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BUSINESS, PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, ETC.¹

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CHAPTER 1

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Application for permit for peddler, transient vendor, solicitor, street barker, solicitor for charitable or religious purposes, or solicitor for subscriptions to operate within the corporate limits of the Town of Oakland, Tennessee, are available in the office of the recorder.
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9-101. Definitions. Unless otherwise expressly stated, whenever used in this chapter, the following words shall have the meanings given to them in this section:

(1) "Peddler" means any person, firm or corporation, either a resident or a nonresident of the town, who has no permanent regular place of business and who goes from dwelling to dwelling, business to business, place to place, or from street to street, carrying or transporting goods, wares or merchandise and offering or exposing the same for sale.

(2) "Solicitor" means any person, firm or corporation who goes from dwelling to dwelling, business to business, place to place, or from street to street, taking or attempting to take orders for any goods, wares or merchandise, or personal property of any nature whatever for future delivery, except that the term shall not include solicitors for charitable and religious purposes and solicitors for subscriptions as those terms are defined below.

(3) "Solicitor for charitable or religious purposes" means any person, firm, corporation or organization who or which solicits contributions from the public, either on the streets of the town or from door to door, business to business, place to place, or from street to street, for any charitable or religious organization, and who does not sell any single item at a cost to the purchaser in excess of twenty-five dollars ($25.00). No organization shall qualify as a "charitable" or "religious" organization unless the organization meets one (1) of the following conditions:

   (a) Has a current exemption certificate from the Internal Revenue Service issued under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1954, as amended and delivers a copy of such certificate to the town;
   (b) Is a member of United Way, Community Chest or similar "umbrella" organizations for charitable or religious organizations and provides proof of such membership to the town; or
   (c) Has been in continued existence as a charitable or religious organization in Fayette County for a period of two (2) years prior to the date of its application for registration under this chapter and provides proof of such continued existence to the town.

(4) "Solicitor for subscriptions" means any person who solicits subscriptions from the public, either on the streets of the town, or from door to door, business to business, place to place, or from street to street, and who offers
"Street barker" means any peddler who does business during recognized festival or parade days in the town and who limits his business to selling or offering to sell novelty items and similar goods in the area of the festival or parade.

"Transient vendor" means any person who brings into temporary premises and exhibits stocks or merchandise to the public for the purpose of selling or offering to sell the merchandise to the public. "Transient vendor" does not include any person selling goods by sample, brochure, or sales catalog for future delivery; or to sales resulting from the prior invitation to the seller by the owner or occupant of a residence. For purposes of this definition, "merchandise" means any consumer item that is or is represented to be new or not previously owned by a consumer, and "temporary premises" means any public or quasi-public place including a hotel, rooming house, storeroom, building or part of a building, tent, vacant lot, railroad car, or motor vehicle which is temporarily occupied for the purpose of exhibiting stocks of merchandise to the public. Premises are not temporary if the same person has conducted business at those premises for more than six (6) consecutive months or has occupied the premises as his or her permanent residence for more than six (6) consecutive months. (as replaced by Ord. #12.03.02, June 2012)

9-102. Exemptions. Except to the extent necessary for public safety under § 9-108(3) of this chapter, the terms of this chapter shall not apply 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 persons selling agricultural products, who, in fact, themselves produced the products being sold, nor to minor school children who are selling merchandise or soliciting solely to benefit the school which they attend. (as replaced by Ord. #12.03.02, June 2012)

9-103. Permit required. No person, firm, corporation or other entity shall operate a business as a peddler, transient vendor, solicitor or street barker, and no solicitor for charitable or religious purposes or solicitor for subscriptions shall solicit within the town unless the same has obtained a permit from the town in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. Provided, however, that this section shall not apply to any locally established organization or church operated exclusively for charitable or religious purposes when the solicitations are conducted exclusively among the members thereof, voluntarily and without remuneration for making such solicitations, or when the solicitations are in the form of collections or contributions at the regular assemblies of any such established organization or church. (as replaced by Ord. #12.03.02, June 2012)

9-104. Permit application. (1) A sworn application containing the following information, together with evidence of the applicant's status if required under § 9-101(3), shall be completed and filed with the code
enforcement department by each applicant for a permit as a peddler, transient vendor, solicitor, or street barker and by each applicant for a permit as a solicitor for charitable or religious purposes or as a solicitor for subscriptions:

(a) The complete name, permanent address, telephone number and social security number or federal employer identification number of the applicant, and the complete name, permanent address, telephone number and federal employer identification number of the business or organization the applicant represents;

(b) A brief description of the type of business and the goods to be sold;

(c) A recent clear photograph approximately two inches (2") square showing the head and shoulders of the applicant;

(d) The dates, times and places during which the applicant intends to do business or make solicitations;

(e) The names, permanent addresses, telephone numbers and social security numbers of each person who will make sales or solicitations within the town on behalf of or as a representative of the applicant;

(f) 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, the date and jurisdiction of conviction, and the punishment or penalty assessed therefor;

(g) The make, model, complete description, and license tag number and state of issue, of each vehicle to be used to make sales or solicitations, whether or not such vehicle is owned individually by the person making sales or solicitations, by the business or organization itself, or rented or borrowed from another business or person; and

(h) Tennessee sales tax number, if applicable.

(2) Each applicant for a transient vendor permit shall submit, along with the permit application, written consent by the property owner or authorized agent for the property owner, for the applicant to use said owner's private property for the purpose stated in the application.

(3) Due to the highly perishable nature of seafood and the severity of poisoning that can result, each transient vendor who desires to sell uncooked seafood (including all types of fish and shellfish) shall present to the town a permit from any applicable federal, state, county, or other governing authority with the application.

(4) Each application shall be referred to the chief of police for investigation. The cost of the background check will be paid by the applicant. The chief shall report his findings to the code enforcement department within seventy-two (72) hours. If as a result of such investigation the chief reports the applicant's moral reputation and/or business responsibility to be unsatisfactory, the code enforcement department shall notify the applicant that his application is disapproved and that no permit will be issued. If, on the other hand, the chiefs
report indicates that the moral reputation and business responsibility of the applicant are satisfactory the town taxes and the filing of the bond required by § 9-104(5). The code enforcement department shall keep a permanent record of all permits issued.

(5) Every permittee shall file with the code enforcement department 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 this municipality 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 municipality 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. The surety may be relieved without costs of all further liability 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. (as replaced by Ord. #12.03.02, June 2012)

9-105. Permit fee. Each applicant for a permit as a peddler, transient vendor, solicitor or street barker shall submit with the application a nonrefundable administrative fee of twenty-five dollars ($25.00). Notwithstanding the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 67-4-719 and any other law to the contrary, such tax shall be paid prior to the first day of engaging in business. For transient vendors, state law prescribes an additional fee. There shall be no fee for an application for a permit as a solicitor for charitable or religious purposes or as a solicitor for subscriptions. (as replaced by Ord. #12.03.02, June 2012)

9-106. Location of transient vendor sites. Transient vendor sites shall be allowed only in B-1 (Neighborhood Business), B-2 (Highway-Oriented Business), and B-3 (Old-Town Business District) zoning districts. A minimum setback of fifteen feet (15’) from all public sidewalks or rights-of-way shall be required for the location of any transient vendor site. Setbacks from streets or rights of way shall be measured from the curb or right-of-way line, and setbacks from sidewalks shall be measured from the edge of the sidewalk farthest away from the curb. (as replaced by Ord. #12.03.02, June 2012)

9-107. Issuance of permit. Upon the completion of the application form, presentation of any additional required documentation and the payment of the permit fee (where required), the code enforcement department shall issue a permit and shall provide a copy of the permit to the applicant. Upon issuance
of the permit, the code enforcement department shall immediately deliver a copy of the application, together with all required documentation, and a copy of the permit to the chief of police. (as replaced by Ord. #12.03.02, June 2012)

9-108. Restrictions on transient vendors, peddlers, street barkers and solicitors. No transient vendor, peddler, street barker, solicitor, solicitor for charitable purposes, or solicitor for subscriptions shall:

