

Ordinances Governing  
**SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS**  
in the  
CITY OF ARLINGTON  
TEXAS

Amended by Ordinance No. 22-026

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(Chapter Designator: SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS)

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Date of Adoption</u>	<u>Comments</u>
92-117	11/17/92	Establishing an “Adult Entertainment” Chapter, relative to adult entertainment establishments; providing findings regarding adult entertainment establishments; providing definitions; establishing locational requirements; providing for amortization of nonconforming uses; establishing a licensing procedure; providing additional regulations for adult cabaret, nude model businesses, escort agencies, adult theaters and adult motion picture theaters; establishing procedures for appointment of a license and amortization appeal board.
95-08	01/10/95	Amend Article IV, Section 4.02(B), <u>License Application</u> , relative to payment of fees; Amend Section 4.05(A), <u>Expiration of License</u> , relative to three-month licensing.
95-101	07/25/95	Amend Article IV, Section 4.10, <u>Exemption From Location Restrictions</u> , Subsections (C) through (J), relative to increasing the number of members on the license and amortization appeal board and dividing the board into three panels of three members each.
98-106	08/25/98	Amend <b>Article II, Section 2.01, Definitions</b> , relative to the amendment of the definitions of “Adult Entertainment Establishment”, “Adult Arcade”, “Adult Bookstore or Adult Video Store”, “Adult Cabaret”, “Adult Motel”, “Adult Motion Picture Theater”, “Adult Theater”, “Church”, “Escort Agency”, “Licensee”, “Nude Model Business”, “Operates or Causes To Be Operated”, “Regularly”, “Sexual Encounter Center”, and “Specified Sexual Activities”, the addition of the definitions of “Applicant”, “Chief of Police”, “Conviction” or “Convicted”, “Operator”, and “Premises” and the reformatting of the entire section; Amend <b>Article III, Location of Adult Entertainment Establishments</b> , relative to the location of adult entertainment establishments and nonconforming uses;

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		<p>Amend <b>Article IV</b>, <u>License for Adult Entertainment Establishment</u>, relative to licensing, issuance and denial of license, inspection and maintenance of records, expiration and renewal of license, suspension and revocation of license, appeals, transfer of license and exemption from location restrictions; Amend <b>Article V</b>, <u>Additional Regulations</u>, <b>Section 5.01</b>, <u>Additional Regulations for Adult Cabaret</u>, relative to the regulations of adult cabarets; <b>Section 5.02</b>, <u>Additional Regulations for Escort Agencies</u>, relative to the regulations of escort agencies; <b>Section 5.03</b>, <u>Additional Regulations for Nude Model Businesses</u>, relative to the regulations of nude model businesses; <b>Section 5.04</b>, <u>Additional Regulations for Adult Theaters and Adult Motion Picture Theaters</u>, relative to the regulations of adult theaters and adult motion picture theaters; <b>Section 5.05</b>, <u>Regulations Pertaining to Exhibition of Sexually Explicit Films or Videos</u>, Subsection (A)(3), relative to the approval of the Chief of Police; <b>Section 5.05</b>, Subsections (A)(4), (A)(6), and (A)(9), relative to making the subsections gender neutral; Amend <b>Article VI</b>, <u>Enforcement</u>, by the deletion of <b>Section 6.02</b>.</p>
99-157	12/14/99	<p>Amend <b>Article II</b>, <u>Definitions</u>, <b>Section 2.01</b>, <u>Definitions</u>, relative to the amendment of the definition of “Operator”; Amend <b>Article IV</b>, <u>License for Adult Entertainment Establishment</u>, <b>Section 4.02</b> <u>License Issuance and Grounds for Denial</u> by the addition of <b>Subsection (A)(12)</b> regarding the posting of an outdoor sign by an applicant; Amend <b>Section 4.03</b>, <u>Inspection and Maintenance of Records</u>, <b>Subsection (B)</b>, relative to the records required to be kept and maintained on the premises; Amend <b>Section 4.05</b>, <u>Suspension</u>, relative to the suspension of a license; Amend <b>Section 4.06</b>, <u>Grounds For Revocation</u>, by amending <b>Subsection (A)(1)</b> and adding <b>Subsection (A)(10)</b>, relative to the grounds for revoking a license; Amend <b>Section 4.08</b>, <u>Period of Suspension and Revocation</u>, relative to the</p>

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		periods of suspension; Amend <b>Article V</b> , <u>Additional Regulations</u> , <b>Section 5.01</b> , <u>Additional Regulations For Adult Cabaret</u> , by the addition of <b>Subsection (E)</b> , relative to the posting of signs; by the addition of <b>Subsection (F)</b> , prohibiting the employment of any person under eighteen years of age; by the addition of <b>Subsection (G)</b> , requiring training of employees; by the addition of <b>Subsection (H)</b> , requiring appointment of individual in control of premises; by the addition of <b>Subsection (I)</b> , relative to the duties of the individual in control of the premises; Amend <b>Section 5.03</b> , <u>Additional Regulations For Nude Model Business</u> , by the addition of <b>Subsection (H)</b> , requiring the posting of signs.
02-128	11/26/02	Amend <b>Article IV</b> , <u>License For Adult Entertainment Establishment</u> , by amendment of <b>Section 4.11</b> , <u>Exemption from Location Restrictions</u> , relative to the procedures of the License and Amortization Appeal Board.
03-041	04/01/03	Amend <b>Article II</b> , <u>Definitions</u> , <b>Section 2.01</b> , <u>Definitions</u> , relative to the addition of a definition for “Transfer of Ownership or Control”; Amend <b>Article IV</b> , <u>License for Adult Entertainment Establishment</u> , <b>Section 4.01</b> , <u>License Required</u> , <b>Section 4.05</b> , <u>Suspension</u> , <b>Section 4.06</b> , <u>Grounds for Revocation</u> , <b>Section 4.07</b> , <u>Denial, Suspension and Revocation Procedures</u> , <b>Section 4.08</b> , <u>Period of Suspension or Revocation</u> , <b>Section 4.09</b> , <u>Appeal to District Court</u> , and <b>Section 4.10</b> , <u>Transfer of License</u> , relative to Licensing, Suspension and Revocation; Add <b>Article VII</b> , <u>Enforcement</u> , relative to notices of citations and fines.
03-044	04/15/03	Rename the “ <b>Adult Entertainment</b> ” Chapter to “ <b>Sexually Oriented Business</b> ”; Add <b>Section 1.03</b> , <u>Findings</u> ; Amend <b>Section 2.01</b> , <u>Definitions</u> , including the Definitions of “Nudity”, “Specified Anatomical

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		Areas”, and “Specified Sexual Activities”; Amend <b>Section 3.02, <u>Nonconforming Uses</u></b> ; Amend <b>Article V, <u>Additional Regulations</u></b> , relative to interior design, training and supervision obligations; Add <b>Section 5.06, <u>Additional Regulations Pertaining to Sexually Oriented Bookstores, Sexually Oriented Novelty Stores and Sexually Oriented Video Stores</u></b> ; Add a new <b>Article VI, <u>Miscellaneous</u></b> , relative to hours of operation, prohibition of persons under 18 years of age, performance stages, buffer requirements, interior signs, and demarcation lines; Delete old <b>Article VI, <u>Enforcement</u></b> .
03-088	07/29/03	Amend <b>Article I, <u>Purpose and Intent</u></b> , <b>Section 1.03, <u>Findings</u></b> , Subsections (30) and (33), relative to findings regarding customers or employees in a state of nudity; Amend <b>Article IV, <u>License for Sexually Oriented Business</u></b> , <b>Section 4.01, <u>License Required</u></b> , by the addition of Subsections (I), (J) and (K), relative to building permits; <b>Section 4.02, <u>License Issuance and Grounds for Denial</u></b> , Subsections (A)(6), (A)(10), (A)(10)(c)(1), (A)(10)(c)(2), and (B), relative to changing the reference from deferred adjudication to deferred disposition; <b>Section 4.03, <u>Inspection and Maintenance of Records</u></b> , Subsection (A), relative to inspection; <b>Section 4.05, <u>Suspension</u></b> , Subsections (A)(1), (A)(2), and (A)(3), relative to changing the reference from deferred adjudication to deferred disposition; <b>Section 4.05</b> , Subsection (B), relative to an affirmative defense to suspension; <b>Section 4.06, <u>Grounds for Revocation</u></b> , Subsection (A)(2), and <b>Section 4.07, <u>Denial, Suspension and Revocation Procedures</u></b> , Subsection (B)(4)(b) and (B)(4)(c), relative to changing the reference from deferred adjudication to deferred disposition; Amend <b>Article VI, <u>Miscellaneous</u></b> , <b>Section 6.03, <u>Additional Regulations Concerning Public Nudity</u></b> , by the deletion of the contents of Subsection (A), relative to it being an

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		offense for a person in a sexually oriented business to engage in specified sexual activities.
03-117	11/18/03	Amend <b>Article I, Purpose and Intent, Section 1.03, Findings</b> , relative to the addition of cases and studies; Amend <b>Article VI, Miscellaneous, Section 6.03, Additional Regulations Concerning Public Nudity</b> , Subsection (B), relative to clarification of materials to be used to satisfy the requirements of an “enclosed performance stage”.
04-002	01/06/04	Amend <b>Article V, Additional Regulations, Section 5.01, Additional Regulations for Sexually Oriented Cabaret, Subsection (B)</b> , relative to touching an employee or the clothing of an employee appearing in a state of nudity; Amend <b>Section 5.05, Regulations Pertaining to Exhibition of Sexually Explicit Films, Photographs, Pictures or Videos, Subsection (A), Subsections (A)(10) and (A)(14)</b> , relative to a viewing room or booth of less than 150 square feet; <b>Subsection (A)(15)</b> , relative to live entertainment in any viewing room or booth of less than 500 square feet of floor space; <b>Subsections (A)(16) and (A)(17)</b> , relative to prohibiting a person from appearing in a state of nudity on the premises if it contains a viewing or reading room of less than 500 square feet; Amend <b>Section 5.06, Additional Regulations Pertaining to Sexually Oriented Bookstores, Sexually Oriented Novelty Stores and Sexually Oriented Video Stores, Subsection (A)(14)</b> , relative to an unobstructed view of the entire interior of a viewing room or booth; <b>Subsections (A)(16) and (A)(17)</b> , relative to prohibiting a person from appearing in a state of nudity on the premises if it contains a viewing or reading room of less than 500 square feet.
04-032	03/23/04	Amend <b>Article III, Location of Sexually Oriented Businesses, Section 3.02, Nonconforming Sexually Oriented Business</b> , Subsection (A), relative to the

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		termination of nonconforming status; Amend <b>Article IV</b> , <u>License for Sexually Oriented Business</u> , <b>Section 4.09</b> , <u>Appeal to District Court</u> , relative to the issuance of a provisional license; <b>Section 4.11</b> , <u>Exemption From Location Restrictions</u> , Subsection (B), relative to License and Amortization Appeal Board hearings; Add <b>Section 4.12</b> , <u>Administrative Review Relating to Request for Provisional License</u> .
04-036	04/13/04	Amend <b>Article III</b> , <u>Location of Sexually Oriented Businesses</u> , <b>Section 3.02</b> , <u>Nonconforming Sexually Oriented Business</u> , Subsection (A), relative to the termination of nonconforming status.
07-023	04/10/07	Amend <b>Article II</b> , <u>Definitions</u> , <b>Section 2.01</b> , <u>Definitions</u> , by the amendment of the definitions of “Church,” “Residential District” and “Residential Use.”
08-030	05/06/08	Amend <b>Article IV</b> , <u>License for Sexually Oriented Business</u> , <b>Section 4.11</b> , <u>Exemption from Location Restrictions</u> , <b>Subsection (D)</b> , and by the addition of <b>Subsection (J)</b> .
08-064	08/19/08	Amend <b>Article II</b> , <u>Definitions</u> , <b>Section 2.01</b> , <u>Definitions</u> , by the amendment of the definition of “Entertainment District.”
22-026	06/28/22	Amend <b>Article II</b> , <u>Definitions</u> , <b>Section 2.01</b> , by the amendment of the definition of “Employee” and the addition of the definition of “Hearing Official”; <b>Article III</b> , <u>Location of Sexually Oriented Businesses</u> , by the amendment of <b>Section 3.01</b> , <b>Subsection (A)</b> ; and renaming and amending <b>Section 3.02</b> ; <b>Article IV</b> , <u>License for Sexually Oriented Business</u> , by the amendment of <b>Section 4.01</b> , <b>Subsection (B)</b> ; <b>Section 4.02</b> , <b>Subsection (A)(2)</b> ; <b>Section 4.03</b> , <b>Subsections (A), (B), (D) and (F)</b> ; <b>Section 4.05</b> , <b>Subsection (A)</b> ; <b>Section 4.07</b> , <b>Subsection (B)(4), (B)(5)</b> , and the

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		<p>addition of a new <b>Subsection (B)(6)</b> and the renumbering of the remaining subsection; <b>Section 4.09, Subsection (A)</b>; the deletion of <b>Section 4.11</b>, and the amendment and renumbering of the current <b>Section 4.12; Article V, <u>Additional Regulations</u></b>, by the amendment of <b>Section 5.01, Subsections (C) and (F); Section 5.02, Subsection (A); Section 5.03, Subsection (A) and (E); and Section 5.04, Subsection (A); Article VI, <u>Miscellaneous</u></b>, by the amendment of <b>Section 6.02</b>; and <b>Article VII, <u>Enforcement</u></b>, by renaming and amending <b>Section 7.01</b>; and the amendment of <b>Section 7.02</b>; relative to removing the License and Amortization Appeal Board and other related obsolete provisions, reassigning the License and Amortization Appeal Board's remaining functions, ensuring that various provisions comply with new state laws enacted during the 2021 legislative session, revising procedural aspects of the license and hearing process as well as the denial, suspension, and revocation processes, and updating inspection, enforcement, and penalty provisions.</p>



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**ARTICLE I****PURPOSE AND INTENT****Section 1.01 Adoption of Preamble**

The findings contained in the preamble of this ordinance are determined to be true and correct and are adopted as a part of this ordinance.

**Section 1.02 Purpose and Intent**

It is the purpose of this Chapter to regulate Sexually Oriented Businesses to promote the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the citizens of the City, and to establish reasonable and uniform regulations to prevent the continued concentration of Sexually Oriented Businesses within the City. The provisions of this Chapter 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 Chapter 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.

**Section 1.03 Findings**

Based on evidence concerning the adverse secondary effects of Sexually Oriented Businesses on the community presented in hearings and in reports made available to the Council, and on findings incorporated in the cases of *City of Renton v. Playtime Theatres, Inc.*, 475 U.S. 41 (1986); *Young v. American Mini Theatres*, 427 U.S. 50 (1976); *FW/PBS, Inc. v. City of Dallas*, 493 U.S. 215 (1990); *Barnes v. Glen Theatre, Inc.*, 501 U.S. 560 (1991); *City of Erie v. Pap's A.M.*, 529 U.S. 277, 120 S. Ct. 1382 (2000); *City of Los Angeles v. Alameda Books, Inc.*, 122 S. Ct. 1728 (2002); *Baby Dolls Topless Saloons, Inc. v. City of Dallas*, 295 F.3d 471 (5th Cir. 2002); *LLEH, Inc. v. Wichita County, Texas*, 289 F.3d 358 (5th Cir. 2002); *Mitchell v. Commission on Adult Entertainment*, 10 F.3d 123 (3rd Cir. 1993); *Schultz v. City of Cumberland*, 228 F.3d 831 (7th Cir. 2000); *Hang On, Inc. v. City of Arlington*, 65 F.3d 1248 (5th Cir. 1995); 2300,

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*Inc. v. City of Arlington*, 888 S.W.2d 123 (Tex. App. - Fort Worth, 1994); *Colacurcio v. City of Kent*, 163 F.3d 545 (9th Cir. 1998), cert denied, 529 U.S. 1053 (2000); *Kev, Inc. v. Kitsap County*, 793 F.2d 1053 (9th Cir. 1986); *Center for Fair Public Policy v. Maricopa County*, 336 F.3d 1153 (9th Cir. 2003); *DLS, Inc. v. Chattanooga*, 107 F.3d 403 (6th Cir. 1997); *Jake's, Ltd., Inc. v. Coates*, 384 F.3d 884 (8th Cir. 2002); and on studies, reports and/or testimony in other communities including, but not limited to: Phoenix, Arizona; Minneapolis, Minnesota; St. Paul, Minnesota; Houston, Texas; Indianapolis, Indiana; Dallas, Texas; Amarillo, Texas; Garden Grove, California; Los Angeles, California; Whittier, California; Austin, Texas; Seattle, Washington; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Cleveland, Ohio; Beaumont, Texas; Newport News, Virginia; Bellevue, Washington; New York, New York; St. Croix County, Wisconsin; Kitsap County, Washington; Los Angeles, California Police Department (dated August 12, 2003); Arlington, Texas, License and Amortization Appeal Board hearings, 2001 and 2002; Arlington Community Health Profile (dated July 2003); a summary of land use studies compiled by the National Law Center for Children and Families; and also on findings from the *Report of the Attorney General's Working Group On The Regulation Of Sexually Oriented Businesses* (June 6, 1989, State of Minnesota), the Council finds:

1. Sexually Oriented Businesses lend themselves to ancillary unlawful and unhealthy activities that are presently uncontrolled by the operators of the establishments. Further, absent municipal regulation aimed at reducing adverse secondary effects there is no mechanism to make the owners of these establishments responsible for the activities that occur on their premises.
2. Certain employees of Sexually Oriented Businesses, defined in this Ordinance as Sexually Oriented Theater, Nude Model Business, Escort Agency, and Sexually Oriented Cabaret, engage in higher incidence of certain types of illicit sexual behavior than employees of other establishments.
3. Sexual acts, including masturbation, prostitution, sexual contact, and oral and anal sex, occur at Sexually Oriented Businesses, especially those which provide private or semi-private booths or cubicles, or rooms for viewing films, videos, or live sex shows.

