

TITLE 6A. TEENAGE DANCES AND DANCE HALLS

Chapter 6A.01

6A.01.010. Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

Club. Dances conducted and sponsored by private nonprofit clubs organized pursuant to Chapter 6, of Title 16, Utah Code Annotated, 1953, for members and their guests only.

Nonpublic Dances. Dances conducted and sponsored by public or private schools and churches for the students or members thereof, even though an admission fee is charged, and dances conducted in private homes on a private basis, shall not be deemed to be public dances and shall be exempt from the licensing provisions of this chapter.

Public Dance. Any dance to which the public generally nineteen years of age and under may gain admission with or without the payment of a fee, but shall not include any dance conducted on or in any public park, street or public grounds by permission of the city council under the supervision of the city recreation department.

Public Dance Hall. Any room, place or space in which a public dance is held.

6A.01.020. License - Fees for Public Dance Halls; Duty of Owner to Hire Licensed Band, Etc.

Each orchestra or band or other performers in connection therewith, performing in a licensed hall shall be approved and licensed and the premises on which the dance shall be conducted shall be licensed and it shall be the duty of the dance hall owner or person with right of possession of such premises to investigate and determine that each orchestra performing therein is properly licensed and that such dances conform to the regulations contained herein.

All license fees required for dance halls or bands and associated performers therewith shall be established by resolution from time to time by the city council and shall be payable to the city recorder.

6A.01.030. Same - Required.

It shall be unlawful to operate any public dance within the limits of the city until the place in which the dance may be held shall first have been duly licensed except as otherwise provided herein.

6A.01.040. Same - Conditions for Issuance.

No license shall be issued pursuant to this chapter until it shall be found that the place for which it is issued complies with and conforms to all laws, ordinances, health and fire regulations applicable thereto and is properly ventilated and has available separate and sufficient toilet conveniences for each sex, and is a safe and proper place for the purposes for which it shall be used.

6A.01.050. Same - Display.

Every person to whom a license is issued under the chapter shall post the same in a conspicuous place on the premises covered by such license.

6A.01.060. Same - Issuance, Suspension and Revocation.

The police department shall examine and investigate all applicants for licenses and the premises to be licensed under this chapter. Following such examination the recommendations of the police department shall be made in writing to the city council, who shall be the licensing authority. The police department shall be permitted to have access to all premises licensed or applying for license under this chapter, and shall make periodic inspections of such premises and report its findings to the city council.

Any license issued pursuant to this chapter may, after a hearing, be suspended or revoked for the violation of any provision of this chapter or any other ordinance or law relating to such places. The city council shall hear and determine all suspension and revocation matters.

If at any time a license under the provisions of this chapter is denied or revoked, it shall thereafter be unlawful for any person to operate, open, maintain, manage or conduct a public dance at the same premises until a new license shall be granted by the city council.

6A.01.070. Regulations for Conducting Public Dances.

A. It shall be unlawful to permit any person who has not attained the age of fourteen years to attend

or remain at a public dance unless such a person be accompanied by his parent or legal guardian.

B. Such dance shall be sponsored or held primarily for groups of persons between fourteen and nineteen years of age inclusive.

C. No cigarettes, beer, or liquor is to be sold, consumed or used upon the dance hall premises.

D. Such dance must close no later than 11:30 p.m. and no dancing shall be allowed on Sundays.

E. Such dance shall be furnished with adequate adult chaperons, and providing that there shall be not less than one adult chaperon per fifty patrons. Such chaperons are to be furnished at the expense of the management of such dance. All chaperons shall be approved by the police department.

F. Such dance shall be conducted in an atmosphere and environment and under controls conducive to the proper behavior and conduct of all persons in attendance.

G. A permit to conduct such dance has first been obtained from the city council.

H. When, in the opinion of the city council, the circumstances justify it, the city council may permit dances at a definite location to continue for an extended period of time without requiring a permit for each separate dance, subject to the right to revoke such permit at any time in the discretion of the council after a hearing.

I. No pass out or return checks shall be issued for use by persons who leave licensed dance premises and anterooms thereof under the immediate control of the dance hall management. All persons leaving the licensed dance premises and anterooms thereof, shall be required to pay the regular admission fee in case of return to such dance.

J. Premises licensed pursuant to this chapter shall maintain throughout such licensed premises and during business hours a minimum of five candle power light measured at a level five feet above the floor.

K. It shall be unlawful to drink any liquid while dancing on any licensed dance premises or to permit the same.

6A.01.080. Misrepresentation of Age or Parental Status.

It shall be unlawful for any person to misrepresent his or her age for the purpose of gaining admission to a public dance or falsely to represent himself or herself to be a parent or legal guardian of any person in order that such person may attend or remain at any public dance.