) The sexually oriented business, as defined herein, is not in compliance with the interior configuration requirements of this chapter or is not in compliance with locational requirements of this ordinance or the locational requirements of any other part of the Lakeland code.
(e) Any sexually oriented business in which the applicant has had an influential interest, has, in the previous five (5) years (and at a time during which the applicant had the influential interest):
   (i) Been declared by a court of law to be a nuisance; or
   (ii) Been subject to an order of closure or padlocking.
(f) An applicant has been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to a specified criminal activity, as defined in this ordinance.

(2) Upon the filing of a completed application under § 9-504(3) for a sexually oriented business employee license, the city shall immediately issue a temporary license to the applicant, which temporary license shall expire upon the final decision of the city to deny or grant an annual license. Within twenty (20) days of the filing date of a completed sexually oriented business employee license application, the city shall either issue a license or issue a written notice of intent to deny a license to the applicant. The city shall approve the issuance of a license unless:

(a) The applicant is less than eighteen (18) years of age.
(b) The applicant has failed to provide information as required by § 9-504 for issuance of a license or has falsely answered a question or request for information on the application form.
(c) The license application fee required by this chapter has not been paid.
(d) Any sexually oriented business in which the applicant has had an influential interest, has, in the previous five (5) years (and at a time during which the applicant had the influential interest):
   (i) Been declared by a court of law to be a nuisance; or
   (ii) Been subject to an order of closure or padlocking.
(e) The applicant has been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to a specified criminal activity, as defined in this ordinance.

(3) The license, if granted, shall state on its face the name of the person or persons to whom it is granted, the number of the license issued to the licensee(s), the expiration date, and, if the license is for a sexually oriented business, the address of the sexually oriented business. The sexually oriented business license shall be posted in a conspicuous place at or near the entrance to the sexually oriented business so that it may be read at any time. A sexually oriented business employee shall keep the employee’s license on his or her person or on the premises where the licensee is then working or performing. (as added by Ord. #06-85, Feb. 2006)

9-506. Fees. (1) The initial license and annual renewal fees for sexually oriented business licenses and sexually oriented business employee licenses shall be as follows: one hundred dollars ($100) for the initial fee for a sexually oriented business license and fifty dollars ($50) for annual renewal; fifty dollars ($50) for the initial sexually oriented business employee license and twenty-five dollars ($25) for annual renewal. (as added by Ord. #06-85, Feb. 2006)

9-507. Inspection. (1) Sexually oriented businesses and sexually oriented business employees shall permit the city and his or her agents to inspect, from time to time on an occasional basis, the portions of the sexually oriented business premises where patrons are permitted, for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the specific regulations of this chapter, during those times when the sexually oriented business is occupied by patrons or is open to the public. This section shall be narrowly construed by the city to authorize reasonable inspections of the licensed premises pursuant to this chapter, but not to authorize a harassing or excessive pattern of inspections.

(2) The provisions of this section do not apply to areas of an adult motel which are currently being rented by a customer for use as a permanent or temporary habitation. (as added by Ord. #06-85, Feb. 2006)

9-508. Expiration of license. (1) Each license shall remain valid for a period of one calendar year from the date of issuance unless otherwise suspended or revoked. Such license may be renewed only by making application and payment of a fee as provided in § 9-504 and § 9-506.

(2) Application for renewal should be made pursuant to the procedures set forth in § 9-504 at least ninety (90) days before the expiration date, and when made less than ninety (90) days before the expiration date, the expiration of the license will not be affected. (as added by Ord. #06-85, Feb. 2006)

9-509. Suspension. (1) The city shall issue a written letter of intent to suspend a sexually oriented business license for a period not to exceed thirty
(30) days if the sexually oriented business licensee has knowingly violated this chapter or has knowingly allowed an employee to violate this chapter.

(2) The city shall issue a written letter of intent to suspend a sexually oriented business employee license if the employee has knowingly violated this chapter. (as added by Ord. #06-85, Feb. 2006)

9-510. Revocation. (1) The city shall issue a letter of intent to revoke a sexually oriented business license or a sexually oriented business employee license, as applicable, if the licensee knowingly violates this chapter or has knowingly allowed an employee to violate this chapter and the licensee's license has been suspended within the previous twelve-month (12-mo.) period.