4. Offering and providing private or semi-private areas in Sexually Oriented Businesses encourages such sexual activities, which creates unhealthy conditions.
5. Persons frequent certain Sexually Oriented Theaters, Sexually Oriented Arcades, and other Sexually Oriented Businesses for the purpose of engaging in sex within the premises of such Sexually Oriented Businesses.
6. 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.
7. Since 1981 and to the present, there has been an increasing cumulative number of reported cases of AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome) caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in the United States: 600 in 1982; 2,200 in 1983; 4,600 in 1984; 8,555 in 1985, and 253,448 through December 31, 1992.
8. As of December 31, 2001, there have been 57,199 reported cases of AIDS in the State of Texas.
9. Since the early 1980s and to the present, there has been an increasing cumulative number of persons testing positive for the HIV antibody test in Tarrant County, Texas and across the State of Texas.
10. The number of cases of early (less than one year) syphilis in the United States reported annually has risen, with 33,613 cases reported in 1982, and 45,200 through November, 1990. According to Texas Department of Health records there were 1,175 cases of early syphilis reported in the State of Texas during 2000 and an additional 972 cases reported in 2001.
11. The number of cases of gonorrhea in the United States reported annually remains at a high level, with over one-half million cases being reported in 1990. Again, according to Texas Department of Health records there were 32,895 cases of gonorrhea reported in the State of Texas during 2000 and an additional 30,116 cases reported in 2001. During the same time period there were also 138,692 cases of chlamydia reported in the State of Texas. [Arlington Community Health Profile (dated July 2003)]

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12. In his report of October 22, 1986, the Surgeon General of the United States has advised the American public that AIDS and HIV infection may be transmitted through sexual contact, intravenous drug abuse, exposure to infected blood and blood components, and from an infected mother to her newborn.
13. According to the best scientific evidence, AIDS and HIV infection, as well as syphilis and gonorrhea, are principally transmitted by sexual acts.
14. 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 failure of the owners and the operators of the facilities to self-regulate those activities and maintain those facilities.
15. Numerous studies and reports have determined that semen is found in the areas of Sexually Oriented Businesses where persons view "sexually oriented" films.
16. Sexually Oriented Businesses have operational characteristics which should be reasonably regulated in order to protect substantial governmental concerns.
17. A reasonable licensing procedure is an appropriate mechanism to place the burden of that reasonable regulation on the owners and the operators of the Sexually Oriented Businesses. Further, such a licensing procedure will place an incentive on the 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 City. 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.
18. Removal of doors on booths and requiring sufficient lighting on premises with booths advances a substantial governmental interest in curbing the illegal and unsanitary sexual activity occurring in Sexually Oriented Theaters.
19. Requiring licensees of Sexually Oriented Businesses to keep information regarding current employees and certain past employees will help reduce the incidence

- of certain types of criminal behavior by facilitating the identification of potential witnesses or suspects and by preventing minors from working in such establishments.
20. 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.
  21. In the prevention of the spread of communicable diseases, it is desirable to obtain a limited amount of information regarding certain employees who may engage in the conduct that this Ordinance is designed to prevent, or who are likely to be witnesses to such conduct.
  22. The fact that an applicant for a Sexually Oriented Business license has been convicted of a sexually related crime leads to the rational assumption that the applicant may engage in that conduct in contravention of this Ordinance. There is a correlation between Sexually Oriented Businesses, specifically their hours of operation and the type of people which such businesses attract, and higher crime rates. [*Baby Dolls Topless Saloons, Inc. v. City of Dallas*, 295 F.3d 471 (5th Cir. 2002)].
  23. The barring of such individuals from the management of Sexually Oriented Businesses for a period of years serves as a deterrent to, and prevents conduct which leads to, the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases.
  24. It is reasonably believed that to better protect the public health, safety, and welfare, it is necessary to adopt additional amendments to this chapter.
  25. It is reasonably believed that to prevent the exploitation of a loophole in the Ordinance (which would have permitted such businesses to avoid the location restrictions), partially nude performances in such businesses are also included within the purview of the regulations, since they have the same harmful secondary effects on the surrounding community as Sexually Oriented Businesses currently regulated under

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- the Ordinance. [*Baby Dolls Topless Saloons, Inc. v. City of Dallas*, 295 F.3d 471 (5th Cir. 2002)].
26. There is no Constitutional right for Sexually Oriented Business employees in a state of nudity to touch customers. [*Hang On, Inc. v. City of Arlington*, 65 F.3d 1248 (5th Cir. 1995)]
  27. One court has characterized the acts of Sexually Oriented Business employees in a state of nudity and being paid to touch or be touched by customers as prostitution. [*People v. Hill*, 2002 Ill. App. LEXIS 792 (Ill. App. 2 Dist. Sep. 4, 2002); See also, Tex. Penal Code Sections 43.01 ("sexual conduct" and "sexual contact") and 43.02 ("prostitution")].
  28. Attempts by the City of Arlington to require Sexually Oriented Businesses to advise customers and employees in a state of nudity to refrain from intentionally touching and fondling each other through signage posted at the business entrance have not been effective.
  29. Sexually Oriented Businesses have not complied with the "no touch" provisions, but have flagrantly disregarded them and/or encouraged employees and customers to violate the "no touch" provision.
  30. Provocative touching between customers and employees in a Sexually Oriented Business where at least one is in a state of nudity frequently leads to the commission of sex crimes, illegal drug use, and increased health risks due to sexually transmitted diseases.
  31. Compelling signage at the entrances of Sexually Oriented Businesses has not been effective in halting "no touch" violations.
  32. The City of Arlington has had to expend considerable law enforcement resources to enforce the "no touch" provisions.
  33. The City Council reasonably believes that requiring employees in a state of nudity to be physically separated from customers by the use of elevated stages and buffer zones is necessary to better ensure ordinance compliance while still not inhibiting constitutionally protected expressive conduct or speech. [*LLEH, Inc. v. Wichita County, Texas*, 289 F.3d 358 (5th Cir. 2002)]



34. It is reasonably believed by the City Council that the general welfare, health, and safety of the citizens of the City will be promoted by the enactment of this Ordinance.
35. The findings noted in Subsections (1) through (33) raise substantial governmental concerns. (Amend Ord 03-117, 11/18/03)

**ARTICLE II**

**DEFINITIONS**

**Section 2.01 Definitions**

Unless otherwise expressly stated, the following terms shall, for the purposes of this Chapter, have the meanings indicated in this section.

**“Applicant”** means a person or persons listed as such on an application for a license as a Sexually Oriented Business.

**“Business Days”** means the days of the week from Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

**“Chief of Police”** means the Chief of Police, Assistant Chief of Police or Deputy Chief of Police. In Sections 4.01, 4.02 and 4.04 of this Ordinance, Chief of Police shall also mean a member of the Police Department Covert Operations Unit designated by the Chief of Police.

**“Church”** means a building, or portion of a building, whether situated within the city or not, in which persons regularly assemble for religious worship and said building or portion of a building is intended primarily for purposes connected with such worship or for propagating a particular form of religious belief. (Amend Ord 07-023, 4/10/07)

**“Customer”** means any person who:

1. is allowed to enter a Sexually Oriented Business in return for the payment of an admission fee or any other form of consideration or gratuity; or
2. enters a Sexually Oriented Business and purchases, rents or otherwise partakes of any merchandise, goods, entertainment or other services offered therein; or
3. is a member of and on the premises of a Sexually Oriented Business operating as a private club.

**“Conviction” or “convicted”** means a finding of guilty by a court of record, regardless of whether an appeal is pending.

**“Day”** means, unless otherwise indicated, calendar days.

**“Employee”** means any person, including an independent contractor, who renders any service whatsoever to the customers of a Sexually Oriented Business or who works in or about a Sexually Oriented Business and who receives compensation for such service or work from the operator or owner of the Sexually Oriented Business or from the customers therein. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)

**“Entertainment District”** means the Entertainment District, as set out in Resolution No. 92-725, or any subsequent resolutions or ordinances establishing the Entertainment District or Entertainment Overlay District, except the eastern boundary of such district for purposes of this definition shall be the west right-of-way line of State Highway 360, from the north line of Interstate 30 on the north and the south line of Division Street on the south. (Amend Ord 08-064, 8/19/08)

**“Escort”** means a person who, for consideration, agrees or offers to act as a companion or date for another person, or who agrees or offers to privately model lingerie or to privately perform a striptease for another person.

**“Escort Agency”** means a person or business association that furnishes, offers to furnish or advertises to furnish escorts as its principal business purpose, for a fee, tip or other consideration.

**“Hearing Official”** means any person appointed by the City Manager or his or her designee to conduct hearings under this Chapter. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)

**“Licensee”** means a person in whose name a license to operate a Sexually Oriented Business has been issued, as well as any and all individuals listed as applicants, owners or licensees on the application for a license.

**“Licensed Day Care Center”** means a facility licensed by the State of Texas, whether situated within the City or not, that provides care, training, education, custody treatment or supervision for more than six (6) 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.

**“Nude Model Business”** means any place where a person who appears in a state of nudity or displays “specified anatomical areas” is provided or allowed to be observed, sketched, drawn, painted, sculptured, photographed or similarly depicted by other persons who pay money or give any other form of consideration. Nude model business shall not include those activities excepted from the below definition of Sexually Oriented Business.

**“Nudity or A State of Nudity”** means:

1. The appearance of a human bare buttock, vulva, anus, anal cleft with less than a full opaque covering, male genitals, female genitals or female breast; or
2. A state of dress which fails to completely and opaquely cover a human buttock, vulva, anus, male genitals, female genitals or any part of the female breast or breasts that is situated below a point immediately above the top of the areola of the female breast.

**“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, licensee or manager of the establishment.

**“Operator”** means an individual who is in control of the operations of a Sexually Oriented Business, including, but not limited to, a person designated by the licensee under Section 5.01(H) of this Chapter. This control can be either on an hourly basis, daily basis, weekly basis, or shift basis, or any combination thereof. An operator includes, but is not limited to manager, assistant manager, house mother, floor manager, or shift manager.

**“Person”** means an individual, proprietorship, partnership, corporation, association or other legal entity.

**“Premises”** means the grounds and all building, vehicles, and appurtenances pertaining to the grounds, including any adjacent premises if they are directly or indirectly under the control of the same person.

**“Principal”** means over fifty percent (50%) of customers, volume of sales, revenue, stock in trade, display areas, floor space, advertising, or presentation time in any three (3) month increment period beginning from the date of issuance of a certificate of occupancy. Stock in trade shall be measured with all titles or objects available on the premises for sale or rental including those that are identical, considered a separate title or object.

**“Regularly”** means featuring, promoting, permitting to occur or advertising a happening or occurrence on a recurring basis.

**“Residential District”** means a residentially zoned district. For purposes of this Chapter, a “residential use” may exist even in the absence of a corresponding “residential district.” (Amend Ord 07-023, 4/10/07)

**“Residential Use”** means a single family, townhouse, duplex, mobile home or multifamily use. (Amend Ord 07-023, 4/10/07)

**“Sexual Encounter Center”** means a commercial establishment to which the public is permitted or invited, which as its principal business purpose, offers for any form of consideration:

1. physical contact in the form of specified sexual activities between persons of the same or opposite sex; or
2. activities between male and female persons and/or persons of the same sex when one (1) or more of the persons is in a state of nudity.

**“Sexually Oriented Business”** means:

1. A Sexually Oriented Arcade, Sexually Oriented Bookstore or Sexually Oriented Video Store, Sexually Oriented Cabaret, Sexually Oriented Motel, Sexually Oriented Theater, Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theater, Escort Agency, Nude Model Business or Sexual Encounter Center; and/or
2. Any establishment whose principal business is the offering of a service or the selling, renting or exhibiting of devices or any other items intended to provide sexual stimulation or sexual gratification to its customers, and which is distinguished by or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas; or whose employees or customers appear in a state of nudity.
3. The term “Sexually Oriented Business” shall not be construed to include:
  - a. Any business operated by or employing a licensed psychologist, licensed physical therapist, licensed masseuse, licensed vocational nurse, registered nurse, licensed athletic trainer, licensed cosmetologist, or licensed barber engaged in performing the normal and customary functions authorized under the license held;
  - b. Any business operated by or employing a licensed physician or licensed chiropractor engaged in practicing the healing arts;
  - c. Any retail establishment whose principal business is the offering of wearing apparel for sale to customers and that does not exhibit merchandise on live models; or
  - d. An activity conducted or sponsored:

- (1) By a proprietary school licensed by the State of Texas or a college, junior college or university supported entirely or partly by taxation;  
or
- (2) By a private college or university which maintains or operates educational programs in which credits are transferable to a college, junior college, or university supported entirely or partly by taxation;

And any activity conducted or sponsored by an entity identified in subparagraph (1) or (2) must be situated in a structure:

- (a) which has no sign or other advertising visible from the exterior of the structure indicating a 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 model is on the premises at any one time.

**“Sexually Oriented Arcade”** means any commercial establishment 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 time, and where the images so displayed are distinguished or characterized by the depicting or describing of “specified sexual activities” or “specified anatomical areas.”

**“Sexually Oriented Bookstore or Sexually Oriented Video Store”** means a commercial establishment to which the public is permitted or invited which, as its principal business purpose, offers for sale or rental for any form of consideration any one (1) 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 which depict or describe “specified sexual activities” or “specified anatomical areas”; or
2. instruments, devices, or paraphernalia which are designed for use in connection with “specified sexual activities.” This does not include items used for birth control or for prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.

**“Sexually Oriented Cabaret”** means a nightclub, bar, restaurant or similar commercial establishment which regularly has:

1. persons who appear in a state of nudity; or
2. live performances which 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, closed-circuit television transmissions, cable television transmissions, subscriber programming, any disk, diskette, or other physical medium that allows an image to be displayed on a computer or other video screen and any image transmitted to a computer or other video screen by telephone line, cable, satellite transmission or other method, which are characterized by the depiction or description of “specified sexual activities” or “specified anatomical areas.”

**“Sexually Oriented Motel”** means a hotel, motel or similar commercial establishment which:

1. offers accommodations to the public for any form of consideration; provides patrons with closed-circuit television transmissions, cable television transmissions, subscriber programming, any disk, diskette, or other physical medium that allows an image to be displayed on a computer or other video screen and any image transmitted to a computer or other video screen by telephone line, cable, satellite transmission or other method, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides or other photographic reproductions which 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 material; 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.

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 business is a Sexually Oriented Motel.

**“Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theater”** means a commercial establishment to which the public is permitted or invited where, for any form of consideration, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides or similar photographic reproductions, any disk, diskette, or other physical medium that allows an image to be displayed on a computer or other video screen and any image transmitted to a computer or other video screen by telephone

line, cable, satellite transmission or other method, are regularly shown which are characterized by the depiction or description of “specified sexual activities” or “specified anatomical areas.”

**“Sexually Oriented Theater”** means a theater, concert hall, auditorium or similar commercial establishment to which the public is permitted or invited which 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.”

**“Specified Anatomical Areas”** means:

1. human genitals in a state of sexual arousal or simulated to be in a state of sexual arousal, even if completely and opaquely covered; or
2. any of the following, or any combination of the following, when less than completely and opaquely covered:
  - a. any human genitals, pubic region, or pubic hair;
  - b. any buttock; or
  - c. any portion of the female breast or breasts that is situated below a point immediately above the top of the areola.

**“Specified Sexual Activities”** means and includes any of the following:

1. the fondling or other erotic touching of another's or one's own human genitals, pubic region, pubic hair, perineum, buttocks, anus or female breasts;
2. sex acts, actual or simulated, including intercourse, oral copulation, sodomy or bestiality;
3. masturbation, actual or simulated, of oneself or another; or
4. excretory functions as part of or in connection with, any of the activities set forth in (1) through (3) above.

**“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 which 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 which transfers the ownership or control of the business, except for transfer by bequest or other operation of law upon the death of the person possessing the ownership or control.  
(Amend Ord 03-044, 4/15/03)

**ARTICLE III****LOCATION OF SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES****Section 3.01 Location**

- A. A Sexually Oriented Business shall be located within a specific zoning district as set forth in the “Unified Development Code” Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)
- B. A person commits an offense if he establishes, operates or causes to be operated or expanded a Sexually Oriented Business within 1,000 feet of:
1. a church;
  2. a public or private elementary or secondary school;
  3. a boundary of a residential district;
  4. a boundary of the Entertainment District as defined in this Chapter;
  5. a licensed day care center;
  6. a public park; or
  7. the property line of a lot devoted to a residential use as defined in this Chapter.

However, if there is a controlled access highway between the district boundary/property line and the Sexually Oriented Business, the Sexually Oriented Business must be at least five hundred (500) feet from such district boundary/property line.

- C. A person commits an offense if he establishes, operates or causes to be operated or expanded a Sexually Oriented Business within 1,000 feet of any other Sexually Oriented Business.
- D. A person commits an offense if he establishes, operates or causes to be operated or expanded a Sexually Oriented Business in any building, structure or portion thereof containing another Sexually Oriented Business.
- E. For the purposes of Subsection (B), 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 tenant space occupied for a Sexually Oriented Business to the nearest property line of the premises of a church, public or private elementary or secondary school, licensed day care center, or to the nearest boundary of an affected public park, residential district, Entertainment District or residential lot.