1. Be permitted to set up and operate a booth or stand on any street or sidewalk, or in any other public area within the town;
2. Stand or sit in or near the entrance to any dwelling or place of business, or in any other location that may disrupt or impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic;
3. Offer to sell goods or services, or solicit in, vehicular traffic lanes, or operate a "road block" of any kind, except as otherwise permitted by state law, or use a parked vehicle on public streets, highways or rights of way as a business stand to sell goods, wares or merchandise to occupants of other vehicles;
4. Call attention to his business or merchandise or to his solicitation efforts by crying out, blowing a horn, ringing a bell, using any sound amplifying device, or creating other noise, 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 person proposes to sell, except that street barkers shall be allowed cry out to call attention to their business or merchandise, as applicable, during recognized parade or festival days of the town;
5. For purposes of the activities regulated by this chapter, enter in or upon any premises or attempt to enter in or upon any premises where a sign or placard bearing the notice "Peddlers or Solicitors Prohibited," or similar language carrying the same meaning, is located, or where the owner of said premises requests that the transient vendor, peddler, street barker, solicitor, solicitor for charitable purposes, or solicitor for subscriptions leave his or her property. Violation of this subsection (5) shall constitute trespassing as well as a violation of this chapter. (as replaced by Ord. #12.03.02, June 2012)

9-109. Restrictions on advertising, etc. by transient vendors. A transient vendor shall not advertise, represent, or hold forth a sale of goods, wares or merchandise as an insurance, bankrupt, insolvent, assignee, trustee, estate, executor, administrator, receiver's or manufacturer's wholesale, cancelled order, or misfit sale, or closing-out sale, or a sale of any goods damaged by smoke, fire, water or otherwise, unless such advertisement, representation or holding forth is actually of the character it is advertised, represented or held forth. (as replaced by Ord. #12.03.02, June 2012)
9-110. **Display of permit.** Each peddler, street barker, transient vendor, solicitor, solicitor for charitable purposes or solicitor for subscriptions is required to have in his possession a valid permit while making sales or solicitations and shall be required to display the same to any police officer or codes enforcement officer upon demand or to any person solicited, upon such person's request. (as replaced by Ord. #12.03.02, June 2012)

9-111. **Suspension or revocation of permit.** (1) The permit issued to any person or organization under this chapter may be suspended or revoked for any of the following causes:

(a) Any false statement, material omission, or untrue or misleading information which is contained in or left out of the application or other documentation required to be provided to the town along with the application; or

(b) Any violation of this chapter.

(2) The permit issued to any person or organization under this chapter may be suspended or revoked by the board of mayor and aldermen, after notice and hearing, for the same causes set out in § 9-111(1) above. The code enforcement department shall give written notice to the application of the hearing on proposed suspension or revocation of a permit issued under this chapter, which notice shall set forth specifically the grounds of complaint and the date, time and place of the hearing. Such notice shall be mailed to the permit holder at his or her 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 hearing. (as replaced by Ord. #12.03.02, June 2012)

9-112. **Expiration and renewal of permit.** (1) The permits of peddlers, solicitors and transient vendors shall expire on the same date that the permit holder's privilege license expires. The permit of any peddler, solicitor, or transient vendor who for any reason is not subject to the Tennessee privilege tax shall be valid for a period of six (6) months from the date of issuance. The permits of street barker shall be for a period corresponding to the dates of the recognized parade or festival days of the town. The permits of solicitors for religious or charitable purposes and solicitors for subscriptions shall expire on the date provided in the permit, not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of issuance. Except as provided in subsection (2) below, and provided they are in compliance with this chapter, holders of expired permits may apply for issuance of a new permit.

(2) No permit holder whose permit has been revoked by the board of mayor and aldermen shall make application for a new permit until a period of at least six (6) months has elapsed since the last revocation.
(3) An application for renewal of a permit issued under this chapter shall be made substantially in the same form as an original application, provided that only so much of the application shall be completed as is necessary to identify the renewal applicant and to show the same information required in the initial application as to any conditions or personnel that have changed since the last application was filed. (as replaced by Ord. #12.03.02, June 2012)

9-113. **Enforcement by town's police department and codes enforcement officers.** The provisions of this chapter shall be enforced by the town's police department and codes enforcement officers. (as replaced by Ord. #12.03.02, June 2012)

9-114. **Use of streets and other public property.** No permit holder shall have any exclusive right to any location on public streets or other public property, nor shall any permit holder be permitted a stationary location thereon. No permit holder shall operate in a congested area where the operation might impede or inconvenience the public use of the streets. For the purpose of this chapter, the judgment of a police officer, or codes enforcement officer exercised in good faith shall be deemed conclusive as to whether the area is congested and the public impeded or inconvenienced by the location of a permit holder. (as added by Ord. #12.03.02, June 2012)

9-115. **Time requirements.** No transient vendor shall keep his business open, and no peddler or solicitor shall solicit business after 8:00 P.M. and prior to 8:00 A.M. (as added by Ord. #12.03.02, June 2012)

9-116. **No transfer or assignment.** No permit issued under the provisions of this chapter shall be transferred or assigned, and no such permit shall be used by any person other than the one to whom it was issued. (as added by Ord. #12.03.02, June 2012)

9-117. **Violation and penalty.** Violation of any provision of this chapter shall be a misdemeanor, and such violation shall be punishable by a fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). Each day a violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense. In addition to any fine that may be imposed, the permit of any permit holder convicted of violation of this chapter shall be cancelled and revoked by the court. (as added by Ord. #12.03.02, June 2012)
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DELETED

(This chapter was deleted by Ord. #12.03.02, June 2012)
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POOLROOMS AND AMUSEMENT PLACES

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9-301. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following words shall have the following respective meanings:

(1) "Poolrooms" are defined to be a place where tables of any size and construction whereon the games of pool, billiards and similar games are played by the use of cue sticks and balls.

(2) "Amusement place" is defined as any place where any machine or device which, upon the insertion of a coin, slug or token in any slot or receptacle attached thereto or connected therewith, operates or which may be operated for use as a game, contest or amusement or which may be operated for the playing of music or the exhibition of moving or still pictures or may be used for any such games, contest or amusement and which does not contain a payoff device for the return of slugs, money, coins, checks, tokens or merchandise.

(3) "Owner or operator of a poolroom or amusement place" shall mean the person, corporation or association in whose place of business any such mechanical amusement device or pool table as defined herein is placed for the use, amusement, patronage or recreation of the public or of persons in or about such place.

(4) "School hours" shall mean those hours during which the public or private schools located within the town are open in regular session.

(Ord. #10-82-1, Nov. 1982)
9-302. Seal or tag to show serial number. Every mechanical amusement device or pool or billiard table as defined in this chapter shall have a seal or tag permanently attached thereto showing the serial number of the device or table. (Ord. #10-82-1, Nov. 1982)

9-303. Special requirements for electrical devices. Every mechanical amusement device which is wired for electricity shall have attached thereto a label or seal indicating the name and address of the manufacturer and the voltage and current necessary for the proper operation of such device. Each such mechanical amusement device so wired for electricity shall be equipped with not more than six (6) feet of electrical cord of a type approved by the electrical inspector, and shall be connected to a convenient electrical receptacle adjacent to such device. Where it is necessary to install electrical wiring to a mechanical amusement device or location, such wiring shall be installed in accordance with the provisions of the electrical code of Chickasaw Electric. (Ord. #10-82-1, Nov. 1982)

9-304. Location near playgrounds or schools prohibited; exception. It shall be unlawful for any owner or operator of a mechanical amusement device or poolroom as defined herein to cause, permit or allow the same to be located, operated or maintained within 500 feet of the nearest property line of any public playground or public or private school or elementary or high school grades, the determination of the minimum footage required herein shall be measured from the nearest point of the property line of any such playground or school to the entrance or exit of the poolroom or amusement place as defined herein in a direct line. (Ord. #10-82-1, Nov. 1982)

9-305. Noisy operation. It shall be unlawful for any owner or operator of any poolroom or amusement place to allow or permit any type of amusement device or pool table to be operated in such a manner that the sound created, emitted, or transmitted to be audible to any public street or highway or upon any adjoining premises. (Ord. #10-82-1, Nov. 1982)

9-306. Rules and regulations to enforce ordinance. The Police Department of the Town of Oakland is hereby authorized to adopt, promulgate and enforce such rules and regulations regarding mechanical amusement devices, pool or billiard tables as will enable the police department to enforce and carry out the provisions, meaning and intent of this chapter. (Ord. #10-82-1, Nov. 1982)

9-307. Permit required. It shall be unlawful for any owner or operator of any such pool or billiard room or amusement place to install, operate or maintain or allow to be operated any mechanical amusement device or pool or billiard table, as same shall be defined herein, in the Town of Oakland,
Tennessee without first having obtained a permit for each device or table from the Town of Oakland, Tennessee. (Ord. #10-82-1, Nov. 1982)

9-308. **Filing and contents of application.** Application for the permit or permits required by this chapter shall be made to the clerk/recorder on forms provided by him or her, shall be signed by the applicant, and shall contain the following information and such additional information as is deemed necessary by the clerk/recorder.

