

CHAPTER 124

PUBLIC DANCES

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124.01 PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to regulate public dances for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

124.02 DEFINITION. “Public dance” is hereby defined as either any dance held in the City for which the condition of admission is the payment of an admission fee, or any dance to which the public generally is invited, whether a fee is charged or not. All so-called “dine and dance” operations, except private parties, are public dances within the meaning of this chapter. “Public dance” does not include any private dance conducted by any club, lodge or private dancing party to which the public is not invited or free to attend.

124.03 LICENSE REQUIRED. It is unlawful to hold a public dance in the City without first obtaining a license therefor from the Mayor, as herein provided.

124.04 APPLICATION. When applying for a license hereunder, the applicant must give, in writing, the exact description of the hall or place where the public dance is to be held.

124.05 ORDERLY CONDUCT REQUIRED. All public dances held in the City shall be conducted in an orderly, lawful and decent manner. If the Mayor believes that any proposed public dance will not be so conducted, the Mayor may refuse to issue a license and if such license has been issued, the Mayor may revoke the license if the public dance is, in the Mayor’s opinion, not so conducted.

124.06 LICENSE FEE. The license fee is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each year.

124.07 PERSONS UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE. No person under the age of sixteen (16) years shall be admitted to or allowed to attend any public dance unless accompanied by or present with the consent of his or her parent or guardian.

124.08 INTERIOR LIGHTING. The hall or place in which the public dance is held shall at all times be well lighted.

124.09 LIGHTS ON PREMISES; POLICE. The premises surrounding the hall or place where the dance is held shall be well lighted and properly policed.

124.10 DANCING HOURS. It is unlawful to hold any public dance between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. the next morning, on weekdays, or to hold any dances on Sunday after 1:00 a.m., without written permission from the Mayor specifically stated in the license or letter of authorization for a particular date or dates.

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