- F. For purposes of Subsection (C) 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. If the establishment is located within a structure with multiple spaces available for occupancy, the measurement will be from the closest wall of the tenant space occupied by the Sexually Oriented Business.

### **Section 3.02 Conforming Sexually Oriented Business**

A Sexually Oriented Business lawfully operating as a conforming Sexually Oriented Business is not rendered a nonconforming use by the location, subsequent to the commencement of operation of the Sexually Oriented Business, of a church, public or private elementary or secondary school, public park, licensed day care center, Entertainment District, residential use or residential zoning district within 1,000 feet of the Sexually Oriented Business. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)

**ARTICLE IV****LICENSE FOR SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS****Section 4.01 License Required**

- A. A person commits an offense if the person operates or causes to operate a Sexually Oriented Business without a valid license, issued by the City for the particular type of business.
- B. Any person, association, firm, partnership or corporation desiring to obtain a Sexually Oriented Business license shall make application on a form provided by the Chief of Police. 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"). In addition, the application must be accompanied by a current employee list including all employees having worked for the applicant within the last six (6) months and all employees currently working for the applicant. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)
- C. The applicant must be qualified according to the provisions of this article.
- D. An individual person who wishes to operate a Sexually Oriented Business 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 Section 4.02, and each applicant shall be considered a licensee if a license is granted.
- E. The fact that a person possesses other types of State or City permits does not exempt that person from the requirement of obtaining a license for a Sexually Oriented Business.
- F. The provisions of this article shall apply to existing Sexually Oriented Businesses beginning ninety (90) days after the effective date of Ordinance No. 92-117.
- G. All applications for a license under this article shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee. The annual fee is Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). An application shall not be considered to have been received until the fee is paid and all information required by the application form has been submitted. The application fee shall not be prorated in the event an application is tendered before or during the licensing period.

- H. An applicant for a Sexually Oriented Business must first obtain a Certificate of Occupancy for a Sexually Oriented Business from the Building Official. The Building Official shall issue or deny a Certificate of Occupancy to a Sexually Oriented Business not more than sixty (60) business days subsequent to the date of the applicant's submission of such application to the City's Office of Building Inspections. Such application for a Certificate of Occupancy shall be deemed approved if not approved or denied within such time period.
- I. If an applicant for a Sexually Oriented Business requires a building permit under applicable city ordinances, the Building Official shall cause all building, fire, health and other necessary permits to be issued within thirty (30) business days subsequent to the date of the applicant's submission of an application to the City's Office of Building Inspections. The Building Official shall cause all necessary inspections to occur within five (5) business days of the applicant's request for an inspection made to the Building Official. Such application shall be deemed approved if not approved or denied within such time period. The applicant must specify on the face of its application that the proposed use is for a sexually oriented business and give the name and address of the applicant's contact person for all communications and notices.
- J. Notwithstanding any other ordinance, an applicant for a Sexually Oriented Business may appeal any decision of the Building Official by filing suit in the appropriate county court at law within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of notice of decision or the expiration of the deadlines set forth in (H) or (I) above. The filing of such suit shall have the effect of staying denial of such building permit or certificate of occupancy pending a judicial determination. A provisional permit or certificate shall be granted upon the filing of a court action to appeal the denial of such permit or certificate. The provisional permit or certificate will expire upon entry of judgment on such appeal.
- K. A licensee or operator commits an offense if the licensee or operator fails to display a legible copy of the complete provisional permit or certificate described in Subsection 4.01(J), if applicable, on the exterior of the Sexually Oriented Business premises. Such copy of the provisional permit or certificate must be prominently and continuously displayed where customers enter the premises and immediately adjacent to such entrances. (Amend Ord 03-088, 7/29/03)

#### **Section 4.02 License Issuance and Grounds for Denial**

- A. The Chief of Police shall approve the issuance of a license to an applicant within thirty (30) days after receipt of an application, unless the Chief of Police finds one (1) or more of the following to be true:

1. The location of the Sexually Oriented Business is or would be in violation of Article III of this Chapter.
2. The applicant failed to supply all of the information requested on the application; the applicant failed to submit an accurate and current employee list under Section 4.01(B); or the application is incomplete or does not otherwise meet the requirements of this Chapter. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)
3. The applicant gave false, fraudulent or untruthful information on the application.
4. An applicant is under eighteen (18) years of age.
5. An applicant or an applicant's spouse is overdue in payment to the City 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.
6. An applicant or an applicant's spouse has been convicted or placed on deferred disposition, probation or community supervision for a violation of a provision of this Chapter, within two (2) years immediately preceding the application. The fact that a conviction is being appealed shall have no effect. (Amend Ord 03-088, 7/29/03)
7. The license fee required by this Article has not been paid.
8. The applicant has not demonstrated that the owner of the Sexually Oriented Business owns or holds a lease for the property or the applicable portion thereof upon which the Sexually Oriented Business will be situated or has a legally enforceable right to acquire the same.
9. An applicant or the proposed establishment is in violation of or is not in compliance with Sections 4.03 or 4.10, or Sections 5.03(H), 5.05(A)(1), 5.05(A)(5), 5.06(A)(1), or 5.06(A)(5), as applicable.
10. An applicant or an applicant's spouse has been convicted or placed on deferred disposition, probation, or community supervision for:  
  - a. Any offense under the laws of the United States of America, another state or the Uniform Code of Military Justice for an offense described in this Section 4.02(A)(10); or

b. Any of the below offenses of the State of Texas or criminal attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit same:

(1) Any of the following offenses as described in Chapter 43 of the Texas Penal Code:

- (a) Prostitution;
- (b) Promotion of prostitution;
- (c) Aggravated promotion of prostitution;
- (d) Compelling prostitution;
- (e) Obscenity;
- (f) Sale, distribution or display of harmful material to a minor;
- (g) Sexual performance by a child;
- (h) Possession of child pornography;

(2) Any of the following offenses as described in Chapter 21 of the Texas Penal Code:

- (a) Public lewdness;
- (b) Indecent exposure;
- (c) Indecency with a child;

(3) Sexual assault or aggravated sexual assault as described in Chapter 22 of the Texas Penal Code; or

(4) Incest, solicitation of a child or harboring a runaway child as described in Chapter 25 of the Texas Penal Code;

c. For which:

(1) Less than two (2) years have elapsed since the date of conviction, or the date of release from the terms of community supervision, probation, parole or deferred disposition or the date of release from confinement imposed

for the conviction, whichever is the later date, if the conviction is of a misdemeanor offense; or

- (2) Less than five (5) years have elapsed since the date of conviction, or the date of release from the terms of community supervision, probation, parole or deferred disposition or the date of release from confinement for the conviction, whichever is the later date, if the conviction is of a felony offense; or (Amend Ord 03-088, 7/29/03)
  - (3) Less than five (5) years have elapsed since the date of the last conviction or 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 twenty-four (24) month period.
11. The applicant or the applicant's spouse is required to register as a sex offender under the provisions of Chapter 62 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.
  12. The applicant failed to comply with any of the requirements of Section 243.0075 of the Texas Local Government Code regarding the posting of an outdoor sign.
- B. An applicant, or applicant's spouse, who has been convicted of or placed on deferred disposition, probation or community supervision for an offense listed in Section 4.02(A)(10) may qualify for a Sexually Oriented Business license only when the time period required by Section 4.02(A)(10)(c) has elapsed. (Amend Ord 03-088, 7/29/03)
  - 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.
  - D. The license shall be posted in a conspicuous place at or near the entrance to the Sexually Oriented Business, so that it is visible to the public at all times and may be easily read.

#### **Section 4.03 Inspection and Maintenance of Records**

- A. A licensee, operator or employee of a Sexually Oriented Business shall be subject to regulation under this Chapter. Representatives of the Police Department, Health



- Services, Fire Department, Building Inspections, Code Compliance Services, and other authorized City representatives may inspect all portions of the premises where customers are allowed for the purpose of ensuring compliance with this Chapter at any time it is occupied or open for business, as allowed by law. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)
- B. A licensee or operator of a Sexually Oriented Business commits an offense if the person operates the establishment without maintaining a current list of all employees of the business along with a complete employment file for each employee. The employment file shall be maintained on the premises and must include the following information for each employee:
1. Full legal name;
  2. All aliases or stage names;
  3. Date of birth;
  4. Hair color, eye color, height and weight;
  5. Race and gender;
  6. Current residence address and phone number;
  7. Legible copy of valid driver's license or other government issued personal identification card containing the employee's photograph and date of birth;
  8. Date of commencement of employment or contractual relationship with the sexually oriented business; and
  9. Original color photograph with a full-face view that accurately depicts the employee's appearance at the time the employee commenced an employment or contractual relationship with the sexually oriented business. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)
- C. A licensee or operator of a Sexually Oriented Business commits an offense if the person refuses to permit a lawful inspection of the records and premises by a representative of the Police Department at any time the Sexually Oriented Business is occupied or open for business.
- D. The licensee or operator of a Sexually Oriented Business shall maintain all records required to be maintained under the provisions of this Chapter and Texas Labor Code § 51.016, as amended, on the licensed premises. The licensee or operator of a Sexually Oriented Business shall register and participate in the E-Verify program

- to verify information of all employees as required by Texas Labor Code § 51.016, as amended, of the Labor Code as later amended. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)
- E. The licensee or operator of a Sexually Oriented Business commits an offense if the person does not maintain the required records on the premises of the licensed establishment.
  - F. A licensee, operator or employee of a Sexually Oriented Business shall permit representatives of the Police Department to take photographs of the licensee, operator or employees of the Sexually Oriented Business for the purpose of ensuring compliance with this Chapter at any time it is occupied or open for business, as allowed by law. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)
  - G. A licensee, operator or employee of a Sexually Oriented Business commits an offense if that person does not permit representatives of the Police Department to take photographs of the licensee, operator or employee of the Sexually Oriented Business at any time it is occupied or open for business.
  - H. The provisions of this section do not apply to areas of a Sexually Oriented Motel which are currently being rented by a customer for use as a permanent or temporary habitation.

#### **Section 4.04 Expiration and Renewal of License**

- A. Each license shall expire one year after the date of issuance.
- B. Renewal of a license may be applied for by submission to the Chief of Police of an application on the form prescribed by such official and payment of a nonrefundable renewal processing fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).
- C. Application for renewal shall be made at least thirty (30) days before the expiration date of the current license.

#### **Section 4.05 Suspension**

- A. Subject to Section 4.05(B), the Chief of Police shall suspend a Sexually Oriented Business license if the Chief of Police determines that a licensee(s), operator(s) or employee(s) of a licensee (or any combination thereof) has/have:
  - 1. (a) On five (5) or more occasions within any twelve (12) month period of time been cited for or charged with a violation of Sections 6.02, 6.03, 6.04 or any of the provisions of Article V of this Chapter; (b) been convicted or

placed on deferred disposition or probation for the violations; and (c) the Chief of Police determines that notice of the citations, if required, has been sent to the licensee in accordance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter; or

2. (a) On five (5) or more occasions within any twelve (12) month period of time been cited for or charged with a violation of Section 4.03 of this Chapter; (b) been convicted or placed on deferred disposition or probation for the violations; and (c) the Chief of Police determines that notice of the citations, if required, has been sent to the licensee in accordance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter; or
3. (a) Been cited for or charged with any combination of offenses under subsections (1) or (2) above that total five (5) within any twelve (12) month period of time; (b) been convicted or placed on deferred disposition or probation for the violations; and (c) the Chief of Police determines that notice of the citations, if required, has been sent to the licensee in accordance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter.

A period of suspension will begin the first day after the decision of the Chief of Police becomes final as provided in Section 4.07, unless the licensee appeals to district court under Section 4.09. If appeal is taken under Section 4.09, the period of suspension begins the day after all appeals are final. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)

- B. It shall be an affirmative defense to the suspension authorized under Section 4.05(A) if such licensee shows by a preponderance of the evidence that it was powerless to prevent such violations. (Amend Ord 03-088, 7/29/03)
- C. Each day in which a violation is permitted to continue shall constitute a separate violation for purposes of suspension.

#### **Section 4.06 Grounds for Revocation**

- A. The Chief of Police may revoke a Sexually Oriented Business license:
  1. If a cause of suspension in Section 4.05 occurs and the license has been ordered suspended by the Chief of Police for a thirty (30) day period pursuant to Section 4.08(B)(4) within the preceding year; or
  2. If the Chief of Police determines that on two or more occasions within a five (5) year period of time a licensee(s) or operator(s) (or any combination

thereof) has/have been convicted of or placed on deferred disposition, probation or community supervision for conduct occurring in a licensing period on the premises of a Sexually Oriented Business that constitutes any of the offenses of the State of Texas or criminal attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit same for; (Amend Ord 03-088, 7/29/03)

- a. Any of the following offenses as described in Chapter 43 of the Texas Penal Code:
    - (1) Prostitution;
    - (2) Promotion of prostitution;
    - (3) Aggravated promotion of prostitution;
    - (4) Compelling prostitution;
    - (5) Obscenity;
    - (6) Sale, distribution or display of harmful material to a minor;
    - (7) Sexual performance by a child;
    - (8) Possession of child pornography;
  - b. Any of the following offenses as described in Chapter 21 of the Texas Penal Code:
    - (1) Public lewdness;
    - (2) Indecent exposure;
    - (3) Indecency with a child;
  - c. Sexual assault or aggravated sexual assault as described in Chapter 22 of the Texas Penal Code;
  - d. Incest, solicitation of a child or harboring a runaway child as described in Chapter 25 of the Texas Penal Code; or
3. If a licensee or operator gave false or misleading information in the material submitted to the Chief of Police during the application process;

4. If a licensee or operator has knowingly allowed possession, use or sale of a controlled substance on the premises;
  5. If a licensee or operator has on two (2) or more occasions knowingly allowed prostitution on the premises;
  6. If a licensee or operator knowingly operated the Sexually Oriented Business during a period of time when the licensee's license was suspended;
  7. If a licensee or operator has, on two (2) or more occasions, knowingly allowed any act of sexual intercourse, sodomy, oral copulation, masturbation or sexual contact to occur in or on the licensed premises. The term "sexual contact" shall have the same meaning as it is defined in Section 21.01, Texas Penal Code;
  8. If a licensee is delinquent in payment to the City for hotel occupancy taxes, ad valorem taxes or sales taxes related to the Sexually Oriented Business;
  9. If the licensee is required to register as a sex offender under the provisions of Chapter 62 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.
  10. If a license is transferred in violation of Section 4.10(A).
- B. The fact that a conviction is being appealed shall have no effect on the revocation of the license.
- C. Section 4.06(A)(7) does not apply to Sexually Oriented Motels as a ground for revoking the license, unless the licensee 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.

#### **Section 4.07 Denial, Suspension and Revocation Procedures**

- A. A denial, suspension, or revocation is an administrative procedure. In any hearing relating to such actions under this Section, the burden of proof shall be on the City (except for affirmative defenses), and shall be by a preponderance of the evidence.
- B. If the Chief of Police is authorized to deny the issuance of a license, or suspend or revoke a license, the Chief of Police shall give written notice to the applicant or licensee of his intent to implement denial, suspension, or revocation procedures.
1. The notice shall state the reason for such denial, suspension, or revocation.

2. The notice shall provide that the denial of issuance, suspension or revocation shall take effect at the expiration of the tenth calendar day after notification, unless the licensee provides a written request for hearing to the Chief of Police before the expiration of the tenth calendar day.
3. If a written request for hearing from the applicant or licensee is received by the Chief of Police before the expiration of the tenth calendar day, the suspension, denial of issuance or revocation will be stayed pending a hearing and a decision by the Chief of Police.
4. The applicant or licensee shall have ten (10) calendar days from the date notice is received, to request a hearing on the denial, suspension or revocation. The request shall be in writing and delivered to the Chief of Police. Upon receipt of the request for hearing, a hearing before the Chief of Police shall be scheduled to take place within thirty (30) calendar days unless both parties agree to a certain date beyond the thirty days. The Chief of Police shall consider only the testimony and evidence admitted for consideration at the hearing by the Administrative Law Judge. The Chief of Police shall have five (5) business days from the date of the hearing to notify the applicant or licensee of the decision unless both parties agree to a certain date beyond the five days.
  - a. In making a determination as to the denial of a license, the Chief of Police shall consider whether the applicant has established the applicant's entitlement to a license under the requirements imposed by Section 4.02 of this Chapter and/or whether the City has established a disqualifying factor under the requirements imposed by Section 4.02 of this Chapter.
  - b. In making a determination of the suspension of a license under Section 4.05 of this Chapter, the Chief of Police shall consider: (1) whether the required number of citations or charges under Section 4.05(A)(1), (2), or (3) were issued to or filed against the licensee, operator, or employee of the licensee within a twelve (12) month period of time; (2) whether notice of such citations, if required, was sent to the proper Sexually Oriented Business in compliance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter; (3) whether the licensee, operator, or employee of the licensee was convicted or placed on deferred disposition or probation for the citations or charges; and (4) whether licensee was powerless to prevent violations.
  - c. In making a determination of the revocation of a license under Section 4.06(A)(1) of this Chapter, the Chief of Police shall consider: (1) whether the required number of citations or charges

under Section 4.05(A)(1), (2), or (3) were issued to or filed against the licensee, operator, or employee of the licensee within a twelve (12) month period of time; (2) whether notice of such citations, if required, was sent to the proper Sexually Oriented Business in compliance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter; (3) whether the licensee, operator, or employee of the licensee was convicted or placed on deferred disposition or probation for the citations or charges; and (4) whether the license at issue has been ordered suspended for a thirty (30) day period of time pursuant to Section 4.08(B)(4) of this Chapter within the preceding twelve (12) month period of time.