1. Name and business address of applicant;
2. Name and address of the location where the mechanical amusement devices or pool or billiard tables are to be placed for operation;
3. The name of any business or calling being conducted at said location together with the name of the owner and manager of said business and, if a corporation, the name and address of the president of the corporation;
4. The number of mechanical amusement devices or pool or billiard tables to be located in such place.

The application may be made for a permit to place more than one (1) such mechanical amusement device or pool or billiard table at the same location, but no application may include more than one (1) location. (Ord. #10-82-1, Nov. 1982)

9-309. **Approval or denial of application for permits; appeals.** The board of mayor and aldermen shall approve the application for permits unless:

1. The owner or operator of the location, or if a corporation, the president or chief executive officer thereof, where the permit is being sought has been convicted of a criminal offense involving moral turpitude or relating to the use of the type of devices or tables for which the permit is being sought or has had such a permit for any such location or devices as described herein suspended or revoked within the past twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of application.
2. The electrical inspector has determined and reported that the location is not capable of safely handling the electricity required for the operation of the machines.
3. The location for which the permit is sought, including the owner or operator thereof, is currently under suspension or revocation of a permit of like kind and issued under this chapter.
4. That the location for which the permit is sought does not meet the other requirements of this chapter including distances for public institutions as defined herein.

Any person aggrieved by the action of the clerk/recorder in denying the permit requested hereunder shall have the right to appeal to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Oakland provided such appeal is requested and perfected within ten (10) days from such denial. The review and action of the board of mayor and aldermen on such appeals shall be final except as same may
be subject to review by a court of competent jurisdiction. (Ord. #10-82-1, Nov. 1982)

9-310. Numbering of permits; permits required for each device, table, location. Every permit issued under this chapter shall be serially numbered. A separate permit shall be required for each device or table at each location. The clerk/recorder shall be required to keep records of the locations and the names and addresses of the owners or operators of such locations where permits have been issued to include the number and types of permits for each location. (Ord. #10-82-1, Nov. 1982)

9-311. Posting of permits. A permit or permits issued under this chapter shall be permanently and conspicuously posted at the location and on the machine or device or table for which it is issued and shall not be removed from such location or from the machine, device or table. (Ord. #10-82-1, Nov. 1982)

9-312. Transfer of permits prohibited. No permit issued hereunder shall be transferred from one person to another nor shall any such permit be transferred from one location to another nor from one machine, device or table to another without first obtaining permission from the Police Department or the Clerk/Recorder of the Town of Oakland. A transfer fee of $5.00 per permit shall be charged at the time of the approval of the transfer of such permit from one location to another or from one device or table to another. Permission to transfer permits as provided herein shall not be unreasonably withheld, provided the new location or new device or table to which such permit is to be transferred meets all other requirements of this chapter. (Ord. #10-82-1, Nov. 1982)

9-313. Renewal of permit. Permits issued hereunder shall be renewed annually and the application for renewal shall be accompanied by the payment of the fee required for the type device or table described. The renewal fee shall be paid each year on the anniversary date of its issue. (Ord. #10-82-1, Nov. 1982)

9-314. Permit suspension or revocation. Whenever the police department or other official responsible for the enforcement of this chapter has reason to believe that a permittee, including any servants agents or employees in the use, operation or maintenance of any mechanical amusement device or pool or billiard table has violated any law of the state of any provisions of this chapter or any other ordinance of the Town of Oakland which is directly related to the places of public amusement including pool or billiard hall, for which the permittee has been granted a permit, the police department shall give said permittee at least three (3) days notice of hearing to determine whether such permit or permits shall be suspended or revoked. A hearing shall be conducted by the city judge to determine whether such permit or permits should be
suspended or revoked. At such hearing, the permittee shall have the right to counsel. The decision of the city judge regarding suspension or revocation shall be final unless his decision is appealed to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Oakland within ten (10) days from the decision of the said city judge. A notice of appeal by a permittee to the board of mayor and aldermen shall be filed within ten (10) days, in writing, with the city judge. The board of mayor and aldermen shall designate a time and place for the appeal and the permittee shall be notified at least three (3) days in advance of such time, date and place of the hearing.

In the event a permit or permits issued hereunder shall be suspended or revoked by final action of the city judge or board of mayor and aldermen as provided herein, the permittee shall be required to remove all mechanical amusement devices or pool or billiard tables as defined herein and for which such permit had been issued from the establishment where same have been located for the entire period of the suspension or revocation of the permit. In the event the permittee shall fail to remove said devices or tables as required herein, said shall be deemed to be a public nuisance and shall be removed by the police department and all costs of removal shall be assessed against the permittee. (Ord. #10-82-1, Nov. 1982)

9-315. Hours of operation. It shall be unlawful for any owner or operator of any such mechanical amusement device or pool or billiard table as defined herein to open, maintain, conduct or operate any place where such devices or tables are kept for public use as defined herein between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. on Monday through Thursday, 11:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. Friday and Saturday, on Sunday except between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 5:00 P.M. (Ord. #10-82-1, Nov. 1982)

9-316. Prohibited in residential areas. It shall be unlawful for any owner or operator as defined herein to open, maintain, conduct or operate any place where mechanical amusement devices or pool or billiard tables are kept which may be located in any block where more than fifty percent (50%) of the land in such block is used or zoned for residential purposes. (Ord. #10-82-1, Nov. 1982)

9-317. Prohibition during school hours. It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of a place of business where any such mechanical amusement device or pool or billiard table as defined herein is placed for use, amusement, patronage or recreation of the public, to allow any person under the age of eighteen (18) years to use, patronize or play any game upon any such device during school hours as defined herein. (Ord. #10-82-1, Nov. 1982)
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9-401. Purpose and findings. (1) Purpose. It is the purpose of this ordinance to regulate sexually oriented businesses and related activities 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 location and concentration of sexually oriented businesses within the town. The provisions of this ordinance have neither the purpose nor effect of imposing a limitation or restriction on the content of any communicative materials, including sexually oriented materials. Similarly, it is not 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 materials.

(2) Findings. Based on evidence concerning the adverse secondary effects of adult uses on the community presented in hearings and in reports made available to the board of mayor and aldermen, and on findings incorporated in the cases of Town of Renton v. Playtime Theatres, Inc., 475 U.S. 41 (1986); Young v. American Mini Theatres, 426 U.S. 50 (1976); and Barnes v. Glen Theatre, Inc., 501 U.S. 560 (1991); Arcara v. Cloud Books, Inc., 478 U.S. 697, (1986); California v. LaRue, 409 U.S. 109 (1972); Iacobucci v. Town of Newport, Ky, 479 U.S. 92 (1986); United Sates v. O’Brien, 391 U.S. 367 (1968); DLS, Inc. v. Town of Chattanooga, 107 F.3d 403 (6th Cir. 1997); Kev, Inc. v. Kitsap County, 793 F.2d 1053 (9th Cir. 1986); Hang On, Inc. v. Town of Arlington, 65 F.3d 1248 (5th Cir. 1995); and South Florida Free Beaches, Inc. v. Town of Miami, 734 F.2d 608 (11th Cir.1984), as well as studies conducted in other cities including, but not limited to, Phoenix, Arizona; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Houston, Texas; Indianapolis, Indiana; Amarillo, Texas; Garden Grove, California; Los Angeles, California; Whittier, California; Austin, Texas; Seattle, Washington; Oklahoma Town, Oklahoma; Cleveland, Ohio; and Beaumont, Texas; and findings reported in the Final Report of the Attorney General's Board on Pornography (1986), the Report of the Attorney General's Working Group On the Regulation Of Sexually Oriented Businesses (June 6, 1989, State of Minnesota), and statistics obtained from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the board of mayor and aldermen finds that:

(a) Sexually oriented businesses lend themselves to ancillary unlawful and unhealthy activities that are presently uncontrolled by the operators of the establishments. Further, there is presently no mechanism to make owners of these establishments responsible for the activities that occur on their premises.

(b) Crime statistics show that all types of crimes, especially sex-related crimes, occur with more frequency in neighborhoods where sexually oriented businesses are located. See, e.g., Studies of the cities of Phoenix, Arizona; Indianapolis, Indiana; and Austin, Texas.

(c) Sexual acts, including masturbation, and oral and anal sex, occur at sexually oriented businesses, especially those which provide private or semi-private booths or cubicles for viewing films, videos, or live sex shows. See, e.g., California v. LaRue, 409 U.S. 109, 111 (1972); See also Final Report of the Attorney General's Board on Pornography (1986) at 377.

