

COMMISSIONERS COURT OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS

SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS ORDER

AN ORDER PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, there is the potential for the location of sexually oriented businesses in Polk County and such businesses require special supervision from the public safety agencies of the County to protect and preserve the health, safety and welfare of the patrons of such businesses as well as the citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Commissioners Court finds that sexually oriented businesses are frequently used for unlawful sexual activities, including prostitution and sexual liaisons of a casual nature; and

WHEREAS, the concern over sexually transmitted diseases is a legitimate health concern of the County which demands reasonable regulation of sexually oriented businesses to protect the health and well-being of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, licensing is a legitimate and reasonable means of accountability to ensure that operators of sexually oriented businesses comply with reasonable regulations and to ensure that operators do not knowingly allow their establishments to be used as places of illegal sexual activity or solicitation; and

WHEREAS, there is convincing documented evidence that sexually oriented businesses, because of their very nature, have a deleterious effect on both the existing businesses around them and the surrounding residential areas adjacent to them, causing increased crime and the downgrading of property values; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that sexually oriented businesses, due to their nature, have serious objectionable operational characteristics, particularly when they are located in close proximity to each other, thereby contributing to urban and rural blight and downgrading the quality of life in the adjacent area; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Commissioners Court desires to minimize and control these adverse effects and thereby protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizenry; protect the citizens from increased crime; preserve the quality of life; preserve the property values and character of surrounding neighborhoods and deter the spread of urban and rural blight; and

WHEREAS, it is not the intent of this Order to suppress any

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speech activities protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, but to enact a content-neutral Order that addresses the secondary effects of sexually oriented businesses; and

WHEREAS, it is not the intent of the Polk County Commissioners Court to condone or legitimize the promotion of obscene materials; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Commissioners Court recognizes that applicable state law prohibits the promotion of obscene materials, and the Commissioners Court expects and encourages state enforcement officials to enforce state obscenity statutes against any such illegal activities in Polk County;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority granted by the Constitution and Chapter 243 of the Texas Local Government Code, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS:

SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES ORDER

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SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES ORDER

§ 1-100. PURPOSE AND INTENT.

- (a) It is the purpose of this Order to regulate sexually oriented businesses in order to promote the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the citizens of the County, and to establish reasonable and uniform regulations to prevent the concentration of sexually oriented businesses within the County. The provisions of this Order 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 neither the intent nor effect of this Order 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.

- (b) It is the intent of the Commissioners Court that the locational regulations of § 1-112 of this Order are promulgated pursuant to Chapter 243 of the Texas Local Government Code.

§ 1-101. DEFINITIONS.

In this Order:

- (a) 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 (5) or fewer persons per machine at any one (1) time, and where the images so displayed are distinguished or characterized by the depicting or describing of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."

- (b) 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:
 - (1) books, magazines, periodicals or other printed matter, or photographs, films, motion pictures, video cassettes or video reproductions, slides, or other visual representations that depict or describe "specified sexual activities" or specified anatomical areas"; or

 - (2) instruments, devices, or paraphernalia that are designed for use in connection with "specified sexual activities."

- (c) Adult Cabaret means a nightclub, bar, restaurant, or similar commercial establishment that regularly features:
- (1) persons who appear in a state of nudity or semi-nudity, including topless dancers, nude dancers or strippers, male or female; or
 - (2) live performances that are characterized by the exposure of "specified anatomical areas" or by "specified sexual activities" or
 - (3) 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."
- (d) Adult Motel means a hotel, motel or similar commercial establishment that:
- (1) offers accommodations to the public for any form of consideration; 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 which advertises the availability of this type of photographic reproductions; or
 - (2) offers a sleeping room for rent for a period of time that is less than ten (10) hours; or
 - (3) allows a tenant or occupant of a sleeping room to subrent the room for a period of time that is less than ten (10) hours.
- (e) 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 shown that are characterized by the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."
- (f) Adult Theater means a theater, concert hall, auditorium, or similar commercial establishment that regularly features persons who appear in a state of nudity or live performances which are characterized by the exposure of "specified anatomical areas" or by "specified sexual activities."
- (g) Child Care Facility means a building used as a day nursery,

children's boarding home, child placement agency, religious or charitable encampment for children or any other place for the care or custody of children under sixteen (16) years of age.