(2) The city shall issue written intent to revoke a sexually oriented business license or a sexually oriented business employee license, as applicable, if:

(a) The licensee has knowingly given false information in the application for the sexually oriented business license.

(b) The licensee has knowingly or recklessly engaged in or allowed possession, use, or sale of controlled substances on the premises;

(c) The licensee has knowingly or recklessly engaged in or allowed prostitution on the premises;

(d) The licensee knowingly or recklessly operated the sexually oriented business during a period of time when the license was finally suspended or revoked; or

(e) The licensee has knowingly or recklessly engaged in or allowed any specified sexual activity to occur in or on the licensed premises.

(3) The fact that any relevant conviction is being appealed shall have no effect on the revocation of the license, provided that, if any conviction which serves as a basis of a license revocation is overturned or reversed on appeal, that conviction shall be treated as null and of no effect for revocation purposes.

(4) When, after the notice and hearing procedure described in § 9-511, the board revokes a license, the revocation shall continue for one (1) years and the licensee shall not be issued a sexually oriented business license or sexually oriented business employee license for one (1) year from the date revocation becomes effective. (as added by Ord. #06-85, Feb. 2006)

9-511. Hearing; denial, revocation, and suspension; appeal. (1) When the city issues a written notice of intent to deny, suspend, or revoke a license, the city shall immediately send such notice, which shall include the specific grounds under this ordinance for such action, to the applicant or licensee (respondent) by personal delivery or certified mail. The notice shall be directed to the most current business address or other mailing address on file with the city for the respondent. The notice shall specify a date, not less than ten (10) days nor more than twenty (20) days after the date the notice is issued, on which
the hearing officer shall conduct a hearing on the city's intent to deny, suspend, or revoke the license.

At the hearing, the respondent shall have the opportunity to present all of respondent's arguments and to be represented by counsel, present evidence and witnesses on his or her behalf, and cross-examine any of the city's witnesses. The city shall also be represented by counsel, and shall bear the burden of proving the grounds for denying, suspending, or revoking the license. The hearing shall take no longer than two (2) days, unless extended at the request of the respondent to meet the requirements of due process and proper administration of justice. The hearing officer shall issue a written decision, including specific reasons for the decision pursuant to this ordinance, to the respondent within five (5) days after the hearing.

If the decision is to deny, suspend, or revoke the license, the decision shall not become effective until the thirtieth (30th) day after it is rendered, and the decision shall include a statement advising the respondent of the right to appeal such decision to a court of competent jurisdiction. If the hearing officer's decision finds that no grounds exist for denial, suspension, or revocation of the license, the hearing officer shall, contemporaneously with the issuance of the decision, order the city to immediately withdraw the intent to deny, suspend, or revoke the license and to notify the respondent in writing by certified mail of such action. If the respondent is not yet licensed, the city shall contemporaneously therewith issue the license to the applicant.

(2) If any court action challenging the hearing officer's decision is initiated, the board shall prepare and transmit to the court a transcript of the hearing within ten (10) days after receiving written notice of the filing of the court action. The city shall consent to expedited briefing and/or disposition of the action, shall comply with any expedited schedule set by the court, and shall facilitate prompt judicial review of the proceedings. The following shall apply to any sexually oriented business that is in operation as of the effective date of this ordinance: Upon the filing of any court action to appeal, challenge, restrain, or otherwise enjoin the city's enforcement of the denial, suspension, or revocation, the city shall immediately issue the respondent a provisional license. The provisional license shall allow the respondent to continue operation of the sexually oriented business or to continue employment as a sexually oriented business employee and will expire upon the court's entry of a judgment on the respondent's appeal or other action to restrain or otherwise enjoin the city's enforcement. (as added by Ord. #06-85, Feb. 2006)

9-512. Transfer of license. A licensee shall not transfer his or her license to another, nor shall a licensee operate a sexually oriented business under the authority of a license at any place other than the address designated in the sexually oriented business license application. (as added by Ord. #06-85, Feb. 2006)
9-513. **Hours of Operation.** No sexually oriented business shall be or remain open for business between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 A.M. on any day. (as added by Ord. #06-85, Feb. 2006)

9-514. **Regulations pertaining to exhibition of sexually explicit films or videos.** (1) A person who operates or causes to be operated a sexually oriented business, other than an adult motel, which exhibits on the premises in a viewing room of less than three hundred fifty (350) square feet of floor space, a film, video cassette, or other video reproduction characterized by an emphasis on the display of specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas shall comply with the following requirements.