(d) Offering and providing such booths and/or cubicles encourages such activities, which creates unhealthy conditions. See, eg.,


(f) At least 50 communicable diseases may be spread by activities occurring in sexually oriented businesses including, but not limited to, syphilis, gonorrhea, human immunodeficiency virus infection (HIV-AIDS), genital herpes, hepatitis B, Non A, Non B amebiasis, salmonella infections, and shigella infections. See, e.g., Study of Fort Meyers, Florida.

(g) For the period 1985 through 1995, the total number of reported cases of AIDS in the United States caused by the immunodeficiency virus (HIV) was 523,056. See e.g., Statistics of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

(h) As of February, 1999, there have been 8203 reported cases of AIDS in the State of Tennessee.

(i) Since 1981 and to the present, there has been an increasing cumulative number of persons testing positive for HIV antibody test in [state of] Tennessee.

(j) The total number of cases of early (less than one year) syphilis in the United States reported during the ten year period 1985-1995 was 367,796. See, e.g., Statistics of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

(k) The number of cases of gonorrhea in the United States reported annually remains at high level, with a total of 1,250,581 cases reported during the period 1993-1995. See, e.g. Statistics of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

(l) The surgeon general of the United States in his report of October 22, 1986, advised the American public that AIDS and HIV infection may be transmitted through sexual contact, intravenous drug use, exposure to infected blood and blood components, and from an infected mother to her newborn.

(m) According to the best scientific evidence available, AIDS and HIV infection, as well as syphilis and gonorrhea, are principally transmitted by sexual acts. See, e.g. Findings of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

(n) Sanitary conditions in some sexually oriented businesses are unhealthy, in part, because the activities conducted there are unhealthy, and, in part, because of the unregulated nature of the activities and the

(o) Numerous studies and reports have determined that bodily fluids, including semen and urine, are found in the areas of sexually oriented businesses where persons view "adult" oriented films. See, e.g., Final Report of the Attorney General’s Board on Pornography (1986) at 377.


(q) Nude dancing in adult establishments increases the likelihood of drug dealing and drug use. See, e.g., Kev, Inc. v. Kitsap County, 793 F.2d 1053, 1056 (9th Cir.1986).

(r) The findings noted in paragraphs numbered (a) through (q) raise substantial governmental concerns.

(s) Sexually oriented businesses have operational characteristics which should be reasonably regulated in order to protect those substantial governmental concerns.

(t) A reasonable licensing procedure is an appropriate mechanism to place the burden of that reasonable regulation on the owners and operators of the sexually oriented businesses. Further, such licensing procedure will place a heretofore non-existent incentive on operators to see that the sexually oriented business is run in a manner consistent with the health, safety, and welfare of its patrons and employees, as well as the citizens of the town. It is appropriate to require reasonable assurances that the licensee is the actual operator of the sexually oriented business, fully in possession and control of the premises and activities occurring therein.

(u) Removal of doors on adult booths and requiring sufficient lighting on the premises with adult booths advances a substantial governmental interest in curbing the illegal and unsanitary sexual activity occurring in adult establishments.

(v) The disclosure of certain information by those persons ultimately responsible for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the sexually oriented business, where such information is substantially related to the significant governmental interest in the operation of such uses, will aid in preventing the spread of sexually transmitted diseases and criminal activity.

(w) It is desirable, in the prevention of the spread of communicable diseases, to obtain a limited amount of information regarding certain employees who may engage in the conduct this ordinance is designed to prevent, or who are likely to be witnesses to such activity.
The fact that an applicant for a sexually oriented business license has been convicted of a sex-related crime leads to the rational assumption that the applicant may engage in that conduct in contravention to this ordinance.

The barring of such individuals from operation or employment in sexually oriented businesses for a period of five (5) years for a previous felony conviction serves as a deterrent to and prevents conduct which leads to the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases.

The general welfare, health, morals, and safety of the citizens of this town will be promoted by the enactment of this ordinance.

(1) "Adult arcade" 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 maintained to show images to five or fewer persons per machine at any one time, and where the images so displayed are distinguished or characterized by the depicting or describing of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."

(2) "Adult bookstore" or "adult video store" means a commercial establishment that, as one of its principal business purposes, offers for sale or rental for any form of consideration any one or more of the following:

(a) Books, magazines, periodicals, or other printed matter, or photographs, films, motion picture, video cassettes or video reproductions, slides, or other visual representations that depict or describe "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas"; or

(b) Instruments, devices, or paraphernalia that are designed for use in connection with "specified sexual activities."

A commercial establishment may have other principal business purposes that do not involve the offering for sale or rental of material depicting or describing "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas" and still be categorized as "adult bookstore" or "adult video store." Such other business purposes will not serve to exempt such commercial establishments from being categorized as an "adult bookstore or "adult video store" so long as one of its principal business purposes is the offering for sale or rental for consideration the specified materials that depict or describe "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas." A principal business purpose need not be a primary use of an establishment so long as it is a significant use based upon the visible inventory or commercial activity of the establishment.

(3) "Adult cabaret" means a nightclub, bar, restaurant, or similar commercial establishment that regularly features:

(a) Persons who appear in a state of nudity or semi-nudity; or

(b) Live performances that are characterized by the exposure of "specified anatomical areas" or by "specified sexual activities;" or
(c) Films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or other photographic reproductions that are characterized by the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities," or "specified anatomical areas"; or
(d) Persons who engage in erotic dancing or performances that are intended for the sexual interests or titillation of an audience or customers.

(4) "Adult motel" means a hotel, motel or similar commercial establishment that:
   (a) Offers accommodation to the public for any form of consideration and provides patrons with closed-circuit television transmissions, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or other photographic reproductions that are characterized by the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas"; and has a sign visible from the public right of way that advertises the availability of this adult type of photographic reproductions; or
   (b) Offers a sleeping room for rent for a period of time that is less than twenty-four (24) 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 twenty-four (24).

(5) "Adult motion picture theater" means a commercial establishment where, for any form of consideration, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or similar photographic reproductions are regularly shown that are characterized by the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."

(6) "Adult theater" means a theater, concert hall, auditorium, or similar commercial establishment that regularly features persons who appear, in person, in a state of nudity and/or semi-nudity, and/or live performances that are characterized by the exposure of "specified anatomical areas" or by "specified sexual activities."

(7) "Director" means the mayor or such persons as he may designate to perform the duties of the director under this ordinance.

(8) "Employee" means a person who performs any service on the premises of a sexually oriented business on a full time, part time, contract basis, or independent basis, whether or not the person is denominated an employee, independent contractor, agent, or otherwise, and whether or not the said person is paid a salary, wage, or other compensation by the operator of said business. "Employee" does not include a person exclusively on the premises for repair or maintenance of the premises or equipment on the premises, or for the delivery of goods to the premises, nor does "employee" include a person exclusively on the premises as a patron or customer.

(9) "Escort" means a person who, for consideration, agrees or offers to act as a companion, guide, or date for another person, or who agrees or offers to privately model lingerie or to privately perform a striptease for another person.
(10) "Escort agency" means a person or business association who furnishes, offers to furnish, or advertises to furnish escorts as one of its primary business purposes for a fee, tip, or other consideration.

(11) "Establishment" means and includes 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;
   (c) The additions of any sexually oriented business to any other existing sexually oriented business; or
   (d) The relocation of any sexually oriented business; or
   (e) A sexually oriented business or premises on which the sexually oriented business is located.

(12) "Licensed day-care center" means a facility licensed by the State of Tennessee, whether situated within the town or not, that provides care, training, education, custody, treatment or supervision for more than twelve (12) children under fourteen (14) years of age, where such children are not related by blood, marriage or adoption to the owner or operator of the facility, for less than twenty-four (24) hours a day, regardless of whether or not the facility is operated for a profit or charges for the services it offers.

(13) "Licensee" means a person in whose name a license has been issued, as well as the individual listed as an applicant on the application for a license.

(14) "Nude model studio" means any place where a person who appears in a state of nudity or displays "specified anatomical areas" is provided to be observed, sketched, drawn, painted, sculptured, photographed, or similarly depicted by other persons for consideration.

(15) "Nudity" or a "state of nudity" means the appearance of a human bare buttock, anus, anal cleft or cleavage, pubic area, male genitals, female genitals, or vulva, with less than a fully opaque covering; or a female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any part of the areola; or human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state even if completely and opaquely covered.

(16) "Person" means an individual, proprietorship, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity.

(17) "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 § 9-404 of this chapter.