- (h) Church means a building in which persons regularly assemble for worship, intended primarily for purposes connected with faith, or for propagating a particular form of belief.
- (i) Auditor means the Polk County Auditor or his designated agent.
- (j) 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.
- (k) Escort Agency means a person who, or business association that, furnishes, offers to furnish, or advertises to furnish escorts as one of its business purposes, for a fee, tip, or other consideration.
- (l) Establishment means and includes any of the following:
 - (1) the opening or commencement of any sexually oriented business as a new business;
 - (2) the conversion of an existing business, whether or not a sexually oriented business, to any sexually oriented business;
 - (3) the addition of any sexually oriented business to any other existing sexually oriented business; or
 - (4) the relocation of any sexually oriented business.
- (m) Licensee means a person in whose name a license to operate a sexually oriented business has been issued, as well as the individual listed as an applicant on the application for a license.
- (n) Nude Model Studio means any place where a person who appears in a state of nudity or semi-nudity or displays "specified anatomical areas" is provided to be observed, sketched, drawn, painted, sculptured, photographed, or similarly depicted by other persons who pay money or any form of consideration.
- (o) Nudity or a State of Nudity means:
 - (1) the appearance of a human bare buttock, anus, male genitals, female genitals, or female breast; or

- (2) a state of dress that fails to opaquely cover a human buttock, anus, male genitals, female genitals, or areola of the female breast.
- (p) Operates or Causes to be Operated means to cause to function or to put or keep in operation. A person may be found to be operating or causing to be operated a sexually oriented business whether or not that person is an owner, part owner, or licensee of the business.
- (q) Person means an individual, proprietorship, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity.
- (r) Residential District means a single family, duplex, townhouse, multiple family or mobile home district or area so designated by such uses.
- (s) Residential Use means property used for single family, duplex, multiple family, mobile home park, mobile home subdivision, or campground purposes.
- (t) School means any public or private learning center, elementary school, secondary school, junior college, community college, college, university or other center for post-secondary education.
- (u) Semi-Nude means a state of dress in which clothing covers no more than the genitals, pubic region, and areolae of the female breasts, as well as portions of the body covered by supporting straps or devices.
- (v) Sexual Encounter Center means a business or commercial enterprise that, as one of its primary business purposes, offers for any form of consideration:
- (1) physical contact in the form of wrestling or tumbling between persons of the opposite sex; or
 - (2) 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-nude.
- (w) 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.
- (x) Specified Anatomical Areas means human genitals in a state of sexual arousal.
- (y) Specified Sexual Activities means and includes any of the following:

- (1) the fondling or other erotic touching of human genitals, pubic region, buttocks, anus, or female breasts;
 - (2) sex acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated, including intercourse, oral copulation, or sodomy;
 - (3) masturbation, actual or simulated; or
 - (4) excretory functions as part of or in connection with any of the activities set forth in (1) through (3), above.
- (z) Substantial Enlargement of a sexually oriented business means the increase in floor area occupied by the business by more than twenty (20) percent, as the floor area existed on the date of the enactment of this Order.
- (aa) Transfer of Ownership or Control of a sexually oriented business means and includes any of the following:
- (1) the sale, lease, or sublease of the business;
 - (2) the transfer of securities that constitute a controlling interest in the business, whether by sale, exchange, or similar means; or
 - (3) 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.

§ 1-102. CLASSIFICATIONS OF SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES.

Sexually oriented businesses are classified as follows:

- (a) adult arcades;
- (b) adult bookstores or adult video stores;
- (c) adult cabarets;
- (d) adult motels;
- (e) adult motion picture theaters;
- (f) adult theaters;
- (g) escort agencies;

- (h) nude model studios; and
- (i) sexual encounter centers.

§ 1-103. LICENSE REQUIRED.