- d. In making a determination of the revocation of a license under Sections 4.06(A)(2)-(10) of this Chapter, the Chief of Police shall consider whether the evidence shows that the specified convictions, events, or actions occurred as set forth in those sections of this Chapter. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)
5. All hearings under this Section will be presided over by an Administrative Law Judge appointed by the City Manager or his or her designee. The Administrative Law Judge must be licensed to practice law in Texas and have at least three (3) years' experience presiding over administrative hearings, or hearings as a judge or master of a court. The hearing will be open to the public. The provisions of Texas Government Code, Sections 2001.081-.088 shall be used as procedural and evidentiary guidelines. The Administrative Law Judge will be responsible for the procedural oversight of the hearing, including the manner and order of presentation and ruling on the admissibility of testimony and evidence and any objections thereto. Both parties shall exchange their witness lists, their lists of exhibits, and copies of their exhibits to be presented at the hearing at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for the hearing. Failure to comply with this Section is grounds for the exclusion of the exhibits or witnesses not exchanged as provided by this Section. In accordance with Article XI of the Administrative Chapter of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Arlington, the Administrative Law Judge may subpoena witnesses and compel the production of books, papers and other evidence material to such hearing. All such subpoenas must be signed by the Mayor prior to issuance and subject to the following:
    - a. The subpoena must be issued in pursuit of an objective authorized by the Sexually Oriented Business Chapter of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Arlington;

- b. Information sought must be germane to the lawful subject of inquiry;
  - c. Demands for information must be as specific as the requesting party's knowledge will permit and must not be unreasonably burdensome;
  - d. The subpoena shall not purport to require privileged information which is recognized by law as such; and
  - e. A subpoena will be issued only upon request of either the City or the applicant or licensee. A request for subpoena must be served on the other party at the time of the request as evidenced by a certificate of service on the request. The opposing party has three (3) business days to file a written objection to the request with the Administrative Law Judge, setting forth an objection. The Administrative Law Judge may grant the objection, overrule the objection and issue the subpoena, or give the requesting party three (3) business days to file a response to the objection, after which time the Administrative Law Judge may issue the subpoena or deny the request for subpoena in writing stating the grounds for denial. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)
6. If after the hearing, the Chief of Police determines that the license should not be suspended, denied, or revoked, the issuance date of the license is the date that the Chief of Police sends notice of the decision. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)
7. The decision by the Chief of Police is effective thirty (30) calendar days after the applicant or licensee is notified of the decision, unless a reinstatement fee under Section 4.08(B)(1) of this Chapter is paid (if available), or an appeal is made to District Court in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.09 of this Chapter. Written notice of the Chief of Police's decision will be given in the manner set forth in Section 7.02 of this Chapter, unless the City and the applicant or licensee agree on a different form of notice at the hearing. Such agreement will be entered on the record. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)

#### **Section 4.08 Period of Suspension or Revocation**

- A. The revocation of a license as provided for in Section 4.06 of this Chapter shall be for a period of twelve (12) months.



- B. The suspension of a license as provided for in Section 4.05 of this Chapter shall be as follows:
1. The first suspension of a license shall be for a period of three (3) calendar days. When the Chief of Police is authorized to suspend a license for three (3) days, he shall notify the licensee in the notice of decision of the licensee's opportunity to pay a reinstatement fee in the amount of \$1,500 in lieu of the suspension. Payment of this administrative fee shall be considered, for the purposes of this Subsection, the first suspension and an administrative admission of the violations. However, this shall not be used as an admission of guilt in a criminal prosecution under this Chapter. If the licensee does not pay the reinstatement fee before the expiration of the thirtieth calendar day after notification, the licensee loses the opportunity to pay it.
  2. The second suspension of a license shall be for a period of seven (7) calendar days.
  3. The third suspension of a license shall be for a period of fifteen (15) calendar days.
  4. The fourth suspension of a license shall be for a period of thirty (30) calendar days. Except where grounds for revocation of a license exist under Section 4.06(A)(1), each subsequent suspension of a license shall be for a period of thirty (30) calendar days.

**Section 4.09 Appeal to District Court**

- A. Upon receipt of written notice of the denial, suspension or revocation of a license, the applicant whose application for a license has been denied or whose license has been suspended or revoked shall have the right to appeal by filing suit in the appropriate district court within thirty (30) calendar days after the receipt of notice of the decision of the Chief of Police or decision of the Hearing Official, as applicable. The filing of such suit shall have the effect of staying denial, suspension or revocation for the Sexually Oriented Business licensed under this Chapter at such location, pending a judicial determination of the appeal. In such case, the City shall grant a provisional license upon the filing of a court action to appeal the denial of a Sexually Oriented Business license if the applicant is not currently licensed for such business at the subject location; provided, however, a provisional license shall not be issued under the following circumstances: (a) the location of the proposed Sexually Oriented Business is or would be in violation of Article III of this Chapter; (b) the duration of the provisional license would coincide with any period of license

- suspension or revocation set forth in Section 4.08; or (c) there has been a judicial determination upholding the denial of a license for such Sexually Oriented Business at such location within the previous twelve (12) calendar months. Written notice of the denial of a provisional license and the basis for the denial will be provided by the Chief of Police within ten (10) calendar days of service of the court action upon the City. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)
- B. Any provisional license and certificate of occupancy issued under this section will expire upon the court's entry of judgment on such appeal. The applicant shall bear the burden of proof in court. The substantial evidence standard of review shall apply to such appeal. (Amend Ord 04-032, 3/23/04)

#### **Section 4.10 Transfer of License**

- A. A person commits an offense if the person transfers a license to another person or operates a Sexually Oriented Business under the authority of a license at any place other than the address designated on the license. A transfer of a license is deemed to have occurred if there is a transfer of more than fifty percent (50%) of the ownership or control of a Sexually Oriented Business.
- B. A person commits an offense if the person counterfeits, forges, changes, defaces or alters a license.

#### **Section 4.11 Administrative Review Relating to Request for Provisional License**

- A. If the Chief of Police denies the issuance of a provisional license to an applicant because there has been a judicial determination upholding the denial of a license for such Sexually Oriented Business at such location within the previous twelve (12) calendar months, then the applicant may, not later than ten (10) calendar days after receiving notice of the denial, file with the City Secretary a written request for a hearing before a Hearing Official to determine whether there has been a material change of circumstances during said twelve (12) calendar months that would warrant the issuance of a provisional Sexually Oriented Business license. Said request shall also contain a recitation of all evidence upon which the applicant will rely to prove the requisite material change of circumstances.
- B. If the written request is filed with the City Secretary within the ten (10) day limit, the Hearing Official shall consider the request. The hearing shall be held within sixty (60) days from the date the written request is filed, unless both parties agree to a certain date beyond the sixty (60) days. The Hearing Official shall enter a written ruling on the request within five (5) days of the hearing.

- C. The Hearing Official may use an Administrative Law Judge to preside over any hearings. In addition, the Hearing Official shall have the power to rule upon the appropriate dispositions of an applicant's request for a determination of material change of circumstances regarding the granting of a provisional license, as described in Sections 4.11(A) and 4.11(D). Disputes of fact shall be decided on the basis of a preponderance of the evidence.
- D. The Hearing Official shall grant the application for a provisional license if it determines that a material change of circumstances has occurred within twelve (12) calendar months of a judicial determination upholding the denial of a license for such business at such location. A material change of circumstances shall mean the disabling condition(s) which resulted in the previous denial of the license has/have been cured. The provisional license becomes effective immediately and remains effective pending a court's entry of judgment in the appeal under Section 4.09.
- E. Upon receipt of a written notice of denial of a provisional license by the Hearing Official, the applicant shall have the right to appeal such denial by filing suit in the appropriate district court within thirty (30) calendar days after the receipt of notice of a decision of the Hearing Official. The applicant shall bear the burden of proof in court. The substantial evidence standard of review shall apply to such appeal. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)

**ARTICLE V****ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS****Section 5.01 Additional Regulations for Sexually Oriented Cabaret**

- A. An employee of a Sexually Oriented Cabaret, while appearing in a state of nudity, commits an offense if the employee touches a customer or the clothing of a customer.
- B. A customer at a Sexually Oriented Cabaret commits an offense if the customer touches an employee appearing in a state of nudity or the clothing of an employee appearing in a state of nudity. (Amend Ord 04-002, 1/6/04)
- C. A licensee or employee commits an offense if the licensee or employee permits any customer access to an area of the premises not visible from the manager's station or not visible by a walk-through of the premises without entering a private, exclusive, closed, curtained, or otherwise screened area, excluding restrooms. The view required in this subsection shall be by direct line of sight. The view shall be deemed insufficient if clear visibility of such line of sight must be attained by utilizing flashlights or spotlights in addition to overhead house lighting. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)
- D. A licensee, operator or employee commits an offense if the licensee, operator or employee appears in a state of nudity or knowingly allows another to appear in a state of nudity in an area of the Sexually Oriented Cabaret business premises which can be viewed from the public right-of-way.
- E. A licensee commits an offense if the licensee fails to display the signs on the interior of the Sexually Oriented Cabaret business premises as required in Section 6.04(A) and/or the floor markings required in Section 6.04(B).
- F. A person commits an offense if the person employs at a Sexually Oriented Cabaret any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years. An offense under this Subsection (F) shall be enforceable as provided by Texas Labor Code §§ 51.016 and 51.031, as amended, as well as Texas Penal Code § 43.251, as amended. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)
- G. An employee of a Sexually Oriented Cabaret must attend training given by the licensee concerning the requirements of this Chapter as they pertain to Sexually Oriented Cabarets, including but not limited to Sections 4.03, 4.05, 4.06, 5.01, 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 6.04, and 7.01, before the employee receives any compensation for the

- person's services. The licensee shall provide this training to all employees at the beginning of employment before the employee receives any compensation for services; and, at least once a year thereafter. The licensee shall maintain written records of the training provided to each employee pursuant to this subsection. These records shall include a signed and dated statement from each employee verifying the employee's attendance at and participation in training provided by the licensee identifying the date on which the training was provided and the specific topics discussed.
- H. A licensee shall designate and appoint one or more individuals to manage, direct, and control the premises and operations of the Sexually Oriented Cabaret. At least one person so appointed shall be on the premises at any time the Sexually Oriented Cabaret is open.
- I. An operator or a person appointed under Subsection (H) above shall at all times have the duty to ensure that each employee in the Sexually Oriented Cabaret has received the training required by Subsection (G) above and each employee is instructed to commit no act which would constitute a violation of this Chapter or which would provide grounds, or part of the grounds, for suspension or revocation of a license issued under this Chapter.

### **Section 5.02 Additional Regulations for Escort Agencies**

- A. A person commits an offense if the person employs at an Escort Agency any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years. An offense under this Subsection (A) shall be enforceable as provided by Texas Labor Code §§ 51.016 and 51.031, as amended, for an Escort Agency that qualifies as a "Sexually oriented business" under Texas Labor Code § 51.016, as amended, and Texas Local Government Code § 243.002, as amended. An offense under this Subsection (A) shall be enforceable as provided by Texas Penal Code § 43.251, as amended, if the employment qualifies as "Sexually oriented commercial activity" or if the place of business permits, requests, or requires the individual to work nude or topless. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)
- B. 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 eighteen (18) years.
- C. An employee of an Escort Agency must attend training given by the licensee concerning the requirements of this Chapter as they pertain to Escort Agencies, including but not limited to Sections 4.03, 4.05, 4.06, 5.02, 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 6.04, and 7.01, before the employee receives any compensation for the person's services.

- The licensee shall provide this training to all employees at the beginning of employment before the employee receives any compensation for services; and, at least once a year thereafter. The licensee shall maintain written records of the training provided to each employee pursuant to this subsection. These records shall include a signed and dated statement from each employee verifying the employee's attendance at and participation in training provided by the licensee identifying the date on which the training was provided and the specific topics discussed.
- D. A licensee shall designate and appoint one or more individuals to manage, direct, and control the premises and operations of the Escort Agency. At least one person so appointed shall be on the premises at any time the Escort Agency is open.
- E. An operator or a person appointed under Subsection (D) above shall at all times have the duty to ensure that each employee in the Escort Agency has received the training required by Subsection (C) above and each employee is instructed to commit no act which would constitute a violation of this Chapter or which would provide grounds, or part of the grounds, for suspension or revocation of a license issued under this Chapter.

### **Section 5.03 Additional Regulations for Nude Model Businesses**

- A. A person commits an offense if the person employs at a Nude Model Business any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years. An offense under this Subsection (A) shall be enforceable as provided by Texas Labor Code §§ 51.016 and 51.031, as amended, as well as Texas Penal Code § 43.251, as amended. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)
- B. A person under the age of eighteen (18) years commits an offense if the person appears in a state of nudity in or on the premises of a Nude Model Business.
- C. A person commits an offense if the person appears in a state of nudity or knowingly allows another to appear in a state of nudity in an area of a Nude Model Business premises which can be viewed from the public right-of-way.
- D. A person commits an offense if the person places or permits a bed, sofa or mattress in any room on the premises of a nude model business, except that a sofa may be placed in a reception room open to the public.
- E. A licensee or employee commits an offense if the person permits any customer access to an area of the premises not visible from the manager's station by direct

- line of sight or not visible by a walk-through of the premises without entering a private, exclusive, closed, curtained, or otherwise screened area, excluding restrooms. The view required in this subsection shall be by direct line of sight. The view shall be deemed insufficient if clear visibility of such line of sight must be attained by utilizing flashlights or spotlights in addition to overhead house lighting. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)
- F. An employee of a Nude Model Business, while appearing in a state of nudity, commits an offense if the employee touches a customer or the clothing of a customer.
- G. A customer at a Nude Model Business commits an offense if the customer touches an employee or the clothing of an employee while the employee is appearing in a state of nudity.
- H. A licensee commits an offense if the licensee fails to display the signs on the interior of the Nude Model Business premises as required in Section 6.04(A) and/or the floor markings required in Section 6.04(B).
- I. An employee of a Nude Model Business commits an offense if that employee allows, asks, directs, or suggests that a customer disrobe to a state of nudity.
- J. An employee of a Nude Model Business must attend training given by the licensee concerning the requirements of this Chapter as they pertain to Nude Model Businesses, including but not limited to Sections 4.03, 4.05, 4.06, 5.03, 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 6.04, and 7.01, before the employee receives any compensation for the person's services. The licensee shall provide this training to all employees at the beginning of employment before the employee receives any compensation for services; and, at least once a year thereafter. The licensee shall maintain written records of the training provided to each employee pursuant to this subsection. These records shall include a signed and dated statement from each employee verifying the employee's attendance at and participation in training provided by the licensee identifying the date on which the training was provided and the specific topics discussed.
- K. A licensee shall designate and appoint one or more individuals to manage, direct, and control the premises and operations of the Nude Model Business. At least one person so appointed shall be on the premises at any time the Nude Model Business is open.
- L. An operator or a person appointed under Subsection (K) above shall at all times have the duty to ensure that each employee in the Nude Model Business has

received the training required by Subsection (J) above and each employee is instructed to commit no act which would constitute a violation of this Chapter or which would provide grounds, or part of the grounds, for suspension or revocation of a license issued under this Chapter.

**Section 5.04 Additional Regulations for Sexually Oriented Theaters and Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theaters**

- A. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly allows a person under the age of eighteen (18) years to appear in a state of nudity in or on the premises of a Sexually Oriented Theater or Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theater. An offense under this Subsection (A) shall be enforceable as provided by Texas Business and Commerce Code §§ 102.0031 and 102.005, as amended. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)
- B. A person under the age of eighteen (18) years commits an offense if the person knowingly appears in a state of nudity in or on the premises of a Sexually Oriented Theater or Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theater.
- C. Sexually Oriented Theaters and Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theaters shall also comply with the requirements of Section 5.05 of this Chapter.
- D. An employee of a Sexually Oriented Theater or Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theater must attend training given by the licensee concerning the requirements of this Chapter as they pertain to Sexually Oriented Theaters or Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theaters, including but not limited to Sections 4.03, 4.05, 4.06, 5.04, 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 6.04, and 7.01, before the employee receives any compensation for the person's services. The licensee shall provide this training to all employees at the beginning of employment before the employee receives any compensation for services; and, at least once a year thereafter. The licensee shall maintain written records of the training provided to each employee pursuant to this subsection. These records shall include a signed and dated statement from each employee verifying the employee's attendance at and participation in training provided by the licensee identifying the date on which the training was provided and the specific topics discussed.
- E. A licensee shall designate and appoint one or more individuals to manage, direct, and control the premises and operations of the Sexually Oriented Theater or Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theater. At least one person so appointed shall be on the premises at any time the Sexually Oriented Theater or Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theater is open.



- F. An operator or a person appointed under Subsection (E) above shall at all times have the duty to ensure that each employee in the Sexually Oriented Theater or Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theater has received the training required by Subsection (D) above and each employee is instructed to commit no act which would constitute a violation of this Chapter or which would provide grounds, or part of the grounds, for suspension or revocation of a license issued under this Chapter.