(18) "Semi-nude or semi-nudity" means the appearance of the female breast below a horizontal line across the top of the areola at its highest point. This definition shall include the entire lower portion of the human female
breast, but shall not include any portion of the cleavage of the human female breast exhibited by a dress, blouse, skirt, leotard, bathing suit, or other wearing apparel provided the areola is not exposed in whole or in part.

(19) "Sexual encounter center" means a business or commercial enterprise that, as one of its principal business purposes, offers for any form of consideration:

(a) Physical contact in the form of wrestling or tumbling between persons of the opposite sex; or
(b) Activities between male and female persons and/or persons of the same sex when one or more of the persons is in a state of nudity or semi-nudity.

(20) "Sexually oriented business" means an adult arcade, adult bookstore or adult video store, adult cabaret, adult motel, adult motion picture theater, adult theater, escort agency, nude model studio, or sexual encounter center.

(21) "Specified anatomical areas" means:

(a) The human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state, even if fully and opaquely covered;
(b) Less than completely and opaquely covered human genitals, pubic region, buttocks, or a female breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola.

(22) "Specified criminal activity" means any of the following offenses:

(a) Prostitution or promotion of prostitution; dissemination of obscenity; sale, distribution, or display of harmful material to a minor; sexual performance by a child; possession or distribution of child pornography; public lewdness; indecent exposure; indecency with a child; sexual assault; molestation of a child; or any similar sex-related offenses to those described above under the criminal or penal code of this state, other states, or other countries.
(b) For which:
   (i) Less than two (2) years have elapsed since the date of conviction or the date of release from confinement imposed for the conviction, whichever is the later date, if the conviction is of a misdemeanor offense;
   (ii) Less than five (5) years have elapsed since the date of conviction or the date of release from confinement imposed for the conviction, whichever is the later date, if the conviction is of a felony offense;
   (iii) Less than five (5) years have elapsed since the date of the last conviction or the date of release from confinement imposed for the last conviction, whichever is the later date, if the convictions are of two or more misdemeanor offenses or combination of misdemeanor offenses occurring within any twenty-four (24) month period;
The fact that a conviction is being appealed shall have no
effect on the disqualification of the applicant or a person residing with the
applicant.

(23) "Specified sexual activities" means and includes any of the
following:

(a) The fondling or other erotic touching of human genitals,
pubic region, buttocks, anus, or female breasts, whether covered or
uncovered;
(b) Sex acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated, including
intercourse, oral copulation, or sodomy;
(c) Masturbation, actual or simulated; or
(d) Excretory functions as part of or in connection with any of
the activities set forth in (a) through (c) above.

(24) "Substantial enlargement" of a sexually oriented business means
the increase in floor areas occupied by the business by more than twenty-five
(25%) percent, as the floor areas exist on May 1, 1999.

(25) "Transfer of ownership or control" of a sexually oriented business
means and includes any of the following:

(a) The sale, lease, or sublease of the business;
(b) The transfer of securities that form a controlling interest in
the business, whether by sale, exchange, or similar means; or
(c) The establishment of a trust, gift, or other similar legal
device that 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. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March
2001)

9-403. Classification. Sexually oriented businesses are classified as
follows:

(1) Adult arcades;
(2) Adult bookstores or adult video stores;
(3) Adult cabarets;
(4) Adult motels;
(5) Adult motion picture theaters;
(6) Adult theaters;
(7) Escort agencies;
(8) Nude model studios; and
(9) Sexual encounter centers.
(as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March 2001)

9-404. License required. (1) It shall be unlawful:

(a) For any person to operate a sexually oriented business
without a valid sexually oriented business license issued by the director
pursuant to this ordinance;
(b) For any person who operates a sexually oriented business to employ a person to work and/or perform services on the premises of the sexually oriented business, if such employee is not in possession of a valid sexually oriented business employee license issued to such employee by the director pursuant to this ordinance;

(c) For any person to obtain employment with a sexually oriented business if such person is not in possession of a valid sexually oriented business employee license issued to such person by the director pursuant to this ordinance.

(d) It shall be a defense to subsections (b) and (c) of this section if the employment is of limited duration and for the sole purpose of repair and/or maintenance of machinery, equipment, or the premises.

Violation of any provision within this subsection shall constitute a misdemeanor.

(2) An application for a sexually oriented business license must be made on a form proved by the town. The application must be accompanied by a sketch or a 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 must 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 inches. Prior to issuance of a license, the premises must be inspected by the health department, fire department, building department, and zoning department.

(3) An application for a sexually oriented business employee license must be made on a form provided by the town.

(4) All applicants for a license must be qualified according to the provisions of this ordinance. The application may request, and the applicant shall provide, such information (including fingerprints) as to enable the town to determine whether the applicant meets the qualifications established under this ordinance. The applicant has an affirmative duty to supplement an application with new information received subsequent to the date the application was deemed completed.

(5) If a person who wishes to own operate a sexually oriented business is an individual, he must sign the application for a business license as applicant. If a person who wishes to operate a sexually oriented business is other than an individual, each individual who has a ten (10%) percent or greater interest in the business must sign the application for a business license as applicant. If a corporation is listed as owner of a sexually oriented business or as the entity that wishes to operate such a business, each individual having a ten (10%) percent or greater interest in the corporation must sign the application for a business license as applicant.

(6) Applications for a business license, whether original or renewal, must be made to the director by the intended operator of the enterprise. Applications must be submitted to the office of the director or the director's
designee during regular working hours. Application forms shall be supplied by
the director. The following information shall be provided on the application
form:

(a) The name, street address (and mailing address if different)
of the applicant(s);
(b) A recent photograph of the applicant(s);
(c) The applicant's driver's license number, Social Security
number, and/or his/her state or federally issued tax identification
number;
(d) The name under which the establishment is to be operated
and a general description of the services to be provided;
   (i) If the applicant intends to operate the sexually
 oriented business under a name other than that of the applicant;
   he or she must state
      (A) The sexually oriented business's fictitious
          name and
      (B) Submit the required registration documents;
(e) Whether the applicant, or a person residing with the
applicant, has been convicted, or is awaiting trial on pending charges, of
a "specified criminal activity" as defined in § 9-402, subsection (22), and,
if so, the "specified criminal activity" involved, the date, place, and
jurisdiction of each;
(f) Whether the applicant, or a person residing with the
applicant, has had a previous license under this ordinance or other
similar sexually oriented business ordinance from another town or county
denied, suspended or revoked, including the name and location of the
sexually oriented business for which the business license was denied,
suspended or revoked, as well as the date of the denial, suspension or
revocation, and whether the applicant or a person residing with the
applicant is or has been a partner in a partnership or an officer, director
or principal stockholder of a corporation that is or was licensed under a
sexually oriented business ordinance whose business license has
previously been denied, suspended or revoked, including the name and
location of the sexually oriented business for which the business license
was denied, suspended or revoked as well as the date of denial,
suspension or revocation;
(g) Whether the applicant or a person residing with the
applicant holds any other licenses under this ordinance or other similar
sexually oriented business ordinance from another town or county and,
if so, the names and locations of such other licensed businesses;
(h) The single classification of license, as found in § 9-403, for
which the applicant is filing;
(i) The telephone number of the establishment;
(j) The address and legal description of the tract of land on which the establishment is to be located;

(k) If the establishment is in operation, the date on which the owner(s) acquired the establishment for which the business license is sought, and the date on which the establishment began operations as a sexually oriented business at the location for which the business license is sought;

(l) If the establishment is not in operation, the expected startup date (which shall be expressed in number of days from the date of issuance of the business license). If the expected startup date is to be more than ten (10) days following the date of issuance of the business license, then a detailed explanation of the construction, repair or remodeling work or other cause of the expected delay and a statement of the owner's time schedule and plan of accomplishing the same;

(m) If an applicant wishes to operate a sexually oriented business, other than an adult motel, which shall exhibit on the premises, in a viewing room or booth of less than one hundred fifty (150) square feet of floor space, films, video cassettes, other video reproductions, or live entertainment which depicts specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas, then the applicant shall comply with the application requirements set forth in § 9-419 hereunder.