- (a) A person commits an offense if he operates a sexually oriented business without a valid license issued by the County for the particular type of business.
- (b) An application for a license must be made on a form provided by the Auditor. The application form shall be sworn to and shall: (1) include the name and address of the applicant; (2) state whether the applicant meets each of the requirements set forth in § 1-104 of this Order; (3) include the name and address of each person required to sign the application pursuant to § 1-103(d) of this Order, and the name, address and type of entity (if applicable) of each person or entity owned or controlled by such person that owns or controls an interest in the business to be licensed; and (4) such other matters, consistent with this Order, as may be specified in the application form. The application must be accompanied by a sketch or diagram showing the configuration of the premises, including a statement of total floor space occupied by the business. The sketch or diagram need not be professionally prepared but 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 (6"). Applicants who must comply with § 1-118 of this Order shall submit a diagram meeting the requirements of § 1-118 of this Order.
- (c) The applicant must be qualified according to the provisions of this Order and the premises must be inspected and found to be in compliance with the law by the Auditor.
- (d) If a person who wishes to operate a sexually oriented business is an individual, he or she must sign the application for a license as applicant. If a person who wishes to operate a sexually oriented business is other than an individual, each individual who has a twenty percent (20%) or greater interest in the business must sign the application for a license as applicant. Each applicant must be qualified under § 1-104 of this Order and each applicant shall be considered a licensee if a license is granted.

§ 1-104. ISSUANCE OF LICENSE.

- (a) The Auditor shall approve the issuance of a license to an applicant within thirty (30) days after receipt of an application unless the Auditor finds one or more of the following to be true:

- (1) An applicant is under eighteen (18) years of age.
- (2) An applicant or an applicant's spouse is overdue in payment to the County of taxes, fees, fines, or penalties assessed against or imposed upon the applicant or the applicant's spouse in relation to a sexually oriented business.
- (3) An applicant has failed to provide information reasonably necessary for issuance of the license or has falsely answered a question or request for information on the application form.
- (4) An applicant or an applicant's spouse has been convicted of a violation of a provision of this Order other than the offense of operating a sexually oriented business without a license, within two (2) years immediately preceding the application. The fact that a conviction is being appealed shall have no effect.
- (5) The license fee required by this Order has not been paid.
- (6) An applicant has been employed in a sexually oriented business in a managerial capacity within the preceding twelve (12) months and has demonstrated an inability to operate or manage a sexually oriented business premises in a peaceful and law-abiding manner, thus necessitating action by law enforcement officers.
- (7) An applicant or the proposed establishment is in violation of or is not in compliance with § 1-106, § 1-111, § 1-112, § 1-114, § 1-115, § 1-116, § 1-117, § 1-118, or § 1-119 of this Order.
- (8) The premises to be used for the sexually oriented business are not in compliance with all applicable County laws, regulations and Commissioners Court orders.
- (9) An applicant or an applicant's spouse has been convicted of a crime:
 - (A) involving;
 - (i) any of the following offenses as described in Chapter 43 of the Texas Penal Code:
 - (aa) prostitution;
 - (bb) promotion of prostitution;

- (cc) aggravated promotion of prostitution;
- (dd) compelling prostitution;
- (ee) obscenity;
- (ff) sale, distribution, or display of harmful material to a minor;
- (gg) sexual performance by a child;
- (hh) employment harmful to children; or
- (ii) possession or promotion of child pornography;
- (ii) any of the following offenses as described in Chapter 21 of the Texas Penal Code:
 - (aa) public lewdness;
 - (bb) indecent exposure; or
 - (cc) indecency with a child.
- (iii) sexual assault or aggravated sexual assault as described in Chapter 22 of the Texas Penal Code;
- (iv) incest, solicitation of a child, or harboring a runaway child as described in Chapter 25 of the Texas Penal Code; or
- (v) criminal attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit any of the foregoing offenses;
- (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 for the conviction, whichever is the later date, if the conviction is of a felony offense; or

- (iii) less than five (5) years have elapsed since the date of release from confinement for the last conviction, whichever is the later date, if the convictions are of two (2) or more misdemeanor offenses or combination of misdemeanor offenses occurring within any 24-month period.
- (b) The fact that a conviction is being appealed shall have no effect on the disqualification of the applicant or applicant's spouse.
- (c) The license, if granted, shall state on its face the name of the person or persons to whom it is granted, the expiration date, and the address of the sexually oriented business. 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.

§ 1-105. LICENSE FEES FOR SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES.