   (a) Each application for a sexually oriented business license shall contain a diagram of the premises showing the location of all operator's stations, viewing rooms, overhead lighting fixtures, video cameras and monitors installed for monitoring purposes and restrooms, and shall designate all portions of the premises in which patrons will not be permitted. Restrooms shall not contain video reproduction equipment. The diagram shall also designate the place at which the permit will be conspicuously posted, if granted. A professionally prepared diagram in the nature of an engineer's or architect's blueprint shall not be required; however, each diagram shall be oriented to the north or to some designated street or object and shall be drawn to a designated scale or with marked dimensions sufficient to show the various internal dimensions of all areas of the interior of the premises to an accuracy of plus or minus six inches. The city may waive the foregoing diagram for renewal applications if the applicant adopts a diagram that was previously submitted and certifies that the configuration of the premises has not been altered since it was prepared.

   (b) It shall be the duty of the operator, and of any employees present on the premises, to ensure that no patron is permitted access to any area of the premises which has been designated as an area in which patrons will not be permitted in the application filed pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection.

   (c) The interior premises shall be equipped with overhead lighting fixtures of sufficient intensity to illuminate every place to which patrons are permitted access at an illumination of not less than five (5.0) foot candles as measured at the floor level. It shall be the duty of the operator, and of any employees present on the premises, to ensure that the illumination described above is maintained at all times that the premises is occupied by patrons or open for business.

   (d) It shall be the duty of the operator, and of any employees present on the premises, to ensure that no sexual activity occurs in or on the licensed premises.
(e) It shall be the duty of the operator to post conspicuous signs in well lighted entry areas of the business stating all of the following:
   (i) That the occupancy of viewing rooms is limited to one person.
   (ii) That sexual activity on the premises is prohibited.
   (iii) That the making of openings between viewing rooms is prohibited.
   (iv) That violators will be required to leave the premises.
   (v) That violations of subparagraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph are unlawful.
(f) It shall be the duty of the operator to enforce the regulations articulated in (e)(i) though (iv) above.
(g) The interior of the premises shall be configured in such a manner that there is an unobstructed view from a operator's station of every area of the premises, including the interior of each viewing room but excluding restrooms, to which any patron is permitted access for any purpose. An operator's station shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet of floor area. If the premises has two (2) or more operator's stations designated, then the interior of the premises shall be configured in such a manner that there is an unobstructed view of each area of the premises to which any patron is permitted access for any purpose from at least one of the operator's stations. The view required in this paragraph must be by direct line of sight from the operator's station. It is the duty of the operator to ensure that at least one employee is on duty and situated in each operator's station at all times that any patron is on the premises. It shall be the duty of the operator, and it shall also be the duty of any employees present on the premises, to ensure that the view area specified in this paragraph remains unobstructed by any doors, curtains, walls, merchandise, display racks or other materials or enclosures at all times that any patron is present on the premises.
(2) It shall be unlawful for a person having a duty under this section to knowingly fail to fulfill that duty. (as added by Ord. #06-85, Feb. 2006)

9-515. Loitering, exterior lighting, visibility, and monitoring requirements. (1) It shall be the duty of the operator of a sexually oriented business to:
   (a) Post conspicuous signs stating that no loitering is permitted on such property;
   (b) Designate one or more employees to monitor the activities of persons on such property by visually inspecting such property at least once every ninety (90) minutes or inspecting such property by use of video cameras and monitors; and
   (c) Provide lighting of the exterior premises to provide for visual inspection or video monitoring to prohibit loitering. If used, video cameras
and monitors shall operate continuously at all times that the premises are open for business. The monitors shall be installed within an operator's station.

(2) It shall be unlawful for a person having a duty under this section to knowingly fail to fulfill that duty.