(7) Each application for a business license shall be accompanied by the following:

(a) Payment of the application fee in full;

(b) If the establishment is a [State of Tennessee] corporation, a certified copy of the articles of incorporation, together with all amendments thereto;

(c) If the establishment is a foreign corporation, a certified copy of the certificate of authority to transact business in this state, together with all amendments thereto;

(d) If the establishment is a limited partnership formed under the laws of the State of Tennessee, a certified copy of the certificate of limited partnership, together with all amendments thereto;

(e) If the establishment is a foreign limited partnership, a certified copy of the certificate of limited partnership and the qualification documents, together with all amendments thereto;

(f) Proof of the current fee ownership of the tract of land on which the establishment is to be situated in the form of a copy of the recorded deed;

(g) If the persons identified as the fee owner(s) of the tract of land in item (f) is not also the owner of the sexually oriented business, then the lease, purchase contract, purchase option contract, lease option contract or other document(s) evidencing the legally enforceable right of the owner(s) or proposed owner(s) of the sexually oriented business to
have or obtain the use and possession of the tract or portion thereof that is to be used for the sexually oriented business;

(h) A current certificate and straight-line drawing prepared within thirty (30) days prior to application by a registered land surveyor depicting the property lines and the structures containing any existing sexually oriented businesses within 1,000 feet of the property to be certified; the property lines of any established religious institution/synagogue, school, public park, or recreation area, or family-oriented entertainment business within 1,500 feet of the property to be certified. For purposes of this section, a use shall be considered existing or established if it is in existence at the time an application is submitted;

(i) Any of items (b) through (h) above shall not be required for a renewal application if the applicant states that the documents previously furnished to the director with the original application or previous renewals thereof remain correct and current.

(8) Applications for an employee license to work and/or perform services in a sexually oriented business, whether original or renewal, must be made to the director by the person to whom the employee license shall issue. Each application for an employee license shall be accompanied by payment of the application fee in full. Application forms shall be supplied by the director. Applications must be submitted to the office of the director or the director's designee during regular working hours. Each applicant shall be required to give the following information on the application form:

(a) The applicant's given name, and any other names by which the applicant is or has been known, including "stage" names and/or aliases;
(b) Age, and date and place of birth;
(c) Height, weight, hair color, and eye color;
(d) Present residence address and telephone number;
(e) Present business address and telephone number;
(f) Date, issuing state, and number of photo driver's license, or other state issued identification card information;
(g) Social Security number; and
(h) Proof that the individual is at least eighteen (18) years old.

(9) Attached to the application form for a license shall be the following:

(a) A color photograph of the applicant clearly showing the applicant's face, and the applicant's fingerprints on a form provided by the police or sheriffs department. Any fees for the photographs and fingerprints shall be paid by the applicant.
(b) A statement detailing the license history of the applicant for the five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the filing of the application, including whether such applicant, in this or any other town, county, state, or country, has ever had any license, permit, or
authorization to do business denied, revoked or suspended, or had any professional or vocational license or permit denied, revoked, or suspended. In the event of any such denial, revocation, or suspension, state the name(s) under which the license was sought and/or issued, the name(s) of the issuing or denying jurisdiction, and describe in full the reason(s) for the denial, revocation, or suspension. A copy of any order of denial, revocation, or suspension shall be attached to the application.

(c) A statement whether the applicant has been convicted, or is awaiting trial on pending charges, of a "specified criminal activity" as defined in § 9-402, subsection (22) and, if so, the "specified criminal activity" involved, the date, place and jurisdiction of each.

(10) Every application for a license shall contain a statement under oath that:

(a) The applicant has personal knowledge of the information contained in the application, and that the information contained therein and furnished therewith is true and correct; and,
(b) The applicant has read the provisions of this article.

(11) A separate application and business license shall be required for each sexually oriented business classification as set forth in § 9-403.

(12) The fact that a person possesses other types of state or town permits and/or licenses does not exempt him from the requirement of obtaining a sexually oriented business or employee license. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March 2001)

9-405. Issuance of license. (1) Upon the filing of an application for a sexually oriented business employee license, the director shall issue a temporary license to said applicant. The application shall then be referred to the appropriate town departments for investigation to be made on the information contained in the application. The application process shall be completed within (30) days from the date of the completed application. After the investigation, the director shall issue an employee license, unless it is determined by a preponderance of the evidence that one or more of the following findings is true:

(a) The applicant has failed to provide the information reasonably necessary for issuance of the license or has falsely answered a question or request for information on the application form;
(b) The applicant is under the age of eighteen (18) years;
(c) The applicant has been convicted of a "specified criminal activity" as defined in § 9-402, subsection (22) of this ordinance;
(d) The sexually oriented business employee license is to be used for employment in a business prohibited by local or state law, statue, rule, or regulation, or prohibited by a particular provision of this ordinance; or
(e) The applicant has had a sexually oriented business employee license revoked by the town within two (2) years of the date of the current application.

If the sexually oriented business employee license is denied, the temporary license previously issued is immediately deemed null and void. Denial, suspension, revocation of a license issued pursuant to this subsection shall be subject to appeal as set forth in subsection (9) of this section.

(2) A license issued pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, if granted, shall state on its face the name of the person to whom it is granted, the expiration date, and the address of the sexually oriented business. The employee shall keep the license on his or her person at all times while engaged in employment or performing services on the sexually oriented business premises so that said license may be available for inspection upon lawful request.

(3) A license issued pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall be subject to annual renewal upon the written application of the applicant and a finding by the director that the applicant has not been convicted of any "specified criminal activity" as defined in this ordinance, or committed any act during the existence of the previous license which would be grounds to deny the initial license application. The decision whether to renew a license shall be made within thirty (30) days of the completed application. The renewal of a license shall be subject to the fee as set forth in § 9-406. Non-renewal of a license shall be subject to appeal as set forth in subsection (9) of this section.

(4) If application is made for a sexually oriented business license, the director shall approve or deny issuance of the license within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the completed application. The director shall issue a license to an applicant unless it is determined by a preponderance of the evidence that one or more of the following findings is true:

(a) An applicant has failed to provide the information reasonably necessary for issuance of the license or has falsely answered a question or request for information on the application form;
(b) An applicant is under the age of eighteen (18) years;
(c) An applicant or a person with whom the applicant is residing has been denied a license by the town to operate a sexually oriented business within the preceding twelve (12) months, or whose license to operate a sexually oriented business has been revoked within the preceding twelve (12) months;
(d) An applicant or a person with whom the applicant is residing is overdue in payment to the town in taxes, fees, fines, or penalties, assessed against or imposed upon him/her in relation to any business;
(e) An applicant or a person with whom the applicant is residing has been convicted of a "specified criminal activity" as defined in § 9-402, subsection (22);
(f) The premises to be used for the sexually oriented business have not been approved by the health department, fire department, and the building department as being in compliance with applicable laws and ordinances;

(g) The license fee required under this ordinance has not been paid;

(h) An applicant of the proposed establishment is in violation of or is not in compliance with one or more of the provisions of this ordinance.

(5) A license issued pursuant to subsection (4) of this section, if granted, shall state on its face the name of the person or persons to whom it is granted, the expiration date, the address of the sexually oriented business, and the § 9-403 classification for which the license is issued. The license shall be posted in a conspicuous place at or near the entrance to the sexually oriented business so that it may be easily read at any time.

(6) The health department, fire department, building department and zoning department shall complete their certification that the premises are in compliance or not in compliance within twenty (20) days of receipt of the completed application by the director. The certification shall be promptly presented to the director.

(7) A sexually oriented business license shall issue for only one classification, as set forth in § 9-403.

(8) In the event that the director determines that an applicant is not eligible for a sexually oriented business license, the applicant shall be given notice in writing of the reasons for the denial within forty five (45) days of the receipt of the completed application by the director, provided that the applicant may request, in writing at any time before the notice is issued, that such period be extended for an additional period of not more than ten (10) days in order to make modifications necessary to comply with this ordinance.

(9) An applicant may appeal the decision of the director regarding a denial to the board of mayor and aldermen by filing a written notice of appeal with the town secretary within fifteen (15) days after service of notice upon the applicant of the director's decision. The notice of appeal shall be accompanied by a memorandum or other writing setting out fully the grounds for such appeal and all arguments in support thereof. The director may, within fifteen (15) days of service upon him of the applicant's memorandum, submit a memorandum in response to the memorandum filed by the applicant on appeal to the board of mayor and aldermen. After reviewing such memoranda, as well as the director's written decision, if any, and exhibits submitted to the director, the board of mayor and aldermen shall vote either to uphold or overrule the director's decision. Such vote shall be taken within twenty-one (21) calendar days after the date on which the town secretary receives the notice of appeal. However, all parties shall be required to comply with the director's decision during the
pendency of the appeal. Judicial review of a denial by the director and board of
mayor and aldermen may be made pursuant to § 9-411 of this ordinance.