The annual fee for a sexually oriented business shall be \$1500.00.

§ 1-106. INSPECTION.

- (a) An applicant or licensee shall permit representatives of the Sheriff's Department and the Auditor to inspect the premises of a sexually oriented business for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the law, at any time it is occupied or open for business.
- (b) A person who operates a sexually oriented business or his agent or employee commits an offense if he refuses to permit a lawful inspection of the premises by a representative of the Sheriff's Department at any time it is occupied or open for business.
- (c) The provisions of this section do not apply to areas of an adult motel that are currently being rented by a customer for use as a permanent or temporary habitation.

§ 1-107. EXPIRATION OF LICENSE.

Each license shall expire one (1) year from the date of issuance and may be renewed only by making application as provided in § 1-103. Application for renewal should be made at least thirty (30) days before the expiration date, and

when made less than thirty (30) days before the expiration date, the expiration of the license will not be affected.

§ 1-108. SUSPENSION.

The Auditor shall suspend a license for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days if he determines that a licensee or an agent or employee of a licensee has:

- (1) violated or is not in compliance with § 1-106, § 1-111, § 1-112, § 1-114, § 1-115, § 1-226, § 1-117, § 1-118, or § 1-119 of this Order.
- (2) engaged in excessive use of alcoholic beverages while on the sexually oriented business premises;
- (3) refused to allow an inspection of the sexually oriented business premises as authorized by this Order;
- (4) knowingly permitted gambling by any person on the sexually oriented business premises; or
- (5) demonstrated inability to operate or manage a sexually oriented business in a peaceful and law-abiding manner thus necessitating action by law enforcement officers.

§ 1-109. REVOCATION.

- (a) The Auditor shall revoke a license if a cause of suspension in § 1-108 of this Order occurs and the license has been suspended within the preceding twelve (12) months.
- (b) The Auditor shall revoke a license if he determines that:
 - (1) a licensee gave false or misleading information in the material submitted to the Auditor during the application process;
 - (2) a licensee, an agent or an employee has knowingly allowed possession, use, or sale of controlled substances on the premises;
 - (3) a licensee, an agent or an employee has knowingly allowed prostitution on the premises;
 - (4) a licensee, an agent or an employee knowingly operated the sexually oriented business during a period of time when the licensee's license was suspended;
 - (5) a licensee has been convicted of an offense listed in § 1-104(a)(9)(A) for which the time period required in §

1-104(a)(9)(B) has not elapsed;

- (6) on two (2) or more occasions within a 12-month period, a person or persons committed an offense, occurring in or on the licensed premises, of a crime listed in § 1-104(a)(9)(A), for which a conviction has been obtained, and the person or persons were agents or employees of the sexually oriented business at the time the offenses were committed;
 - (7) a licensee or an agent or an employee has knowingly allowed any act of sexual intercourse, sodomy, oral copulation, masturbation, or sexual contact to occur in or on the licenses premises. The term "sexual contact" shall have the same meaning as it is defined in Section 21.01, Texas Penal Code; or
 - (8) a licensee is delinquent in payment to the County for any ad valorem taxes, sales or other taxes related to the sexually oriented business.
- (c) The fact that a conviction is being appealed shall have no effect on the revocation of the license.
 - (d) Subsection (b)(7) of this section does not apply to adult motels as a ground for revoking the license unless the licensee, agent or employee knowingly allowed the act of sexual intercourse, sodomy, oral copulation, masturbation, or sexual contact to occur in a public place or within public view.
 - (e) When the Auditor 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. If, subsequent to the revocation, the Auditor finds that the basis for the revocation has been corrected or abated, the applicant may be granted a license if at least ninety (90) days have elapsed since the date the revocation became effective. If the license was revoked under Subsection (b)(5) of this section, an applicant may not be granted another license until the appropriate number of years required under § 1-104(a)(9)(B) has elapsed.

§ 1-110. APPEAL.

If the Auditor denies the issuance of a license, or suspends or revokes a license, the Auditor shall send to the applicant, or licensee, by certified mail, return receipt requested, written notice of the action and the right to an appeal. Upon receipt of written notice of the denial,

suspension, or revocation, the licensee whose application for a license has been denied or whose license has been suspended or revoked shall have the right to appeal to the state district court. An appeal to the state district court must be filed within thirty (30) days after the receipt of notice of the decision of the Auditor. The licensee shall bear the burden of proof in court.