(3) No sexually oriented business shall erect a fence, wall, or other barrier that prevents any portion of the parking lot(s) for the establishment from being visible from a public right of way. (as added by Ord. #06-85, Feb. 2006)

9-516. Penalties and enforcement. (1) A person who knowingly disobeys, omits, neglects, or fails to comply with or resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation and, upon conviction, shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed fifty dollars ($50.00). Each day a violation is committed, or permitted to continue, shall constitute a separate offense and shall be fined as such. Each violation of this section shall be considered a separate offense, and any violation continuing more than one-half (½) hour or reoccurring within one-half (½) hour shall be considered a separate offense for each half-hour (½) of violation.

(2) The city's legal counsel is hereby authorized to institute civil proceedings necessary for the enforcement of this ordinance to prosecute, restrain, or correct violations hereof. Such proceedings, including injunction, shall be brought in the name of the city, provided, however, that nothing in this section and no action taken hereunder, shall be held to exclude such criminal or administrative proceedings as may be authorized by other provisions of this ordinance, or any of the laws or ordinances in force in the city or to exempt anyone violating this code or any part of the said laws from any penalty which may be incurred. (as added by Ord. #06-85, Feb. 2006)

9-517. Applicability of ordinance to existing businesses. All sexually oriented businesses and sexually oriented business employees that are lawfully preexisting and operating on the effective date of this ordinance are hereby granted a De Facto temporary license to continue operation or employment for a period of thirty (30) days following the effective date of this ordinance. By the end of said thirty (30) days, all sexually oriented businesses and sexually oriented business employees must conform to and abide by the requirements of this chapter. (as added by Ord. #06-85, Feb. 2006)

9-518. Prohibited conduct. It is unlawful for a sexually oriented business to knowingly violate the following regulations or to knowingly allow an employee or any other person to violate the following regulations.

(1) It shall be a violation of this ordinance for a patron, employee, or any other person to knowingly or intentionally, in a sexually oriented business,
appear in a state of nudity, regardless of whether such public nudity is expressive in nature.

(2) It shall be a violation of this ordinance for a person to knowingly or intentionally, in a sexually oriented business, appear in a semi-nude condition unless the person is an employee who, while semi-nude, remains at least six (6) feet from any patron or customer and on a stage at least eighteen (18) inches from the floor in a room of at least one thousand (1,000) square feet.

(3) It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any employee who regularly appears semi-nude in a sexually oriented business to knowingly or intentionally touch a customer or the clothing of a customer on the premises of a sexually oriented business.

(4) It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any person to sell, use, or consume alcoholic beverages on the premises of a sexually oriented business.

A sign in a form to be prescribed by the city, and summarizing the provisions of paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section, shall be posted near the entrance of the sexually oriented business in such a manner as to be clearly visible to patrons upon entry. (as added by Ord. #06-85, Feb. 2006)

9-519. **Scienter required to prove violation or business licensee liability.** This ordinance does not impose strict liability. Unless a culpable mental state is otherwise specified herein, a showing of a knowing or reckless mental state is necessary to establish a violation of a provision of this ordinance. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, for the purposes of this ordinance, an act by an employee that constitutes grounds for suspension or revocation of that employee's license shall be imputed to the sexually oriented business licensee for purposes of finding a violation of this ordinance, or for purposes of license denial, suspension, or revocation, only if an officer, director, or general partner, or a person who managed, supervised, or controlled the operation of the business premises, knowingly or recklessly allowed such act to occur on the premises. It shall be a defense to liability that the person to whom liability is imputed was powerless to prevent the act. (as added by Ord. #06-85, Feb. 2006)

9-520. **Failure of city to meet deadline not to risk applicant/licensee rights.** In the event that a city official is required to take an act or do a thing pursuant to this ordinance within a prescribed time, and fails to take such act or do such thing within the time prescribed, said failure shall not prevent the exercise of constitutional rights of an applicant or licensee. If the act required of the city official under this ordinance, and not completed in the time prescribed, includes approval of condition(s) necessary for approval by the city of an applicant or licensee's application for sexually oriented business license or a sexually oriented business employee's license (including a renewal), the license shall be deemed granted and the business or employee allowed to commence operations or employment the day after the deadline for the city's action has passed. (as added by Ord. #06-85, Feb. 2006)
9-521. **Location of sexually oriented businesses.** (1) A person commits a misdemeanor if that person operates or causes to be operated a sexually oriented business in any zoning district other than "I-L" Light industrial district, as drafted and described in article IV. sec. 1K, Zoning Ordinance of Lakeland, Tennessee.