**Section 5.05 Regulations Pertaining to Exhibition of Sexually Explicit Films, Photographs, Pictures or Videos**

- A. A person who operates or causes to be operated a Sexually Oriented Business, other than a Sexually Oriented Motel, which exhibits on the premises in a viewing room, a film, photograph, picture, video cassette or other video reproduction which depicts specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas, shall comply with the following requirements: (Amend Ord 04-002, 1/6/04)
1. An application for a Sexually Oriented Business license shall be accompanied by a diagram of the premises showing a plan thereof specifying the location of one (1) 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 permit will be conspicuously posted, if granted. A professionally prepared diagram in the nature of an engineer's or architect's blueprint shall not be required; however each diagram shall be oriented to the north, or to some designated street or object, and shall be drawn to a designated scale or with marked dimensions sufficient to show the various internal dimensions of all areas of the interior of the premises to an accuracy of plus or minus six inches (6"). The Chief of Police 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 the previously submitted diagram 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 Chief of Police.

4. The licensee commits an offense if the licensee permits a manager's station to be unattended by an employee at any time a customer is present on, in or about 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 customer is permitted access for any purpose, excluding restrooms. Restrooms may not contain video reproduction equipment or any other equipment allowing for the viewing of film, videos, photographs or other video reproduction. If the premises has 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 customer 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. The licensee commits an offense if the licensee permits a customer access to any area of the premises that is not visible from the manager's station for any purpose, excluding restrooms.
7. The licensee, operator and any agents and employees present on the premises shall ensure: that the view area specified in Subsection (5) of this section remains unobstructed by any doors, curtains, partitions, walls, merchandise, display racks or other materials at all times that any customer is present on, in or about the premises; and, that no customer is permitted access to any area of the premises which has been designated as an area in which customers will not be permitted in the application filed pursuant to Subsection (1) of this section.
8. The premises shall be equipped with overhead lighting fixtures of sufficient intensity to illuminate every place to which customers are permitted access at an illumination of not less than five (5.0) foot-candles as measured at the floor level.
9. The licensee commits an offense if the licensee permits illumination of any area of the premises to which customers have access to be less than five (5.0) foot-candles as measured at the floor level.
10. No viewing room or booth of less than 150 square feet of floor space shall be occupied by more than one (1) person at any time. (Amend Ord 04-002, 1/6/04)

11. No licensee shall allow openings or holes of any kind to exist between adjacent or adjoining viewing rooms or booths.
  12. No person shall make or attempt to make an opening or hole of any kind between adjacent or adjoining viewing rooms or booths.
  13. The licensee shall, during each business day, regularly inspect the walls of all viewing rooms or booths to determine if any openings or holes exist.
  14. In a viewing room or booth of less than 150 square feet of floor space, the walls shall be no more than forty-eight (48) inches tall. At least one wall of any such viewing room or booth shall be visible in a direct unobstructed line of sight from the manager's station. Each wall or door of any such viewing room or booth shall be constructed of clear transparent glass, plastic or substantially equivalent materials that allow an unobstructed view of the entire interior of the viewing room or booth. (Amend Ord 04-002, 1/6/04)
  15. Live entertainment is prohibited in any viewing room or booth of less than 500 square feet of floor space, as well as any other room adjacent to or visible from any viewing room or booth. (Amend Ord 04-002, 1/6/04)
  16. The licensee or operator commits an offense if the licensee knowingly allows a person to appear in a state of nudity in, on or about the premises of a Sexually Oriented Business, other than a Sexually Oriented Motel, which exhibits on the premises in a viewing room of less than 500 square feet of floor space, a film, photograph, picture, video cassette or other video reproduction which depicts specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas. (Amend Ord 04-002, 1/6/04)
  17. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly appears in a state of nudity in or on the premises of a Sexually Oriented Business, other than a Sexually Oriented Motel, which exhibits on the premises in a viewing room of less than 500 square feet of floor space, a film, photograph, picture, video cassette or other video reproduction which depicts specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas. (Amend Ord 04-002, 1/6/04)
  18. It is a defense to prosecution under Subsections (16) and (17) of this section if the person was in a restroom not open to public view or persons of the opposite sex.
- B. A person having a duty under Subsection (1) through (18) of Subsection (A) herein commits a misdemeanor if he or she knowingly fails to fulfill that duty.

- C. An employee of a Sexually Oriented Business that exhibits sexually explicit films, photographs, pictures or videos must attend training given by the licensee concerning the requirements of this Chapter as they pertain to such a business, including but not limited to Sections 4.03, 4.05, 4.06, 5.04, 5.05, 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 6.04, and 7.01, before the employee receives any compensation for the person's services. The licensee shall provide this training to all employees at the beginning of employment before the employee receives any compensation for services; and, at least once a year thereafter. The licensee shall maintain written records of the training provided to each employee pursuant to this subsection. These records shall include a signed and dated statement from each employee verifying the employee's attendance at and participation in training provided by the licensee identifying the date on which the training was provided and the specific topics discussed.
- D. A licensee shall designate and appoint one or more individuals to manage, direct, and control the premises and operations of the Sexually Oriented Business as described in this Section. At least one person so appointed shall be on the premises at any time the Sexually Oriented Business as described in this Section is open.
- E. An operator or a person appointed under Subsection (D) above shall at all times have the duty to ensure that each employee in the Sexually Oriented Business as described in this Section has received the training required by Subsection (C) above and each employee is instructed to commit no act which would constitute a violation of this Chapter or which would provide grounds, or part of the grounds, for suspension or revocation of a license issued under this Chapter.

**Section 5.06 Additional Regulations Pertaining to Sexually Oriented Bookstores, Sexually Oriented Novelty Stores and Sexually Oriented Video Stores**

- A. A person who operates or causes to be operated a Sexually Oriented Bookstore, Sexually Oriented Novelty Store or Sexually Oriented Video Store shall comply with the following requirements:
  - 1. An application for a Sexually Oriented Business license shall be accompanied by a diagram of the premises showing a plan thereof specifying the location of one (1) 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 permit will be conspicuously posted, if granted. A professionally prepared diagram in the nature of an engineer's or architect's blueprint shall not be required; however, each diagram shall

be oriented to the north, or to some designated street or object, and shall be drawn to a designated scale or with marked dimensions sufficient to show the various internal dimensions of all areas of the interior of the premises to an accuracy of plus or minus six inches (6"). The Chief of Police 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 the previously submitted diagram 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 Chief of Police.
4. The licensee commits an offense if the licensee permits a manager's station to be unattended by an employee at any time a customer is present on, in or about 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 customer is permitted access for any purpose, excluding restrooms. Restrooms may not contain video reproduction equipment or any other equipment allowing for the viewing of film, videos, photographs or other video reproduction. If the premises has 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 customer 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. The licensee commits an offense if the licensee permits a customer access to any area of the premises that is not visible from the manager's station for any purpose, excluding restrooms.
7. The owners, operator and any agents and employees present on the premises shall ensure: that the view area specified in Subsection (5) of this section remains unobstructed by any doors, curtains, partitions, walls, merchandise, display racks or other materials at all times that any customer is present on, in or about the premises; and, that no customer is permitted access to any area of the premises which has been designated as an area in which customers will not be permitted in the application filed pursuant to Subsection (1) of this section.

8. The premises shall be equipped with overhead lighting fixtures of sufficient intensity to illuminate every place to which customers are permitted access at an illumination of not less than twenty (20.0) foot-candles as measured at the floor level.
9. The licensee commits an offense if the licensee permits illumination of any area of the premises to which customers have access to be less than twenty (20.0) foot-candles as measured at the floor level.
10. No viewing room or reading room may be occupied by more than one (1) person at any time.
11. No licensee shall allow openings or holes of any kind to exist between adjacent or adjoining viewing rooms or booths or reading rooms or booths.
12. No person shall make or attempt to make an opening or hole of any kind between adjacent or adjoining viewing rooms or booths or reading rooms or booths.
13. The licensee shall, during each business day, regularly inspect the walls of all viewing rooms or booths and reading rooms or booths to determine if any openings or holes exist.
14. The walls of any viewing room or booth and any reading room or booth shall be no more than forty-eight (48) inches tall. At least one wall of any viewing room or booth shall be visible in a direct unobstructed line of sight from the manager's station. Each wall or door of any viewing room or booth shall be constructed of clear transparent glass, plastic or substantially equivalent materials that allow an unobstructed view of the entire interior of the viewing room or booth. (Amend Ord 04-002, 1/6/04)
15. Live entertainment is prohibited in any viewing room or booth and any reading room or booth as well as any other room adjacent to or visible from any reading or viewing room or booth.
16. The licensee or operator commits an offense if the licensee knowingly allows a person to appear in a state of nudity in, on or about the premises of a Sexually Oriented Bookstore, Sexually Oriented Novelty Store or Sexually Oriented Video Store that contains a viewing room or reading room of less than 500 square feet of floor space. (Amend Ord 04-002, 1/6/04)

17. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly appears in a state of nudity in, on or about the premises of a Sexually Oriented Bookstore, Sexually Oriented Novelty Store or Sexually Oriented Video Store that contains a viewing room or reading room of less than 500 square feet of floor space. (Amend Ord 04-002, 1/6/04)
  18. It is a defense to prosecution under Subsections (16) and (17) of this section if the person was in a restroom not open to public view or persons of the opposite sex.
- B. A person having a duty under Subsections (1) through (18) of Subsection (A) herein commits a misdemeanor if he or she knowingly fails to fulfill that duty.
  - C. An employee of a Sexually Oriented Bookstore, Sexually Oriented Novelty Store or Sexually Oriented Video Store must attend training given by the licensee concerning the requirements of this Chapter as they pertain to such a business, including but not limited to Sections 4.03, 4.05, 4.06, 5.04, 5.05, 5.06, 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 6.04, and 7.01, before the employee receives any compensation for the person's services. The licensee shall provide this training to all employees at the beginning of employment before the employee receives any compensation for services; and, at least once a year thereafter. The licensee shall maintain written records of the training provided to each employee pursuant to this subsection. These records shall include a signed and dated statement from each employee verifying the employee's attendance at and participation in training provided by the licensee identifying the date on which the training was provided and the specific topics discussed.
  - D. A licensee shall designate and appoint one or more individuals to manage, direct, and control the premises and operations of the Sexually Oriented Bookstore, Sexually Oriented Novelty Store or Sexually Oriented Video Store. At least one person so appointed shall be on the premises at any time the Sexually Oriented Bookstore, Sexually Oriented Novelty Store or Sexually Oriented Video Store is open.
  - E. An operator or a person appointed under Subsection (D) above shall at all times have the duty to ensure that each employee in the Sexually Oriented Bookstore, Sexually Oriented Novelty Store or Sexually Oriented Video Store has received the training required by Subsection (C) above and each employee is instructed to commit no act which would constitute a violation of this Chapter or which would provide grounds, or part of the grounds, for suspension or revocation of a license issued under this Chapter. (Amend Ord 03-044, 4/15/03)

**ARTICLE VI****MISCELLANEOUS****Section 6.01 Hours of Operation**

No Sexually Oriented Business, except for a Sexually Oriented Motel, may remain open at any time between the hours of two o'clock (2:00) A.M. and eight o'clock (8:00) A.M. on weekdays and Saturdays, and two o'clock (2:00) A.M. and noon (12:00) P.M. on Sundays.

**Section 6.02 Prohibition Against Children in a Sexually Oriented Business**

A licensee, operator or employee commits an offense if the licensee, operator or employee knowingly allows a person under the age of eighteen (18) years on the premises of a Sexually Oriented Business. An offense under this Section shall be enforceable as provided by Texas Business and Commerce Code §§ 102.0031 and 102.005, as amended. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)

**Section 6.03 Additional Regulations Concerning Public Nudity**

- A. (blank) (Amend Ord 03-088, 7/29/03)
- B. A licensee, operator or employee commits an offense if the licensee, operator or employee knowingly allows, in a Sexually Oriented Business, another to appear in a state of nudity, unless the person is an employee who, while in a state of nudity, is on a stage (on which no customer is present) at least eighteen (18) inches above the floor, and is: (1) at least six (6) feet from any customer (hereinafter called "unenclosed performance stage"); or (2) physically separated from customers by a wall or partition composed of solid glass or light-transmitting plastic, or substantially equivalent material extending from the floor of the performance stage to at least five (5) feet above the level of the performance stage, but such that there are no openings in the wall or partition that would permit physical contact between customers and such employee (hereinafter called "enclosed performance stage"). (Amend Ord 03-117, 11/18/03)
- C. It is an offense for an employee, while in a state of nudity in a Sexually Oriented Business, to receive directly any pay or gratuity from any patron or customer, or for any patron or customer to pay or give any gratuity directly to any employee, while that employee is in a state of nudity in a Sexually Oriented Business. Such gratuity or pay may be provided to such employee through a tip receptacle, located



- more than six (6) feet from the nearest point of the performance stage where such employee is in a state of nudity, or may be paid to an employee that is not in a state of nudity, as part of the customer's bill.
- D. It is an offense if an employee, while in a state of nudity, touches a customer or the clothing of a customer.
  - E. It is an offense if a customer touches an employee appearing in a state of nudity or clothing of the employee.

**Section 6.04 Conspicuous Signage and Markings Required**

- A. A licensee or operator commits an offense if the licensee or operator fails to display a sign on the interior of the Sexually Oriented Business premises notifying customers and employees of the prohibition prescribed by Subsections 6.03(B), (C), (D) and (E), above. The sign must be prominently and continuously displayed where customers enter the premises, and immediately adjacent to each stage required by Section 6.03(B), and must state in letters at least two inches high:

TOUCHING OR TIPPING AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS IN A STATE OF NUDITY IS A CRIME (MISDEMEANOR), PUNISHABLE BY FINE UP TO \$2,000. PATRONS SHALL REMAIN AT LEAST SIX FEET FROM ALL UNENCLOSED PERFORMANCE STAGES.

The Chief of Police may require, at the time of issuance or renewal of the license, the licensee to also display the sign in a language other than English if he determines that a substantial portion of the expected customers speak the other language as their familiar language. Upon notification, a licensee commits an offense if the sign does not contain this language in the required language, in addition to English.

- B. A licensee or operator commits an offense if the licensee, operator or employee fails to prominently and continuously display a two inches wide glow-in-the-dark line on the floor of the Sexually Oriented Business marking a distance of six feet from each unenclosed stage on which an employee in a state of nudity may appear in accordance with Section 6.03(B). (Amend Ord 03-044, 4/15/03)

**ARTICLE VII****ENFORCEMENT****Section 7.01 Violation and Penalty**

- A. Any licensee, operator, employee, person, corporation, association, or entity who violates any of the provisions of this Chapter commits an offense that is considered a class C misdemeanor and each day the violation continues shall be a separate offense.
- B. If the definition of an offense under this Chapter does not prescribe a culpable mental state, then a culpable mental state is not required. Such offense shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$500.00). Although not required, if a culpable mental state is in fact alleged in the charge of the offense and the offense governs fire safety, zoning, or public health and sanitation, including dumping of refuse, such offense shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$2,000.00).
- C. If the definition of an offense under this Chapter prescribes a culpable mental state and the offense governs fire safety, zoning, or public health and sanitation, including dumping of refuse, then a culpable mental state is required, and the offense shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$2,000.00). (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)

**Section 7.02 Notice of Violation**

The City shall send to a Sexually Oriented Business written notice of each citation issued to an operator or employee of the business for an alleged violation of Sections 6.03 or 6.04, or any provision of Article V of this Chapter. The notice will be sent within three (3) business days of the issuance of the citation to the operator or employee. The notice will be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the business address of the Sexually Oriented Business as it appears on its license application, to the attention of the licensee, as it appears on the license application. A failure of the City to provide such notice is not a violation of this Chapter. It is not a defense to a citation issued to an employee or operator for an alleged violation of Sections 6.03 or 6.04, or any provision of Article V of this Chapter, that notice of the issuance of that citation was not given to the Sexually Oriented Business in accordance with this Section. (Amend Ord 22-026, 6/28/22)

ORDINANCE NO. 98-106

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "**ADULT ENTERTAINMENT**" CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS, 1987, THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF **ARTICLE II**, ENTITLED DEFINITIONS, BY THE AMENDMENT OF **SECTION 2.01**, DEFINITIONS, RELATIVE TO THE AMENDMENT OF THE DEFINITIONS OF "ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENT", "ADULT ARCADE", "ADULT BOOKSTORE OR ADULT VIDEO STORE", "ADULT CABARET", "ADULT MOTEL", "ADULT MOTION PICTURE THEATER", "ADULT THEATER", "CHURCH", "ESCORT AGENCY", "LICENSEE", "NUDE MODEL BUSINESS", "OPERATES OR CAUSES TO BE OPERATED", "REGULARLY", "SEXUAL ENCOUNTER CENTER", AND "SPECIFIED SEXUAL ACTIVITIES", THE ADDITION OF THE DEFINITIONS OF "APPLICANT", "CHIEF OF POLICE", "CONVICTION" OR "CONVICTED", "OPERATOR", AND "PREMISES" AND THE REFORMATTING OF THE ENTIRE SECTION; THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF **ARTICLE III**, ENTITLED LOCATION OF ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENTS, RELATIVE TO THE LOCATION OF ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENTS AND NONCONFORMING USES; THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF **ARTICLE IV**, ENTITLED LICENSE FOR ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENT, RELATIVE TO LICENSING, ISSUANCE AND DENIAL OF LICENSE, INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS, EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL OF LICENSE, SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF LICENSE, APPEALS, TRANSFER OF LICENSE AND EXEMPTION FROM LOCATION RESTRICTIONS; THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF **ARTICLE V**, ENTITLED ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS, BY THE AMENDMENT OF **SECTION 5.01**, ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR ADULT CABARET, RELATIVE TO THE REGULATIONS OF ADULT CABARETS; BY THE AMENDMENT OF **SECTION 5.02**, ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR ESCORT AGENCIES, RELATIVE TO THE REGULATIONS OF ESCORT AGENCIES; BY THE AMENDMENT OF **SECTION 5.03**, ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR NUDE MODEL BUSINESSES, RELATIVE TO THE