§ 1-111. TRANSFER OF LICENSE.

A licensee shall not transfer his 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.

§ 1-112. LOCATION OF SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS

- (a) A person commits an offense if the person operates or causes to be operated a sexually oriented business within one thousand five hundred feet (1500') of:
- (1) a church;
 - (2) a school;
 - (3) a child care facility;
 - (4) a boundary of a residential district;
 - (5) a public park;
 - (6) the property line of a lot devoted to residential use;
or
 - (7) any building or structure in which alcoholic beverages are offered for sale.
- (b) A person commits an offense if he or she causes or permits the operation, establishment, substantial enlargement, or transfer or ownership or control of a sexually oriented business located within one thousand five hundred feet (1500') of another sexually oriented business.
- (c) A person commits an offense if he or she causes or permits the operation, establishment, or maintenance of more than one (1) sexually oriented businesses in the same building, structure, or portion thereof, or the increase of floor area of any sexually oriented business in any building, structure, or portion thereof containing another sexually oriented business.

- (d) For the purpose of Subsection (a) of this section, measurement shall be made in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures or objects, from the nearest portion of the building or structure used as a part of the premises where a sexually oriented business is conducted, to the nearest property line of the premises of a church, school, child care facility or building or structure in which alcoholic beverages are offered for sale, or to the nearest boundary of an affected public park, residential district, or residential lot.
- (e) For the purposes of Subsection (b) of this section, the distance between any two (2) sexually oriented businesses 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.
- (f) Any sexually oriented business lawfully operating on the effective date of this Order that is in violation of Subsections (a), (b), or (c) of this Section shall be deemed a nonconforming use. the nonconforming use will be permitted to continue for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months, unless sooner terminated for any reason or voluntarily discontinued for a period of thirty (30) days or more. Such nonconforming use shall not be increased, enlarged, extended, or altered except that the use may be changed to a conforming use. If two (2) or more sexually oriented businesses are within one thousand five hundred feet (1500') of one another and otherwise in a permissible location, the sexually oriented business which was first established and continually operating at a particular location is the conforming use and the later-established business(es) is nonconforming.
- (g) A sexually oriented business lawfully operated as a conforming use is not rendered a nonconforming use by the location, subsequent to the grant or renewal of the sexually oriented business license, of a church, school, child care facility, public park, residential district, or residential lot, or any building or structure in which alcoholic beverages are offered for sale, within one thousand five hundred feet (1500') of the sexually oriented business. This provision applies only to the renewal of a valid license, and does not apply when an application for a license is submitted after a license has expired or has been revoked.

§ 1-113. EXEMPTIONS FROM LOCATIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

- (a) If the Auditor denies the issuance of a license to an applicant because the location of the sexually oriented business establishment is in violation of any section of this Order, then the applicant may, not later than ten (10) calendar days after receiving notice of the denial, file with the County Judge a written request for an exemption from the locational restrictions of this Order.
- (b) If the written request is filed with the County Judge within the ten-day limit, the Commissioners Court shall consider the request. The County Judge shall set a date for a public hearing within sixty (60) days from the date the written request is received.
- (c) A hearing by the Commissioners Court may proceed if a quorum of the Commissioners Court is present. The Commissioners Court shall hear and consider evidence offered by any interested person. The formal rules of evidence do not apply.
- (d) The Commissioners Court may, in its discretion, grant an exemption from the locational restrictions of this Order if it makes the following findings:
 - (1) That the location of the proposed sexually oriented business will not have a detrimental effect on nearby properties or be contrary to the public safety or welfare;
 - (2) That the granting of the exemption will not violate the spirit and intent of this Order;
 - (3) That the location of the proposed sexually oriented business will not downgrade the property values or quality of life in the adjacent areas or encourage the development of urban or rural blight;
 - (4) That the location of an additional sexually oriented business in the area will not be contrary to any program of neighborhood conservation nor will it interfere with any efforts of urban renewal or restoration; and
 - (5) That all other applicable provisions of this Order will be observed.