(10) A license issued pursuant to subsection (4) of this section shall be
subject to annual renewal upon the written application of the applicant and a
finding by the director that the applicant has not been convicted of any
"specified criminal activity" as defined in this ordinance, or committed any act
during the existence of the previous license which would be grounds to deny the
initial license application. The decision whether to renew a license shall be
made within thirty (30) days of the competed application. The renewal of a
license shall be subject to the fee as set forth in § 9-406. (as added by Ord.
#01-02-01, March 2001)

9-406. Fees. The annual fee for a sexually oriented business license,
whether new or renewal, is five hundred($500.00) dollars. The annual fee for a
sexually oriented business employee license, whether new or renewal, is fifty
($50.00) dollars. These fees are to be used to pay for the cost of the
administration and enforcement of this ordinance. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01,
March 2001)

9-407. Inspection. (1) An applicant or licensee shall permit
representatives of the police department, sheriffs department, health
department, fire department, building department, or other town or state
departments or agencies to inspect the premises of a sexually oriented business
for the purpose of insuring compliance with the law, at any time it is open for
business.

(2) A person who operates a sexually oriented business or his agent or
employee commits a misdemeanor if he/she refuses to promptly permit such
lawful inspection of the premises. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March 2001)

9-408. Expiration of license. (1) Each license shall expire one year
from the date of issuance and may be renewed only by making application as
provided in § 9-404. Application for renewal should be made at least forty- five
(45) days before the expiration date. When application is made less than forty-
five (45) days before the expiration date, the expiration of the license will not be
affected.

(2) When the director denies renewal of a license, the applicant shall
not be issued a license for one year from the date of denial. (as added by Ord.
#01-02-01, March 2001)

9-409. Suspension. The director shall suspend a license for a period not
to exceed thirty (30) days if he determines that licensee or an employee of
licensee has:

(1) Violated or is not in compliance with any section of this ordinance;
(2) Operated or performed services in a sexually oriented business while intoxicated by the use of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances;
(3) Refused to allow prompt inspection of the sexually oriented business premises as authorized by this ordinance;
(4) With knowledge, permitted gambling by any person on the sexually oriented business premises. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March 2001)

9-410. Revocation. (1) The director shall revoke a license if a cause of suspension in § 9-409 occurs and the license has been suspended within the proceeding twelve (12) months.
(2) The director shall revoke a license if he determines that:
   (a) A licensee gave false or misleading information in the material submitted during the application process;
   (b) A licensee, or a person with whom the licensee is residing, was convicted of a "specified criminal activity" on a charge that was pending prior to the issuance of the license;
   (c) A licensee has, with knowledge, permitted the possession, use, or sale of controlled substances on the premises;
   (d) A licensee has, with knowledge, permitted the sale, use, or consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises;
   (e) A licensee has, with knowledge, permitted prostitution on the premises;
   (f) A licensee has, with knowledge, operated the sexually oriented business during a period of time when the licensee's license was suspended;
   (g) A licensee has, with knowledge, permitted any act of sexual intercourse, sodomy, oral copulation, masturbation, or other sexual conduct to occur in or on the licensed premises;
   (h) A licensee is delinquent in payment to the town or state for any taxes or fees;
   (i) A licensee has, with knowledge, permitted a person under eighteen (18) years of age to enter the establishment; or
   (j) A licensee has attempted to sell his business license, or has sold, assigned, or transferred ownership or control of the sexually oriented business to a non-licensee of the establishment;
   (k) A licensee has, with knowledge, permitted a person or persons to engage in specified sexual activities on the premises of the sexually oriented business.
(3) When the director revokes a license, the revocation shall continue for one (1) year, and the licensee shall not be issued a sexually oriented business license for one (1) year from the date revocation became effective. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March 2001)
9-411. **Judicial review.** After denial of an initial or renewal application by the director and board of mayor and aldermen, or suspension or revocation of a license by the director, the applicant or licensee may seek prompt judicial review of such administrative action in any court of competent jurisdiction. The administrative action shall be promptly reviewed by the court. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March 2001)

9-412. **No transfer of license.** A licensee shall not transfer his/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 application. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March 2001)

9-413. **Location restrictions.** Sexually oriented businesses shall be permitted in any commercial district provided that:

1. The sexually oriented business may not be operated within:
   a. 1,000 feet of a church, synagogue or regular place of religious worship;
   b. 1,000 feet of a public or private elementary or secondary school;
   c. 1,000 feet of a boundary of any residential district;
   d. 1,000 feet of a public park
   e. 1,000 feet of a licensed day-care center;
   f. 1,000 feet of an entertainment business that is oriented primarily towards children or family entertainment; or
   g. 1,000 feet of another sexually oriented business.

2. A sexually oriented business may not be operated in the same building, structure, or portion thereof, containing another sexually oriented business that is classified in accordance with § 9-403.

3. For the purpose of this ordinance, 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 the premises of a church, synagogue, regular place of worship, or public or private elementary or secondary school, or to the nearest boundary of an affected public park, residential district, or residential lot, or licensed day care center, or child or family entertainment business.

4. For purposes of subsection (3) of this section, the distance between any two sexually oriented business uses shall be measured in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures or objects, from the closest exterior wall of the structure in which each business is located. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March 2001)

9-414. **Non-conforming uses; amortization.** (1) Any business lawfully operating on the effective date of this ordinance that is in violation of the
locational or structural configuration requirements of this ordinance shall be deemed a non-conforming use. The non-conforming use will be permitted to continue for a period not to exceed two years, unless sooner terminated for any reason or voluntarily discontinued for a period of thirty (30) days or more. Such non-conforming 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 that was first established and continually operated at a particular location is the conforming use and the later-established business(es) is non-conforming.

(2) A sexually oriented business lawfully operating as a conforming use is not rendered a non-conforming use by the location, subsequent to the grant or renewal of the sexually oriented business license, of a church, synagogue, or regular place of religious worship, public or private elementary or secondary school, licensed day-care center, public park, residential district, or child or family entertainment business within one thousand (1,000) feet of the sexually oriented business. This provision applies only to the renewal of a valid business license, and does not apply when an application for a business license is submitted after a business license has expired or has been revoked. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March 2001)

9-415. Additional regulations for adult motels. (1) Evidence that a sleeping room in a hotel, motel, or a similar commercial enterprise has been rented and vacated two or more times in a period of time that is less than ten (10) hours creates a rebuttable presumption that the enterprise is an adult motel as that term is defined in this chapter.

(2) It is unlawful if a person, as the person in control of a sleeping room in a hotel, motel, or similar commercial enterprise that does not have a sexually oriented business license, rents or subrents a sleeping room to a person and, within ten (10) hours from the time the room is rented, he rents or subrents the same sleeping room again.

(3) For purposes of subsection (2) of this section, the terms "rent" or "subrent" mean the act of permitting a room to be occupied for any form of consideration.

(4) Violation of subsection (2) of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March 2001)

9-416. Additional regulations for escort agencies. (1) An escort agency shall not employ any person under the age of 18 years.

(2) A person commits an offense if the person acts as an escort or agrees to act as an escort for any person under the age of 18 years.

(3) Violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March 2001)
9-417. **Additional regulations for nude model studios.** (1) A nude model studio shall not employ any person under the age of 18 years.

(2) A person under the age of 18 years commits a misdemeanor if the person appears semi-nude or in a state of nudity in or on the premises of a nude model studio. It is a defense to prosecution under this subsection if the person under 18 years was in a restroom not open to the public view or visible by any other person.

(3) A person commits a misdemeanor if the person appears in a state of nudity, or with knowledge, allows another to appear in a state of nudity in an area of a nude model studio premises which can be viewed from the public right of way.

(4) A nude model studio shall not place or permit a bed, sofa, or mattress in any room on the premises, except that a sofa may be placed in a reception room open to the public. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March 2001)

9-418. **Additional regulations concerning public nudity.** (1) It shall be a misdemeanor for a person who, with knowledge and intent, appears in person in a state of nudity in a sexually oriented business, or depicts specified sexual activities in a sexually oriented business.

(2) It shall be a misdemeanor for a person who, with knowledge and intent, appears in person in a semi-nude condition on the sexually oriented business premises, unless the person is an employee who, while semi-nude, is at least ten (10) feet from any patron or customer and on a stage at least two (2) feet from the floor.

(3) It shall be a misdemeanor for an employee, while semi-nude on the sexually oriented business premises, to solicit any pay or gratuity from any patron or customer, or for any patron or customer to pay or give any gratuity to any employee, while said employee is semi-nude.