REGULATIONS OF NUDE MODEL BUSINESSES; BY THE AMENDMENT OF **SECTION 5.04**, ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR ADULT THEATERS AND ADULT MOTION PICTURE THEATERS, RELATIVE TO THE REGULATIONS OF ADULT THEATERS AND ADULT MOTION PICTURE THEATERS; BY THE AMENDMENT OF **SECTION 5.05**, REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO EXHIBITION OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT FILMS OR VIDEOS, **SUBSECTION (A) (3)**, RELATIVE TO THE APPROVAL OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE; BY THE AMENDMENT OF **SECTION 5.05**, **SUBSECTION (A) (4)**, **(A) (6)**, AND **(A) (9)**, RELATIVE TO MAKING THE SUBSECTIONS GENDER NEUTRAL; THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF **ARTICLE VI**, ENTITLED ENFORCEMENT, BY THE **DELETION OF SECTION 6.02**, DEFENSES; PROVIDING FOR A FINE OF UP TO **\$2,000** FOR EACH OFFENSE IN VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING THIS ORDINANCE BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY; PROVIDING FOR INJUNCTIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND BECOMING EFFECTIVE TEN DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, Section 54.004 of the Local Government Code authorizes home rule cities to enforce all ordinances necessary to protect health, life, and property, and to preserve the good government, order and security of such cities and their inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, there are several adult entertainment establishments in the City that require special supervision from the public safety agencies of the City in order to protect and preserve the health, safety and welfare of the patrons of such businesses as well as the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 243.007 of the Local Government Code authorizes cities to adopt regulations concerning the licensing and permitting of adult entertainment establishments; and

WHEREAS, Section 243.001(b) of the Local Government Code does not diminish the authority of a municipality

to regulate adult entertainment establishments with regard to any matters; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas, adopted, in 1992, Ordinance No. 92-117, the "Adult Entertainment" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas, has determined that, in order to promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Arlington, and to clarify and enhance the enforcement of the "Adult Entertainment" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, it is appropriate to amend those portions of the "Adult Entertainment" ordinance as hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas, has determined that, in order to promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Arlington that it is appropriate for the Chief of Police, at his discretion, to delegate certain functions under this Ordinance to the Assistant Chief of Police or Deputy Chiefs of Police; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas, has determined it is necessary and appropriate to amend the Ordinance to better provide for enhanced recordkeeping and employee identification on the part of establishments permitted in accordance with the terms of this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to minimize and control adverse effects caused by Adult Entertainment Establishments 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 blight; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas, desires to continue Ordinance No. 92-117, the "Adult Entertainment" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, to the extent not herein amended, in full force and effect from the date of its enactment in 1992; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON,  
TEXAS:

1.

That the "**Adult Entertainment**" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987, is hereby amended through the amendment of Article II, Definitions, by the amendment of **Section 2.01, Definitions**, by the **amendment** of the definitions of "Adult Entertainment Establishment", "Adult Arcade", "Adult Bookstore or Adult Video Store", "Adult Cabaret", "Adult Motel", "Adult Motion Picture Theater", "Adult Theater", "Church", "Escort Agency", "Licensee", "Nude Model Business", "Operates or Causes To Be Operated", "Regularly", "Sexual Encounter Center", and "Specified Sexual Activities", the **addition** of the definitions of "Applicant", "Chief of Police", "Conviction" Or "Convicted", "Operator", and "Premises", and **reformatting** of the entire Section so that hereafter said Section shall be and read as follows:

**Section 2.01 Definitions**

Unless otherwise expressly stated, the following terms shall, for the purposes of this Chapter, have the meanings indicated in this section.

**"Adult Entertainment Establishment"** means:

1. An adult arcade, adult bookstore or adult video store, adult cabaret, adult motel, adult theater, adult motion picture theater, escort agency, nude model business or sexual encounter center; and/or
2. Any establishment whose principal business is the offering of a service or the selling, renting or exhibiting of devices or any other items intended to provide sexual stimulation or sexual gratification to its customers, and which is distinguished by or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas; or whose employees or customers appear in a state of nudity.
3. The term "adult entertainment" shall not be construed to include:
  - a. Any business operated by or employing a licensed psychologist, licensed physical therapist, licensed masseuse, licensed vocational nurse,

registered nurse, licensed athletic trainer, licensed cosmetologist, or licensed barber engaged in performing functions authorized under the license held;

- b. Any business operated by or employing a licensed physician or licensed chiropractor engaged in practicing the healing arts;
- c. Any retail establishment whose principal business is the offering of wearing apparel for sale to customers and does not exhibit merchandise on live models; or
- d. An activity conducted or sponsored:
  - (1) By a proprietary school licensed by the State of Texas or a college, junior college or university supported entirely or partly by taxation; or
  - (2) By a private college or university which maintains or operates educational programs in which credits are transferable to a college, junior college, or university supported entirely or partly by taxation;

And in a structure:

- (a) which has no sign or other advertising visible from the exterior of the structure indicating a 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 model is on the premises at any one time.

**"Adult Arcade"** means any commercial establishment 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 time, and where the images so displayed are

distinguished or characterized by the depicting or describing of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."

**"Adult Bookstore or Adult Video Store"** means a commercial establishment to which the public is permitted or invited which, as its principal business purpose, offers for sale or rental for any form of consideration any one (1) 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 which depict or describe "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas"; or
2. instruments, devices, or paraphernalia which are designed for use in connection with "specified sexual activities." This does not include items used for birth control or for prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.

**"Adult Cabaret"** means a nightclub, bar, restaurant or similar commercial establishment which regularly has:

1. persons who appear in a state of nudity; or
2. live performances which 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, closed-circuit television transmissions, cable television transmissions, subscriber programming, any disk, diskette, or other physical medium that allows an image to be displayed on a computer or other video screen and any image transmitted to a computer or other video screen by telephone line, cable, satellite transmission or other method, which are characterized by the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."

**"Adult Motel"** means a hotel, motel or similar commercial establishment which:

1. offers accommodations to the public for any form of consideration; provides patrons with closed-circuit television transmissions, cable television trans-



missions, subscriber programming, any disk, diskette, or other physical medium that allows an image to be displayed on a computer or other video screen and any image transmitted to a computer or other video screen by telephone line, cable, satellite transmission or other method, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides or other photographic reproductions which 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 material; 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.
4. 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 business is an adult motel.

**"Adult Motion Picture Theater"** means a commercial establishment to which the public is permitted or invited where, for any form of consideration, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides or similar photographic reproductions, any disk, diskette, or other physical medium that allows an image to be displayed on a computer or other video screen and any image transmitted to a computer or other video screen by telephone line, cable, satellite transmission or other method, are regularly shown which are characterized by the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."

**"Adult Theater"** means a theater, concert hall, auditorium or similar commercial establishment to which the public is permitted or invited which 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."

**"Applicant"** means a person or persons listed as such on an application for a license as an adult entertainment establishment.

**"Chief of Police"** means the Chief of Police, Assistant Chief of Police or Deputy Chief of Police. In Sections 4.01, 4.02 and 4.04 of this Ordinance, Chief of Police shall also mean a member of the Police Department Covert Operations Unit designated by the Chief of Police.

**"Church"** means a building, whether situated within the City or not, in which persons regularly assemble for religious worship and said building is intended primarily for purposes connected with such worship or for propagating a particular form of religious belief.

**"Customer"** means any person who:

1. is allowed to enter an Adult Entertainment Establishment in return for the payment of an admission fee or any other form of consideration or gratuity; or
2. enters an Adult Entertainment Establishment and purchases, rents or otherwise partakes of any merchandise, goods, entertainment or other services offered therein; or
3. is a member of and on the premises of an Adult Entertainment Establishment operating as a private club.

**"Conviction" or "convicted"** means a finding of guilty by a court of record, regardless of whether an appeal is pending.

**"Employee"** means any person who renders any service whatsoever to the customers of an Adult Entertainment Establishment or who works in or about an Adult Entertainment Establishment and who receives compensation for such service or work from the operator or owner of the Adult Entertainment Establishment or from the customers therein.

**"Entertainment District"** means the Entertainment District, as set out in Resolution No. 92-725, or any subsequent resolutions or ordinances establishing the Entertainment District or Entertainment Overlay District.

**"Escort"** means a person who, for consideration, agrees or offers to act as a companion or date for another person, or who agrees or offers to privately model lingerie or to privately perform a striptease for another person.

**"Escort Agency"** means a person or business association who furnishes, offers to furnish or advertises to furnish escorts as its principal business purpose, for a fee, tip or other consideration.

**"Licensee"** means a person in whose name a license to operate an Adult Entertainment Establishment has been issued, as well as any and all individuals listed as applicants, owners or licensees on the application for a license.

**"Licensed Day Care Center"** means a facility licensed by the State of Texas, whether situated within the City or not, that provides care, training, education, custody treatment or supervision for more than six (6) 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.

**"Nude Model Business"** means any place where a person who appears in a state of nudity or displays "specified anatomical areas" is provided or allowed to be observed, sketched, drawn, painted, sculptured, photographed or similarly depicted by other persons who pay money or any form of consideration. Nude model business shall not include those activities excepted from the above definition of Adult Entertainment Establishment.

**"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 which fails to opaquely cover a human buttock, anus, male genitals, female genitals or areola of the female breast.

**"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 an Adult Entertainment Establishment whether or not that person is an owner, part owner, licensee or manager of the establishment.

**"Operator"** means an individual who is in control of the operations of an Adult Entertainment Establishment. This control can be either on an hourly basis, daily basis, weekly basis, or shift basis, or any combination thereof. An operator includes, but is not limited to manager,

assistant manager, house mother, floor manager, or shift manager.

**"Person"** means an individual, proprietorship, partnership, corporation, association or other legal entity.

**"Premises"** means the grounds and all building, vehicles, and appurtenances pertaining to the grounds, including any adjacent premises if they are directly or indirectly under the control of the same person.

**"Principal"** means over fifty percent (50%) of customers, volume of sales, stock in trade, display areas or presentation time in any three (3) month increment period beginning from the date of issuance of a certificate of occupancy. Stock in trade shall be measured with all titles or objects available on the premises for sale or rental including those that are identical, considered a separate title or object.

**"Regularly"** means featuring, promoting, permitting to occur or advertising a happening or occurrence on a recurring basis.

**"Residential District"** means a residentially zoned district as defined in the "Zoning" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas.

**"Residential Use"** means a single family, townhouse, duplex, mobile home or multiple family use as defined in the "Zoning" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas.

**"Sexual Encounter Center"** means a commercial establishment to which the public is permitted or invited, which as its principal business purpose, offers for any form of consideration:

1. physical contact in the form of specified sexual activities between persons of the same or opposite sex;  
or
2. activities between male and female persons and/or persons of the same sex when one (1) or more of the persons is in a state of nudity.

**"Specified Anatomical Areas"** means human genitals in a state of sexual arousal.

**"Specified Sexual Activities"** means and includes any of the following:

1. the fondling or other erotic touching of another's or one's own human genitals, pubic region, pubic hair, perineum, buttocks, anus or female breasts;
2. sex acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated, including intercourse, oral copulation, sodomy or bestiality;
3. masturbation, actual or simulated, of oneself or another; or
4. excretory functions.

Further, **Article III, Location of Adult Entertainment Establishments**, is hereby amended so that hereafter said Article shall be and read as follows:

**Section 3.01 Location**

- A. An Adult Entertainment Establishment shall be located within a specific zoning district as set forth in the "Zoning" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas.
- B. A person commits an offense if the person establishes, operates or causes to be operated or expanded an Adult Entertainment Establishment within 1,000 feet of:
  1. a church;
  2. a public or private elementary or secondary school;
  3. a boundary of a residential district;
  4. a boundary of the Entertainment District as defined in this Chapter;
  5. a licensed day care center;
  6. a public park; or
  7. the property line of a lot devoted to a residential use as defined in this Chapter.

However, if there is a controlled access highway between the district boundary/property line and the Adult Entertainment Establishment, the Adult Entertainment Establishment must be at least five hundred (500) feet from such district boundary/property line.

- C. A person commits an offense if the person establishes, operates or causes to be operated or expanded an Adult Entertainment Establishment within 1,000 feet of any other Adult Entertainment Establishment.
- D. A person commits an offense if the person establishes, operates or causes to be operated or expanded an Adult Entertainment Establishment in any building, structure or portion thereof containing another Adult Entertainment Establishment.
- E. For the purposes of Subsection B, 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 tenant space occupied for an adult entertainment establishment to the nearest property line of the premises of a church, public or private elementary or secondary school, licensed day care center, or to the nearest boundary of an affected public park, residential district, Entertainment District or residential lot.
- F. For purposes of Subsection C of this section, the distance between any two (2) Adult Entertainment Establishments 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. If the establishment is located within a structure with multiple spaces available for occupancy, the measurement will be from the wall of the tenant space occupied by the adult entertainment establishment.

### **Section 3.02 Nonconforming Uses**

- A. Any Adult Entertainment Establishment lawfully operating prior to the effective date of Ordinance No. 92-117, that is in violation of Section 3.01 shall be deemed a nonconforming use. The nonconforming use will be permitted to continue for a period not to exceed three (3) years from the effective date of Ordinance

No. 92-117, unless sooner terminated for any reason or voluntarily discontinued for a period of thirty (30) days or more. Such nonconforming uses shall not be increased, enlarged, extended or altered except that the use may be changed to a conforming use. If two (2) or more Adult Entertainment Establishments are within 1,000 feet of one another and otherwise in a permissible location, the Adult Entertainment Establishment which was first established and continually operating at a particular location is the conforming use, and the later-established business is nonconforming.

- B. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the License and Amortization Appeal Board may extend the amortization period hereinabove provided to a reasonable period of time for any nonconforming Adult Entertainment Establishment upon a showing by a particular business that without an extension it will be unable to recoup its investment in the nonconforming structure.
- C. Any nonconforming Adult Entertainment Establishment which desires an extension must register with the License and Amortization Appeal Board as a nonconforming use no later than September 1, 1995, and must file an application for an extension of the amortization period not later than November 1, 1995. Requests for an extension of the amortization period shall be limited to one (1) application with the License and Amortization Appeal Board.
- D. An Adult Entertainment Establishment lawfully operating as a conforming use after the effective date of Ordinance No. 92-117 is not rendered a nonconforming use by the location, subsequent to the commencement of operation of the Adult Entertainment Establishment, of a church, public or private elementary or secondary school, public park, licensed day care center, Entertainment District, residential use or residential zoning district within 1,000 feet of the Adult Entertainment Establishment.
- E. A person commits an offense if the person increases, enlarges, extends, or alters or causes to be increased, enlarged or extended or altered the premises of a nonconforming use.

Further, **Article IV, License for Adult Entertainment Establishment**, is hereby amended so that hereafter said Article shall be and read as follows:

**Section 4.01 License Required**

- A. A person commits an offense if the person operates or causes to operate an Adult Entertainment Establishment without a valid license, issued by the City for the particular type of business.
- B. Any person, association, firm, partnership or corporation desiring to obtain an Adult Entertainment Establishment license shall make application on a form provided by the Chief of Police. 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").
- C. The applicant must be qualified according to the provisions of this article.
- D. An individual person who wishes to operate an Adult Entertainment Establishment must sign the application for a license as applicant. If a person who wishes to operate an Adult Entertainment Establishment 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 Section 4.02, and each applicant shall be considered a licensee if a license is granted.
- E. The fact that a person possesses other types of State or City permits does not exempt that person from the requirement of obtaining a license for an Adult Entertainment Establishment.
- F. The provisions of this article shall apply to existing Adult Entertainment Establishments beginning ninety (90) days after the effective date of Ordinance No. 92-117.
- G. All applications for a license under this article shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee. The



annual fee is **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)**. An application shall not be considered to have been received until the fee is paid and all information required by the application form has been submitted. The application fee shall not be prorated in the event an application is tendered before or during the licensing period.

**Section 4.02 License Issuance and Grounds for Denial**

- A. The Chief of Police shall approve the issuance of a license to an applicant within thirty (30) days after receipt of an application, unless the Chief of Police finds one (1) or more of the following to be true:
1. The location of the Adult Entertainment Establishment is or would be in violation of Article III of this Chapter.
  2. The applicant failed to supply all of the information requested on the application.
  3. The applicant gave false, fraudulent or untruthful information on the application.
  4. An applicant is under eighteen (18) years of age.
  5. An applicant or an applicant's spouse is overdue in payment to the City of taxes, fees, fines or penalties assessed against or imposed upon the applicant or the applicant's spouse in relation to an Adult Entertainment Establishment.
  6. An applicant or an applicant's spouse has been convicted or placed on deferred adjudication, probation or community supervision for a violation of a provision of this Chapter, within two (2) years immediately preceding the application. The fact that a conviction is being appealed shall have no effect.
  7. The license fee required by this Article has not been paid.
  8. The applicant has not demonstrated that the owner of the Adult Entertainment Establishment owns or holds a lease for the property or the applicable portion thereof upon which the Adult Entertainment

Establishment will be situated or has a legally enforceable right to acquire the same.