- (e) The Commissioners Court shall grant or deny the exemption by a majority vote. Failure to reach a majority vote shall result in denial of the exemption. Disputes of fact shall be decided on the basis of a preponderance of the evidence. The decision of the Commissioners Court is final.
- (f) If the Commissioners Court grants the exemption, the exemption is valid for one (1) year from the date of the Commissioners Court's action. Upon the expiration of an exemption, the sexually oriented business is in violation of the locational restrictions of this Order until the applicant applies for and receives another exemption.
- (g) If the Commissioners Court denies the exemption, the applicant may not reapply for an exemption until at least twelve (12) months have elapsed since the date of the Commissioners Court's action.
- (h) The grant of an exemption does not exempt the applicant from any other provisions of this Order other than the locational restrictions.

§ 1-114. ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR ESCORT AGENCIES.

- (a) An escort agency shall not employ any person under the age of eighteen (18) years.
- (b) A person commits an offense if he acts as an escort or agrees to act as an escort for any person under the age of eighteen (18) years.

§ 1-115. ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR NUDE MODEL STUDIOS.

- (a) A nude model studio shall not employ any person under the age of eighteen (18) years.
- (b) A person under the age of eighteen (18) years commits an offense if he appears in a state of nudity or semi-nudity in or on the premises of a nude model studio. It is a defense to prosecution under this section if the person under eighteen (18) years was in a restroom not open to public view or persons of the opposite sex.
- (c) A person commits an offense if he appears in a state of nudity or semi-nudity or knowingly allows another to appear in a state of nudity or semi-nudity in an area of a nude model studio premises which can be viewed from the public right-of-way.
- (d) 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.

**§ 1-116. ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR
ADULT THEATERS AND ADULT MOTION PICTURE THEATERS.**

- (a) A person commits an offense if he knowingly allows a person under the age of eighteen (18) years to appear in a state of nudity or semi-nudity in or on the premises of an adult theater or adult motion picture theater.
- (b) A person under the age of eighteen (18) years commits an offense if he knowingly appears in a state of nudity or semi-nudity in or on the premises of an adult theater or adult motion picture theater.
- (c) It is a defense to prosecution under Subsections (a) and (b) of this section if the person under eighteen (18) years was in a restroom not open to the public view or persons of the opposite sex.

§ 1-117. ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR ADULT MOTELS.

- (a) Evidence that a sleeping room in a hotel, motel, or similar commercial establishment has been rented and vacated two (2) or more times in a period of time that is less than ten (10) hours creates a rebuttable presumption that the establishment is an adult motel as that term is defined in this Order.
- (b) A person commits an offense if, as the person in control of a sleeping room in a hotel, motel, or similar commercial establishment that does not have a sexually oriented business license, he 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.
- (c) For purposes of Subsection (b) of this section, the terms "rent" or "subrent" mean the act of permitting a room to be occupied for any form of consideration.

**§ 1-118. REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO
EXHIBITION OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT FILMS OR VIDEOS.**

- (a) 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 which depicts specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas,

shall comply with the following requirements:

- (1) 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 (1) or more manager's stations, the location of all overhead lighting fixtures, and switches, which lights are controlled by which switches and designating any portion of the premises in which patrons will not be permitted. Only agents or employees shall have access to light switches. 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 permit will be conspicuously posted, if granted. A professionally prepared diagram in the nature of an engineer's or architect's blueprint shall not be required; however, each diagram 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 inches (6"). The Auditor may waive the foregoing diagram for renewal applications if the applicant adopts a diagram that was previously submitted and certifies that the configuration for the premises has not been altered since it was prepared.
- (2) The application shall be sworn to be true and correct by the applicant.
- (3) No alteration in the configuration or location of a manager's station may be made without the prior approval of the Auditor.
- (4) It is the duty of the owners and operator of the premises to ensure that at least one (1) employee is on duty and situated in each manager's station at all times that any patron is present inside the premises.
- (5) The interior of the premises shall be configured in such a manner that there is an unobstructed view from a manager's station of every 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 have two (2) 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 each area of the premises to which any patron is permitted access for any purpose from at least one (1) of the manager's stations. The view required in this subsection must be by direct line of sight from the manager's station.