(2) A person commits an offense if the person operates or causes to be operated a sexually oriented business within 750 feet of:
   (a) A church, synagogue, mosque, temple or building which is used primarily for religious worship and related religious activities;
   (b) A public or private educational facility including but not limited to child day care facilities, nursery schools, preschools, kindergartens, elementary schools, private schools, intermediate schools, junior high schools, middle schools, high schools, vocational schools, secondary schools, continuation schools, special education schools, junior colleges, and universities; school includes the school grounds, but does not include facilities used primarily for another purpose and only incidentally as a school;
   (c) A boundary of any residential district as defined in, but not limited to, the following residential zoning classifications in article IV, Zoning Ordinance of Lakeland, Tennessee: (Ordinance 03-25, 2/6/03)
      (i) E-R, Estate residential districts
      (ii) R-R. Rural residential districts
      (iii) R 1, Low density residential districts
      (iv) R 2, Medium density residential districts
      (v) M-R, Multi family residential districts
      (vi) PD- Planned residential districts
   (d) A residential "dwelling" as defined in article II. Definitions, Zoning Ordinance of Lakeland, Tennessee. (Ordinance 03-25, 2/6/03)
   (e) A public park or recreational area which has been designated for park or recreational activities including but not limited to a park, playground, nature trails, swimming pool, reservoir, athletic field, basketball or tennis courts, pedestrian/bicycle paths, wilderness areas, or other similar public land within the city which is under the control, operation, or management of the city park and recreation authorities;
   (f) The property line of a lot devoted to use as a "residence" as defined in article II. Definitions, Zoning Ordinance of Lakeland, Tennessee; or
   (g) A licensed premises, licensed pursuant to the alcoholic beverage control regulations of the state.

(3) A person commits a misdemeanor if that person causes or permits the operation, establishment, substantial enlargement, or transfer of ownership or control of a sexually oriented business within 1,000 feet of another sexually oriented business.
(4) For the purposes of subsections (2)(a), (2)(b), (2)(c), (2)(e), (2)(f), and (2)(g) of this section, measurement shall be made in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures or objects, from the nearest portion of the building or structure used as a part of the premises where a sexually oriented business is conducted, to the nearest property line of a district or of the premises of a use listed subsections (2)(a), (2)(b), (2)(c), (2)(e), (2)(f), or (2)(g). Presence of a city, county or other political subdivision boundary shall be irrelevant for purposes of calculating and applying the distance requirements of this section. For the purposes of subsection (2)(d) of this section, measurement shall be made in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures or objects, from the nearest portion of the building or structure used as a part of the premises where a sexually oriented business is conducted, to the closest exterior wall of the residential dwelling.

(5) For purposes of subsection (3) of this section, the distance between any two sexually oriented businesses shall be measured in a straight line, without regard to the intervening structures or objects or political boundaries, from the closest exterior wall of the structure in which each business is located.

(6) Any sexually oriented business lawfully operating on February 1, 1999 that is in violation of subsection (1), (2), or (3) of this section shall be deemed a nonconforming use. Such nonconforming uses shall not be increased, enlarged, extended, or altered except that the use may be changed to a conforming use. If two or more sexually oriented businesses are within 1,000 feet of one another and otherwise in a permissible location, the sexually oriented business which was first established and continually operating at a particular location is the conforming use and the later established business(es) is/are nonconforming.

(7) A sexually oriented business lawfully in operation as a conforming use is not rendered a nonconforming use by the location, subsequent to the grant or renewal of a the sexually oriented business license, of a use listed in subsection (2) of this section within 1,000 feet of the sexually oriented business. This provision applies only to the renewal of a valid license, and does not apply when an application for a license is submitted after a license has expired or been revoked. (as added by Ord. #06-85, Feb. 2006)