9. An applicant or the proposed establishment is in violation of or is not in compliance with Sections 4.03 or 4.10 of this Article.
10. An applicant or an applicant's spouse has been convicted or placed on deferred adjudication, probation, or community supervision for:
  - a. Any offense under the laws of the United States of America, another state or the Uniform Code of Military Justice for an offense described in this Section; or
  - b. Any of the below offenses of the State of Texas or criminal attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit same:
    - (1) Any of the following offenses as described in Chapter 43 of the Texas Penal Code:
      - (a) Prostitution;
      - (b) Promotion of prostitution;
      - (c) Aggravated promotion of prostitution;
      - (d) Compelling prostitution;
      - (e) Obscenity;
      - (f) Sale, distribution or display of harmful material to a minor;
      - (g) Sexual performance by a child;
      - (h) Possession of child pornography;
    - (2) Any of the following offenses as described in Chapter 21 of the Texas Penal Code:
      - (a) Public lewdness;
      - (b) Indecent exposure;

(c) Indecency with a child;

(3) Sexual assault or aggravated sexual assault as described in Chapter 22 of the Texas Penal Code; or

(4) Incest, solicitation of a child or harboring a runaway child as described in Chapter 25 of the Texas Penal Code;

c. For which:

(1) Less than two (2) years have elapsed since the date of conviction, or the date of release from the terms of community supervision, probation, parole or deferred adjudication or the date of release from confinement imposed for the conviction, whichever is the later date, if the conviction is of a misdemeanor offense; or

(2) Less than five (5) years have elapsed since the date of conviction, or the date of release from the terms of community supervision, probation, parole or deferred adjudication or the date of release from confinement for the conviction, whichever is the later date, if the conviction is of a felony offense; or

(3) Less than five (5) years have elapsed since the date of the last conviction or 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 twenty-four (24) month period.

11. The applicant or the applicant's spouse is required to register as a sex offender under the provisions of Chapter 62 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

- B. An applicant, or applicant's spouse, who has been convicted of or placed on deferred adjudication, probation or community supervision for an offense listed in Section 4.02(A)(10)(a) may qualify for an Adult Entertainment Establishment license only when the time period required by Section 4.02(A)(10)(c) has elapsed.
- 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 Adult Entertainment Establishment.
- D. The license shall be posted in a conspicuous place at or near the entrance to the Adult Entertainment Establishment, so that it is visible to the public at all times and may be easily read.

**Section 4.03     Inspection and Maintenance of Records**

- A. A licensee, operator or employee of an Adult Entertainment Establishment shall permit representatives of the Police Department, Health Department, Fire Department, Building Inspections Division and Code Enforcement Division to inspect the premises and the records required to be maintained under this Chapter by an Adult Entertainment Establishment for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the law at any time it is occupied or open for business.
- B. A licensee or operator of an Adult Entertainment Establishment commits an offense if the person operates the establishment without maintaining a current list of all employees employed by the business, along with a complete updated employment application for each employee. A valid driver's license, state identification card or passport, all with a photograph, shall be required for all employment applications.
- C. A licensee or operator of an Adult Entertainment Establishment commits an offense if the person refuses to permit a lawful inspection of the records and premises by a representative of the Police Department at any time the Adult Entertainment Establishment is occupied or open for business.
- D. The licensee or operator of an Adult Entertainment Establishment shall maintain all records required to be

maintained under the provisions of this Article on the licensed premises.

- E. The licensee or operator of an Adult Entertainment Establishment commits an offense if the person does not maintain the required records on the premises of the licensed establishment.
- F. A licensee, operator or employee of an Adult Entertainment Establishment shall permit representatives of the Police Department to take photographs of the licensee, operator or employees of the Establishment for the purpose of ensuring compliance with this Chapter at any time it is occupied or open for business.
- G. A licensee, operator or employee of an Adult Entertainment Establishment commits an offense if that person does not permit representatives of the Police Department to take photographs of the licensee, operator or employee of the Establishment at any time it is occupied or open for business.
- H. The provisions of this section do not apply to areas of an adult motel which are currently being rented by a customer for use as a permanent or temporary habitation.

**Section 4.04 Expiration and Renewal of License**

- A. Each license shall expire one year after the date of issuance.
- B. Renewal of a license may be applied for by submission to the Chief of Police of an application on the form prescribed by such official and payment of a nonrefundable renewal processing fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).
- C. Application for renewal shall be made at least thirty (30) days before the expiration date.

**Section 4.05 Suspension**

- A. The Chief of Police shall suspend an Adult Entertainment license if the Chief of Police determines that a licensee, operator or an employee of a licensee has:

1. Violated Section 4.10 of this Chapter relating to Transfer of License; or
  2. On five (5) or more occasions within a two (2) year period of time, violated any of the provisions of Article V of this Ordinance; or
  3. On five (5) or more occasions within a two (2) year period of time, violated any provision of Section 4.03 of this ordinance; or
  - 4 Violated any combination of offenses under (2) or (3) that totals five (5).
- B. When the Chief of Police is authorized to suspend a license under this section, he shall give the licensee the opportunity to pay a reinstatement fee of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) rather than have the license suspended.
1. Payment of this reinstatement fee shall be considered an administrative admission of the violation. However, this shall not be used as an admission of guilt in a criminal prosecution under this Chapter.
  2. If the licensee does not pay the reinstatement fee before the expiration of the third working day after notification, he loses the opportunity to pay it, and the Chief of Police shall impose the suspension.
  3. Each day in which a violation is permitted to continue shall constitute a separate cause for suspension.

**Section 4.06     Grounds for Revocation**

- A. The Chief of Police shall revoke an Adult Entertainment license:
1. If a cause of suspension in Section 4.05 occurs and the license has been suspended or a reinstatement fee paid within the preceding twelve (12) months; or

2. If the Chief of Police determines that on two or more occasions within a five (5) year period of time a licensee, operator or employee of a licensee, has been convicted of or placed on deferred adjudication, probation or community supervision for conduct occurring in a licensing period on the premises of an Adult Entertainment Establishment that constitutes any of the offenses of the State of Texas or criminal attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit same for;
  - a. Any of the following offenses as described in Chapter 43 of the Texas Penal Code:
    - (1) Prostitution;
    - (2) Promotion of prostitution;
    - (3) Aggravated promotion of prostitution;
    - (4) Compelling prostitution;
    - (5) Obscenity;
    - (6) Sale, distribution or display of harmful material to a minor;
    - (7) Sexual performance by a child;
    - (8) Possession of child pornography;
  - b. Any of the following offenses as described in Chapter 21 of the Texas Penal Code:
    - (1) Public lewdness;
    - (2) Indecent exposure;
    - (3) Indecency with a child;
    - (4) Sexual assault or aggravated sexual assault as described in Chapter 22 of the Texas Penal Code;
    - (5) Incest, solicitation of a child or harboring a runaway child as described in Chapter 25 of the Texas Penal Code;  
or

3. If a licensee or operator gave false or misleading information in the material submitted to the Chief of Police during the application process;
  4. If a licensee, operator or an employee has knowingly allowed possession, use or sale of controlled substances on the premises;
  5. If a licensee, operator or an employee has on two (2) or more occasions knowingly allowed prostitution on the premises;
  6. If a licensee, operator or an employee knowingly operated the Adult Entertainment Establishment during a period of time when the licensee's license was suspended;
  7. If a licensee, operator or an employee has, on two (2) or more occasions, knowingly allowed any act of sexual intercourse, sodomy, oral copulation, masturbation or sexual contact to occur in or on the licensed premises. The term "sexual contact" shall have the same meaning as it is defined in Section 21.01, Texas Penal Code; or
  8. If a licensee is delinquent in payment to the City for hotel occupancy taxes, ad valorem taxes or sales taxes related to the Adult Entertainment Establishment.
  9. If the licensee is required to register as a sex offender under the provisions of Chapter 62 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.
- B. The fact that a conviction is being appealed shall have no effect on the revocation of the license.
- C. Section 4.06(A)(7) does not apply to adult motels as a ground for revoking the license, unless the licensee 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.

**Section 4.07 Denial, Suspension and Revocation Procedures**

- A. A denial, suspension, or revocation is an administrative procedure. The burden of proof shall be on the



City, and shall be by a preponderance of evidence. The formal rules of evidence do not apply.

B. If the Chief of Police is authorized to deny the issuance of a license, or suspend or revoke a license, the Chief of Police shall give written notice to the applicant or licensee.

1. The notice shall state the reason for such denial, suspension, or revocation.
2. The notice shall provide that the denial of issuance, suspension or revocation shall take effect at the expiration of the third working day after notification, unless the licensee provides a written response to the Chief of Police before the expiration of the third working day.
3. If a written response from the applicant or licensee is received by the Chief of Police before the expiration of the third working day, the suspension, denial of issuance or revocation will be stayed pending a decision by the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police shall review the response before the rendering of a decision.
4. The Chief of Police shall give written notice of this decision to the applicant or licensee.
5. The decision by the Chief of Police is effective immediately and final pending any appeal.
6. Notice shall be deemed delivered by hand delivery to a licensee, owner or employee of the establishment or by a posting of the notice at the usual business entrance of the establishment. Notice may also be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested. Such notice shall be mailed to the address listed in the license application for receipt of notice.

C. The applicant or licensee shall have ten (10) calendar days, from the date notice is received, to request a hearing on the denial, suspension or revocation. The request shall be in writing and delivered to the Chief of Police. Upon receipt of the request for hearing, the Chief of Police shall schedule the hearing to take place within ten (10) working days. The Chief of Police shall preside at the hearing. The presiding

officer shall have five (5) working days from the date of the hearing to notify the applicant or licensee of the decision.

**Section 4.08 Period of Suspension or Revocation**

- A. The revocation of a license as provided for in Section 4.06 of this ordinance shall be for a period of one (1) year.
- B. The suspension of a license as provided for in Section 4.05 of this ordinance shall be for a period of thirty (30) days.

**Section 4.09 Appeal to District Court**

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 by filing suit in the appropriate court within thirty (30) days after the receipt of notice of the decision of the Chief of Police or decision of the License and Amortization Appeal Board, as applicable. The licensee shall bear the burden of proof in court.

**Section 4.10 Transfer of License**

- A. A person commits an offense if the person transfers a license to another person or operates an Adult Entertainment Establishment under the authority of a license at any place other than the address designated on the license.
- B. A person commits an offense if the person counterfeits, forges, changes, defaces or alters a license.

**Section 4.11 Exemption From Location Restrictions**

- A. If the Chief of Police denies the issuance of a license to an applicant because the location of the Adult Entertainment Establishment is in violation of Section 3.01, and such establishment was in operation on the effective date of Ordinance No. 92-117, then the applicant may, not later than ten (10) calendar days

after receiving notice of the denial, file with the City Secretary a written request for an exemption from the locational restrictions.

- B. If the written request is filed with the City Secretary within the ten (10) day limit, the License and Amortization Appeal Board shall consider the request. The City Secretary shall set a date for the hearing within sixty (60) days from the date the written request is received. If a timely request is so filed, the existing license is deemed not to have expired until the decision of the Board on such request.
- C. There shall be created a License and Amortization Appeal Board. It shall have the powers described in Section 3.02(B) and (C) and the power to rule upon the appropriate disposition of applications for exemption from the location restrictions for Adult Entertainment Establishments.
  - 1. The City Council shall, by majority vote, appoint a Board chairperson and six (6) other members to the License and Amortization Appeal Board.
  - 2. Board members shall be appointed to staggered terms, with the terms of three (3) members to expire one (1) year after appointment and terms of the chairperson and three (3) members to expire after two (2) years. Thereafter, all board members shall be appointed to two (2) year terms.
  - 3. All Board members shall be residents of the City of Arlington, Texas.
  - 4. The License and Amortization Appeal Board shall be divided into two (2) panels.
  - 5. The Board chairperson shall assign three (3) Board members to each panel. In addition, the Board chairperson shall appoint a chairperson for each panel and may rotate members of the Board among the panels as necessary for the expeditious hearing of each appeal.
  - 6. The Board chairperson shall assign each case to a panel for hearing and determination of the appeals.

7. The Board chairperson may serve as a member of a panel.
- D. A hearing by the panel may proceed only if three (3) Board members are present. The panel shall hear and consider evidence offered by any interested person. The formal rules of evidence do not apply.
- E. A panel of the License and Amortization Appeal Board may grant an exemption from the location restrictions of Section 3.01, if it makes the following findings:
1. That the location of the Adult Entertainment Establishment will not have a detrimental effect on nearby properties or be contrary to the public safety or welfare;
  2. That the location of the Adult Entertainment Establishment will not downgrade the property values or quality of life in the adjacent areas or encourage the development of urban blight;
  3. That the location of the Adult Entertainment Establishment 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
  4. That all other applicable provisions of this Chapter will be observed.
- F. In making the findings specified in Section 4.11(E), the panel shall take into account among other things:
1. Crime statistics of the location and its 1,000 foot radius maintained by the appropriate law enforcement agency for the previous six (6) month period;
  2. Tarrant Appraisal District appraisals for the location and its 1,000 foot radius, taking into account any decline or increase in property values;
  3. Vacancy rates of residential, commercial or office space within the surrounding 1,000 foot radius; and

4. Any evidence regarding the award or denial of any public or private grants for neighborhood conservation, urban renewal or restoration for any property located within a 1,000 foot radius.
- G. The panel of the Board shall grant or deny the appeal by a majority vote. Failure to reach a majority vote approving the appeal shall result in denial. Disputes of fact shall be decided on the basis of a preponderance of the evidence. A decision by a panel of the License and Amortization Appeal Board shall be considered as a final action by the Board.
- H. If the panel grants an exemption to the location restrictions, the exemption is valid for one (1) year from the date of the panel's action. Except as provided in Section 4.11(B), the Adult Entertainment Establishment is in violation of the location restrictions of Section 3.01 until the applicant applies for and receives another exemption.
- I. The grant of an exemption does not exempt the applicant from any provisions of this Chapter other than the location restrictions.

Further, Article V, Additional Regulations, is hereby amended through the amendment of **Section 5.01, Additional Regulations for Adult Cabaret**, so that hereafter said section shall be and read as follows:

**Section 5.01 Additional Regulations for Adult Cabaret**

- A. An employee of an adult cabaret, while appearing in a state of nudity, commits an offense if the employee touches a customer or the clothing of a customer.
- B. A customer at an adult cabaret commits an offense if the customer touches an employee appearing in a state of nudity or clothing of the employee.
- C. A licensee or employee commits an offense if the licensee or employee permits any customer access to an area of the premises not visible from the manager's station or not visible by a walk through of the premises without entering a closed area, excluding restrooms.

- D. A licensee, operator or employee commits an offense if the licensee, operator or employee appears in a state of nudity or knowingly allows another to appear in a state of nudity in an area of the adult cabaret business premises which can be viewed from the public right-of-way.

Further, Article V is hereby amended through the amendment of **Section 5.02, Additional Regulations for Escort Agencies**, so that hereafter said section shall be and read as follows:

**Section 5.02 Additional Regulations for Escort Agencies**

- A. A person commits an offense if the person employs at an escort agency any person under the age of eighteen (18) years.
- B. 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 eighteen (18) years.

Further, Article V is hereby amended through the amendment of **Section 5.03, Additional Regulations for Nude Model Businesses**, so that hereafter said section shall be and read as follows:

**Section 5.03 Additional Regulations for Nude Model Businesses**

- A. A person commits an offense if the person employs at a nude model business any person under the age of eighteen (18) years.
- B. A person under the age of eighteen (18) years commits an offense if the person appears in a state of nudity in or on the premises of a nude model business. It is a defense of prosecution under this subsection 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 the person appears in a state of nudity or knowingly allows another to appear in a state of nudity in an area of a nude model business premises which can be viewed from the public right-of-way.

- D. A person commits an offense if the person places or permits a bed, sofa or mattress in any room on the premises of a nude model business, except that a sofa may be placed in a reception room open to the public.
- E. A licensee or employee commits an offense if the person permits any customer access to an area of the premises not visible from the manager's station by direct line of sight or not visible by a walk through of the premises without entering a closed area, excluding restrooms.
- F. An employee of a nude model business, while appearing in a state of nudity, commits an offense if the employee touches a customer or the clothing of a customer.
- G. A customer at a nude model business commits an offense if the customer touches an employee or the clothing of an employee while the employee is appearing in a state of nudity.

Further, Article V is hereby amended through the amendment of **Section 5.04, Additional Regulations for Adult Theaters and Adult Motion Picture Theaters**, so that hereafter said section shall be and read as follows:

**Section 5.04 Additional Regulations for Adult Theaters and Adult Motion Picture Theaters**

- A. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly allows a person under the age of eighteen (18) years to appear in a state of 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 the person knowingly appears in a state of 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 public view or persons of the opposite sex.

Further, Article V is hereby amended through the amendment of **Section 5.05, Regulations Pertaining to**

Exhibition of Sexually Explicit Films or Videos, **Subsection (A) (3)**, so that hereafter said subsection shall be and read as follows:

3. No alteration in the configuration or location of a manager's station may be made without the prior approval of the Chief of Police.

Further, Article V is hereby amended through the amendment of **Section 5.05, Subsection (A) (4)**, so that hereafter said subsection shall be and read as follows:

4. The licensee commits an offense if the licensee permits a manager's station to be unattended by an employee at any time a customer is present on the premises.