(4) It shall be a misdemeanor for an employee, while semi-nude, to touch a patron or the clothing of a patron, or for a patron to touch a semi-nude employee or the clothing of a semi-nude employee, while said employee is on the premises of the sexually oriented business. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March 2001)

9-419. **Regulations pertaining to exhibition of sexually explicit films and 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 one hundred fifty (150) square feet of floor space, a film, video cassette, or other video reproduction, that depicts specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas, shall comply with the following requirements:

(a) Upon application for a sexually oriented business license, the application shall be accompanied by a diagram of the premises showing a plan thereof specifying the location of one or more manager's
stations and the location of all overhead lighting fixtures and designating any portion of the premises in which patrons will not be permitted. A manager's station may not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet of floor area. The diagram shall also designate the place at which the business license 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 should be oriented to the north or to some designated street or object and should 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 (6") inches. The director 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 said diagram was prepared.

(b) The application shall be sworn to be true and correct by the applicant.

(c) No alteration in the configuration or location of a manager's station may be made without the prior approval of the director or his designee.

(d) It is the duty of the owners and operator of the premises to ensure that at least one employee is on duty and situated in each manager's station at all times that any patron is present inside the premises.

(e) The interior of the premises shall be configured in such a manner that there is an unobstructed view from a manager's station of the entire area of the premises to which any patron is permitted access for any purpose, excluding restrooms. Restrooms may not contain video reproduction equipment. If the premises has two or more manager's stations designated, then the interior of the premises shall be configured in such a manner that there is an unobstructed view of the entire area of the premises to which any patron is permitted access for any purpose from at least one of the manager's stations. The view required in this subsection must be by direct line of sight from the manager's station.

(f) It shall be the duty of the operator, and it shall also be the duty of any agents and employees present in the premises, to ensure that the view area specified in subsection (e) of this section remains unobstructed at all times. No doors, walls, partitions, curtains, merchandise, display racks, or other object(s) shall obstruct from view of the manager's station any portion of the premises to which patrons have access. It shall be the duty of the operator, and it shall also be the duty of any agents and employees present in the premises, to ensure that no patron is permitted access to any area of the premises that has been designated as an area in which patrons will not be permitted, as
designated in the application filed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

(g) The 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-candle as measured at the floor level.

(h) It shall be the duty of the operator, and it shall also be the duty of any agents and employee present in the premises, to ensure that the illumination described above is maintained at all times that any patron is present in the premises.

(i) No viewing room or booth may be occupied by more than one person at any time.

(j) No opening of any kind shall exist between viewing rooms or booths.

(k) It shall be the duty of the operator, and it shall also be the duty of any agents and employees present in the premises, to ensure that no more than one person at a time occupies a viewing booths or rooms, and to ensure that no person attempts to make an opening of any kind between the viewing booths or rooms.

(l) The operator of the sexually oriented business shall, each business day, inspect the walls between the viewing booths to determine if any openings or holes exist.

(m) The operator of the sexually oriented business shall cause all floor coverings in viewing booths to be nonporous, easily cleanable surfaces, with no rugs or carpeting.

(n) The operator of the sexually oriented business shall cause all wall surfaces and ceiling surfaces in viewing booths to be constructed of, or permanently covered by, nonporous, easily cleanable material. No wood, plywood, composition board or other porous material shall be used within forty eight (48") inches of the floor.

(2) A person having a duty under subsection (a) through (n) of this section commits a misdemeanor if he/she, with knowledge, fails to fulfill that duty. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March 2001)

9-420. Exterior portions of sexually oriented businesses. (1) It shall be unlawful for an owner or operator of sexually oriented business to allow the merchandise or activities of the establishment to be visible from a point outside the establishment.

(2) It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of a sexually oriented business to allow the exterior portion of the sexually oriented business to have flashing lights, or any words, lettering, photographs, silhouettes, drawings, or pictorial representations of any manner except to the extent permitted by the provisions of this ordinance.
(3) It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of a sexually oriented business to allow exterior portions of the establishment to be painted any color other than a single achromatic color. This provision shall not apply to a sexually oriented business if the following conditions are met:
   (a) The establishment is a part of a commercial multi-unit center; and
   (b) The exterior portions of each individual unit in the commercial multi-unit center, including the exterior portions of the business, are painted the same color as one another or are painted in such a way so as to be a component of the overall architectural style or pattern of the commercial multi-unit center.

(4) Nothing in this article shall be construed to require the painting of an otherwise unpainted exterior portion of a sexually oriented business.

(5) A violation of any provision of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March 2001)

9-421. Signage. (1) Notwithstanding any other town ordinance, code, or regulation to the contrary, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any sexually oriented business or any other person to erect, construct, or maintain any sign for the sexually oriented business other than the one (1) primary sign and one (1) secondary sign, as provided herein.

(2) Primary signs shall have no more than two (2) display surfaces. Each such display surface shall:
   (a) Not contain any flashing lights;
   (b) Be a flat plane, rectangular in shape;
   (c) Not exceed seventy-five (75) square feet in area; and
   (d) Not exceed ten (10) feet in height or ten (10) feet in length.

(3) Primary signs shall contain no photographs, silhouettes, drawings or pictorial representations in any manner, and may contain only the name of the enterprise.

(4) Each letter forming a word on a primary sign shall be of solid color, and each such letter shall be the same print-type, size and color. The background behind such lettering on the display surface of a primary sign shall be of a uniform and solid color.

(5) Secondary signs shall have only one (1) display surface. Such display surface shall:
   (a) Be a flat plane, rectangular in shape;
   (b) Not exceed twenty (20) square feet in area;
   (c) Not exceed five (5) feet in height and four (4) feet in width; and
   (d) Be affixed or attached to any wall or door of the enterprise.

(6) The provisions of item (a) of subsection (2) and subsection (3) and (4) shall also apply to secondary signs.
(7) Violation of any provision of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March 2001)

9-422. Sale, use, or consumption of alcoholic beverages prohibited.

(1) The sale, use, or consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises of a sexually oriented business is prohibited.

(2) Any violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March 2001)

9-423. Persons younger than eighteen prohibited from entry; attendant required.

(1) It shall be unlawful to allow a person who is younger than eighteen (18) years of age to enter or be on the premises of a sexually oriented business at any time the sexually oriented business is open for business.

(2) It shall be the duty of the operator of each sexually oriented business to ensure that an attendant stationed at each public entrance to the sexually oriented business at all times during such sexually oriented business's regular business hours. It shall be the duty of the attendant to prohibit any person under the age of eighteen (18) years from entering the sexually oriented business. It shall be presumed that an attendant knew a person was under the age of eighteen (18) unless such attendant asked for and was furnished:

(a) A valid operator's, commercial operator's or chauffeur's driver's license; or

(b) A valid personal identification certificate issued by the State of Tennessee reflecting that such person is eighteen (18) years of age or older.

(3) Violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March 2001)

9-424. Messages or baths administered by person of opposite sex.

It shall be unlawful for any sexually oriented business, regardless of whether in a public or private facility, to operate as a massage salon, massage parlor or any similar type business where any physical contact with the recipient of such services is provided by a person of the opposite sex. Violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March 2001)

9-425. Hours of operation.

No sexually oriented business, except for an adult motel, may remain open any time between the hours of one o'clock (1:00) A.M. and eight o'clock (8:00) A.M. on weekdays and Saturdays, and one o'clock (1:00) A.M. and twelve o'clock (12:00) P.M. on Sundays. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March 2001)
9-426. **Exemptions.** It is a defense to prosecution under this ordinance that a person appearing in a state of nudity did so in a modeling class operated:

(1) By a propriety school, licensed by the State of Tennessee, a college, junior college, or university supported entirely or partly by taxation;

(2) By a private college or university that maintains and operates educational programs in which credits are transferable to a college, junior college, or university supported entirely or partly by taxation. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March 2001)

9-427. **Notices.** (1) Any notice required or permitted to be given by the director or any other town office, division, department or other agency under this ordinance to any applicant, operator or owner of a sexually oriented business may be given either by personal delivery or by certified United States mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed to the most recent address as specified in the application for the license, or any notice of address change that has been received by the director. Notices mailed as above shall be deemed given upon their deposit in the United States mail. In the event that any notice given by mail is returned by the postal service, the director or his designee shall cause it to be posted at the principal entrance to the establishment.

(2) Any notice required or permitted to be given to the director by any person under this ordinance shall not be deemed given until and unless it is received in the office of the director.

(3) It shall be the duty of each owner who is designated on the license application and each operator to furnish notice to the director in writing of any change of residence or mailing address. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March 2001)

9-428. **Injunction.** A person who operates or causes to be operated a sexually oriented business without a valid business license, or in violation of § 9-413 of this ordinance, is subject to a suit for injunction as well as prosecution for criminal violations. Each day a sexually oriented business so operates is a separate offense or violation. (as added by Ord. #01-02-01, March 2001)