- (6) It shall be the duty of the owners and operator, and it also shall be the duty of any agents and employees present in the premises to ensure that the view area specified in Subsection (a)(5) of this section remains unobstructed by any doors, walls, merchandise, display racks or other materials at all times that any patron is present on the premises and to ensure that no patron is permitted access to any area of the premises which has been designated as an area in which patrons will not be permitted in the application filed pursuant to Subsection (a)(1) of this section.
 - (7) 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 one (1.0) footcandle as measured at the floor level.
 - (8) It shall be the duty of the owners and operator and it also shall be the duty of any agents and employees present on the premises to ensure that the illumination described above is maintained at all times that any patron is present on the premises.
- (b) A person having a duty under Subsections (a)(1) through (a)(8), above, commits an offense if he or she knowingly fails to fulfill that duty.

**§ 1-119. DISPLAY OF
SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL TO MINORS.**

- (a) A person commits an offense if, in a business establishment open to persons under the age of seventeen (17) years, he displays a book, pamphlet, newspaper, magazine, film, or video cassette, the cover of which depicts, in a manner calculated to arouse sexual lust or passion for commercial gain or to exploit sexual lust or perversion for commercial gain, any of the following:
- (1) human sexual intercourse, masturbation, or sodomy;
 - (2) fondling or other erotic touching of human genitals, pubic region, buttocks, or female breasts;
 - (3) less than completely and opaquely covered human genitals, buttocks, or that portion of the female

breast below the top of the areola; or

- (4) human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state, whether covered or uncovered.
- (b) In this section "display" means to locate an item in such a manner that, without obtaining assistance from an agent or employee of the business establishment:
- (1) it is available to the general public for handling and inspection; or
 - (2) the cover, outside packaging on the item or contents of the item is visible to members of the general public.

§ 1-120. ENFORCEMENT.

- (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, any person violating § 1-112 of this Order, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$3,000.00 for each offense and a separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day during or on which a violation occurs.
- (b) If the sexually oriented business involved is a nude model studio or sexual encounter center, then violation of § 1-103(a) or § 1-112 of this Order is punishable as a Class A misdemeanor.
- (c) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, above, any person violating a provision of this Order other than § 1-112, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$3,000 for each offense and a separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day during or on which a violation occurs.
- (d) It is a defense to prosecution under § 1-103(a), § 1-112 or § 1-115(d) of this Order that a person appearing in a state of nudity or semi-nudity did so in a modeling class operated:
 - (1) by a proprietary school licensed by the State of Texas; a college, junior college, or university supported entirely or partly by taxation;
 - (2) by a private college or university which maintains and operates educational programs in which credits are transferrable to a college, junior college, or university supported entirely or partly by taxation; or
 - (3) in a structure:

- (A) which has no sign visible from the exterior of the structure and no other advertising that indicates a nude or semi-nude person is available for viewing; and
 - (B) where in order to participate in a class a student must enroll at least three (3) days in advance of the class; and
 - (C) where no more than one (1) nude or semi-nude model is on the premises at any one time.
- (e) It is a defense to prosecution under § 1-103(a) or § 1-112 of this Order that each item of descriptive, printed film, or video material offered for sale or rental, taken as a whole, contains serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

§ 1-121. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.

A person who operates or causes to be operated a sexually oriented business without a valid license or in violation of § 1-112 of this Order is subject to a suit for injunction as well as prosecution for criminal violations.

§ 1-122. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or provision of this Order, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall to any extent be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unconstitutional, the remaining sections, subsections, clauses, phrases and provisions of this Order, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated.

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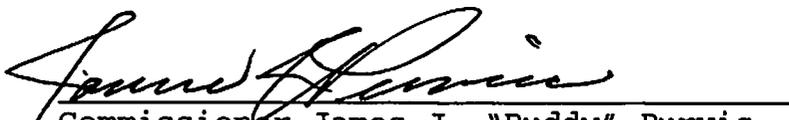
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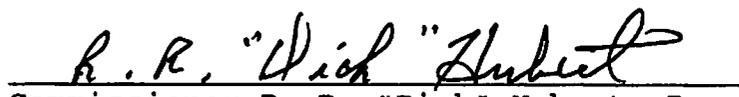
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