Further, Article V is hereby amended through the amendment of **Section 5.05, Subsection (A) (6)**, so that hereafter said subsection shall be and read as follows:

6. The licensee commits an offense if the licensee permits access to a customer of any area of the premises that is not visible from the manager's station for any purpose, excluding restrooms.

Further, Article V is hereby amended through the amendment of **Section 5.05, Subsection (A) (9)**, so that hereafter said subsection shall be and read as follows:

9. The licensee commits an offense if the licensee permits illumination of any area of the premises to which customers have access to be less than one (1.0) footcandle.

Further, Article VI, Enforcement, is hereby amended through the **deletion** of **Section 6.02, Defenses**.

2.

This ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Arlington, and this ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any of such other ordinances except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provi-



sions of this ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other ordinance or ordinances are hereby repealed.

3.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

4.

All of the regulations provided in this ordinance are hereby declared to be governmental and for the health, safety and welfare of the general public. Any member of the City Council or any City official or employee charged with the enforcement of this ordinance, acting for the City of Arlington in the discharge of his/her duties, shall not thereby render himself/herself personally liable; and he/she is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that might accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his/her said duties.

5.

Any violation of this ordinance can be enjoined by a suit filed in the name of the City of Arlington in a court of competent jurisdiction, and this remedy shall be in addition to any penal provision in this ordinance or in the Code of the City of Arlington.

6.

The caption of this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Arlington, in compliance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 15, of the City Charter. Further, this ordinance may be published in pamphlet form and shall be admissible in such form in any court, as provided by law.

7.

The amendments to the "Adult Entertainment" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987, hereinabove set forth become effective after publication as required by law. Those portions of the said Chapter, not herein

amended, remain in full force and effect from the date of their enactment.

PRESENTED AND GIVEN FIRST READING on the 18th day of August, **1998**, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas; and GIVEN SECOND READING, passed and approved on the 25th day of August, **1998**, by a vote of 8 ayes and 0 nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of **Arlington, Texas**.

ORDINANCE NO. 99-157

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE **"ADULT ENTERTAINMENT"** CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS, 1987, THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF **ARTICLE II**, ENTITLED DEFINITIONS, BY THE AMENDMENT OF **SECTION 2.01**, DEFINITIONS, RELATIVE TO THE AMENDMENT OF THE DEFINITION OF "OPERATOR"; THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF **ARTICLE IV**, ENTITLED LICENSE FOR ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENT, BY THE AMENDMENT OF **SECTION 4.02** LICENSE ISSUANCE AND GROUNDS FOR DENIAL BY THE ADDITION OF SUBSECTION (A) (12) REGARDING THE POSTING OF AN OUTDOOR SIGN BY AN APPLICANT; BY THE AMENDMENT OF **SECTION 4.03**, INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS, SUBSECTION (B), RELATIVE TO THE RECORDS REQUIRED TO BE KEPT AND MAINTAINED ON THE PREMISES; BY THE AMENDMENT OF **SECTION 4.05**, SUSPENSION, RELATIVE TO THE SUSPENSION OF A LICENSE; BY THE AMENDMENT OF **SECTION 4.06**, GROUNDS FOR REVOCATION, BY AMENDING SUBSECTION (A) (1) AND ADDING SUBSECTION (A) (10), RELATIVE TO THE GROUNDS FOR REVOKING A LICENSE; BY THE AMENDMENT OF **SECTION 4.08**, PERIOD OF SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION, RELATIVE TO THE PERIODS OF SUSPENSION; THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF **ARTICLE V**, ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS, BY THE AMENDMENT OF **SECTION 5.01**, ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR ADULT CABARET, BY THE ADDITION OF SUBSECTION (E), RELATIVE TO THE POSTING OF SIGNS; BY THE ADDITION OF SUBSECTION (F), PROHIBITING THE EMPLOYMENT OF ANY PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE; BY THE ADDITION OF SUBSECTION (G), REQUIRING TRAINING OF EMPLOYEES; BY THE ADDITION OF SUBSECTION (H), REQUIRING APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL IN CONTROL OF PREMISES; BY THE ADDITION OF SUBSECTION (I), RELATIVE TO THE DUTIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL IN CONTROL OF THE PREMISES; BY THE AMENDMENT OF **SECTION 5.03**, ADDITIONAL

REGULATIONS FOR NUDE MODEL BUSINESS, BY THE ADDITION OF SUBSECTION (H), REQUIRING THE POSTING OF SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR A FINE OF UP TO \$2,000 FOR EACH OFFENSE IN VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING THIS ORDINANCE BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY; PROVIDING FOR INJUNCTIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND BECOMING EFFECTIVE TEN DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, Section 54.004 of the Local Government Code authorizes home rule cities to enforce all ordinances necessary to protect health, life, and property, and to preserve the good government, order and security of such cities and their inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, there are several adult entertainment establishments in the City that require special supervision from the public safety agencies of the City in order to protect and preserve the health, safety and welfare of the patrons of such businesses as well as the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 243.007 of the Local Government Code authorizes cities to adopt regulations concerning the licensing and permitting of adult entertainment establishments; and

WHEREAS, Section 243.001(b) of the Local Government Code does not diminish the authority of a municipality to regulate adult entertainment establishments with regard to any matters; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas, adopted, in 1992, Ordinance No. 92-117, the "Adult Entertainment" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, and in 1998, adopted Ordinance No. 98-106 amending said Chapter; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas, has determined that, in order to promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Arlington, and to clarify and enhance the enforcement of the "Adult Entertainment" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, it is

appropriate to amend those portions of the "Adult Entertainment" ordinance as hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas, has determined it is necessary and appropriate to amend the Ordinance to better provide for enhanced recordkeeping and employee identification on the part of establishments permitted in accordance with the terms of this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to minimize and control adverse effects caused by Adult Entertainment Establishments 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 blight; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas, desires to continue Ordinance No. 92-117, the "Adult Entertainment" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, as amended by Ordinance No. 98-106, to the extent not herein amended, in full force and effect; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS:

I.

That the "**Adult Entertainment**" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987, is hereby amended through the amendment of Article II, Definitions, by the amendment of **Section 2.01**, Definitions, so that the definition of "Operator" shall be and read as follows:

**"Operator"** means an individual who is in control of the operations of an Adult Entertainment Establishment, including, but not limited to, a person designated by the licensee under Section 5.01(H) of this Chapter. This control can be either on an hourly basis, daily basis, weekly basis, or shift basis, or any combination thereof. An operator includes, but is not limited to manager, assistant manager, house mother, floor manager, or shift manager.

Further, Article IV, License for Adult Entertainment Establishment, is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.02, License Issuance and Grounds for Denial**, by the addition of Subsection (A)(12), so that hereafter said subsection shall be and read as follows:

12. The applicant failed to comply with any of the requirements of Section 243.0075 of the Texas Local Government Code regarding the posting of an outdoor sign.

Further, Article IV, is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.03, Inspection and Maintenance of Records**, Subsection (B), so that hereafter said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- B. A licensee or operator of an Adult Entertainment Establishment commits an offense if the person operates the establishment without maintaining a current list of all employees of the business, along with a complete updated employment application for each employee. A legible copy of a valid driver's license, state identification card, or passport, with a photograph, together with an original photograph accurately depicting the employee as the person appears at the time the person is hired, shall be required and maintained on the premises with the employee's application.

Further, Article IV, is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.05, Suspension**, so that hereafter said section shall be and read as follows:

**Section 4.05 Suspension**

- A. The Chief of Police shall suspend an Adult Entertainment license if the Chief of Police determines that a licensee, operator or an employee of a licensee has:
  1. On five (5) or more occasions within any one (1) year period of time, violated any of the provisions of Article V of this Chapter and has been convicted or placed on deferred adjudication or probation for the violations; or

2. On five (5) or more occasions within any one (1) year period of time, violated any provision of Section 4.03 of this Chapter and has been convicted or placed on deferred adjudication or probation for the violations; or
3. Violated any combination of offenses under (1) or (2) that totals five (5) within any one (1) year period of time and has been convicted or placed on deferred adjudication or probation for the violations.

A period of suspension will begin the first day after the decision of the Chief of Police becomes final as provided in Section 4.07, unless the licensee appeals to district court under Section 4.09. If appeal is taken under Section 4.09, the period of suspension begins the day after all appeals are final.

- B. Each day in which a violation is permitted to continue shall constitute a separate violation for purposes of suspension.

Further, Article IV, is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.06, Grounds for Revocation, Subsection (A)(1)**, so that hereafter said subsection shall be and read as follows:

1. If a cause of suspension in Section 4.05 occurs and the license has been ordered suspended by the Chief of Police for a thirty (30) day period pursuant to Section 4.08(B)(4) within the preceding year; or

Further, Article IV, is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.06**, by the addition of **Subsection (A)(10)**, so that hereafter said subsection shall be and read as follows:

10. If a license is transferred in violation of Section 4.10(A).

Further, Article IV, is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.08, Period of Suspension or Revocation**, so that hereafter said section shall be and read as follows:

**Section 4.08     Period of Suspension or Revocation**

- A.    The revocation of a license as provided for in Section 4.06 of this Chapter shall be for a period of one (1) year.
  
- B.    The suspension of a license as provided for in Section 4.05 of this Chapter shall be as follows:
  - 1.    The first suspension of a license shall be for a period of three (3) days. When the Chief of Police is authorized to suspend a license for three (3) days, he shall give the licensee the opportunity to pay a reinstatement fee in the amount of \$1,500 in lieu of the suspension. Payment of this administrative fee shall be considered, for the purposes of this Subsection, the first suspension and an administrative admission of the violations. However, this shall not be used as an admission of guilt in a criminal prosecution under this Chapter. If the licensee does not pay the reinstatement fee before the expiration of the third working day after notification, the licensee loses the opportunity to pay it, and the Chief of Police shall impose the suspension.
  
  - 2.    The second suspension of a license shall be for a period of seven (7) days.
  
  - 3.    The third suspension of a license shall be for a period of fifteen (15) days.
  
  - 4.    The fourth suspension of a license shall be for a period of thirty (30) days. Except where grounds for revocation of a license exist under Section 4.06(A)(1), each subsequent suspension of a license shall be for a period of thirty (30) days.

Further, Article V, Additional Regulations, is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 5.01, Additional Regulations for Adult Cabaret**, by the addition of subsections (E), (F), (G), (H) and (I) so that hereafter said subsections shall be and read as follows:

- E.    A licensee commits an offense if the licensee fails to display a sign on the interior of the adult cabaret



business premises notifying customers and employees of the prohibition prescribed by Subsections (A) and (B), above. The sign must be prominently and continuously displayed where customers enter the premises, and must state in letters at least two inches high:

TOUCHING AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS IN A STATE OF NUDITY IS A CRIME (MISDEMEANOR), PUNISHABLE BY FINE UP TO \$2,000.

The Chief of Police may require, at the time of issuance or renewal of the license, the licensee to also display the sign in a language other than English if he determines that a substantial portion of the expected customers speak the other language as their familiar language. Upon notification, a licensee commits an offense if the sign does not contain this language in the required language, in addition to English.

- F. A person commits an offense if the person employs at an adult cabaret any person under the age of eighteen (18) years.
- G. An employee of an adult cabaret must attend training given by the licensee concerning the requirements of this Chapter as they pertain to adult cabarets, including but not limited to Sections 4.03, 4.05, 4.06, and 5.01, before the employee receives any compensation for the person's services. The licensee shall provide this training to all employees at the beginning of employment and at least once a year thereafter.
- H. A licensee shall designate and appoint an individual(s) to manage, direct, and control the premises and operations of the adult cabaret. Any person(s) so appointed shall be on the premises at any time the adult cabaret is open.
- I. An operator or a person appointed under Subsection (H) above shall at all times have the duty to ensure that each employee in the adult cabaret has received the training required by Subsection (G) above and each employee is instructed to commit no act which would constitute a violation of this Chapter or which would provide grounds, or part of the grounds, for suspension or revocation of a license issued under this Chapter.

Further, Article V, is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 5.03**, by the addition of Subsection (H), so that hereafter said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- H. A licensee commits an offense if the licensee fails to display a sign on the interior of the nude model business premises notifying customers and employees of the prohibition prescribed by Subsections (F) and (G), above. The sign must be prominently and continuously displayed where customers enter the premises, and must state in letters at least two inches high:

TOUCHING AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS IN A STATE OF NUDDITY IS A CRIME (MISDEMEANOR), PUNISHABLE BY FINE UP TO \$2,000.

The Chief of Police may require, at the time of issuance or renewal of the license, the licensee to also display the sign in a language other than English if he determines that a substantial portion of the expected customers speak the other language as their familiar language. Upon notification, a licensee commits an offense if the sign does not contain this language in the required language, in addition to English.

2.

Any person, firm, corporation, agent or employee thereof who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined an amount not to exceed **Two Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$2,000)** for each offense. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

3.

This ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Arlington, and this ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any of such other ordinances except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other ordinance or ordinances are hereby repealed.

4.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

5.

All of the regulations provided in this ordinance are hereby declared to be governmental and for the health, safety and welfare of the general public. Any member of the City Council or any City official or employee charged with the enforcement of this ordinance, acting for the City of Arlington in the discharge of his/her duties, shall not thereby render himself/herself personally liable; and he/she is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that might accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his/her said duties.

6.

Any violation of this ordinance can be enjoined by a suit filed in the name of the City of Arlington in a court of competent jurisdiction, and this remedy shall be in addition to any penal provision in this ordinance or in the Code of the City of Arlington.

7.

The caption of this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Arlington, in compliance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 15, of the City Charter. Further, this ordinance may be published in pamphlet form and shall be admissible in such form in any court, as provided by law.

8.

The amendments to the "Adult Entertainment" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987, hereinabove set forth become effective after publication as required by law. Those portions of the said Chapter, not herein amended, remain in full force and effect from the date of their enactment.

PRESENTED AND GIVEN FIRST READING on the 7th day of December, 1999, at a regular meeting of the City Council of

the City of Arlington, Texas; and GIVEN SECOND READING, passed and approved on the 14th day of December, **1999**, by a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of **Arlington, Texas**.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-128

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE **"ADULT ENTERTAINMENT"** CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS, 1987; THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF **ARTICLE IV, ENTITLED LICENSE FOR ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENT**, BY THE AMENDMENT OF **SECTION 4.11, EXEMPTION FROM LOCATION RESTRICTIONS**, RELATIVE TO THE PROCEDURES OF THE LICENSE AND AMORTIZATION APPEAL BOARD; PROVIDING THIS ORDINANCE BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND BECOMING EFFECTIVE TEN DAYS AFTER FIRST PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to clarify the intent of Section 4.11; and

WHEREAS, during the course of hearings before the License and Amortization Appeal Board, certain applicants have asserted a very restrictive interpretation of Section 4.11(F); and

WHEREAS, the Council has considered the study of Hanes, Jorgensen & Burgdorf, Ltd. in relation to the general impact on property values and assessed valuations on properties within the vicinity of sexually oriented businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes the indication of the adverse secondary effects created by such business upon nearby properties is reasonably reflected by taking into account the decline or increase in property values, or rates of increase or decrease in property values in relation to otherwise comparable properties and not solely to Tarrant Appraisal District appraisals; and

WHEREAS, the Council also believes that such adverse secondary effects may also be reasonably reflected by taking into account the sales, leases, and vacancy rates of properties in the vicinity in relation to otherwise comparable properties; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to have requests for exemptions heard by the full License and

Amortization Appeal Board instead of a three (3) member panel of the Board; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS:

1.

That the "**Adult Entertainment**" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987, is hereby amended through the amendment of Article IV, License For Adult Entertainment Establishment, by the amendment of **Section 4.11, Exemption From Location Restrictions**, so that hereafter said Section shall be and read as follows:

**Section 4.11 Exemption From Location Restrictions**

- A. If the Chief of Police denies the issuance of a license to an applicant because the location of the Adult Entertainment Establishment is in violation of Section 3.01, and such establishment was in operation on the effective date of Ordinance No. 92-117, then the applicant may, not later than ten (10) calendar days after receiving notice of the denial, file with the City Secretary a written request for an exemption from the locational restrictions.
- B. If the written request is filed with the City Secretary within the ten (10) day limit, the License and Amortization Appeal Board shall consider the request. The City Secretary shall set a date for the hearing within sixty (60) days from the date the written request is received. If a timely request is so filed, the existing license is deemed not to have expired until the decision of the Board on such request.
- C. There shall be created a License and Amortization Appeal Board. It shall have the powers described in Section 3.02(B) and (C) and the power to rule upon the appropriate disposition of applications for exemption from the location restrictions for Adult Entertainment Establishments.
  - 1. The City Council shall, by majority vote, appoint a Board chairperson and six (6) other members to the License and Amortization Appeal Board.
  - 2. Board members shall be appointed to staggered terms, with the terms of three (3) members to expire one (1) year after appointment and terms of the chairperson and three (3) members to expire

after two (2) years. Thereafter, all board members shall be appointed to two (2) year terms.

3. All Board members shall be residents of the City of Arlington, Texas.
- D. A hearing by the Board may proceed only if at least five (5) Board members are present. The Board shall take public comment prior to the presentation of the case by the parties. Such public comment shall not be considered evidence for purposes of the hearing. The Board shall adopt rules for the conduct of such hearings not inconsistent with this Chapter.
- E. The License and Amortization Appeal Board may grant an exemption from the location restrictions of Section 3.01, if it makes the following findings:
  1. That the location of the Adult Entertainment Establishment will not have a detrimental effect on nearby properties or be contrary to the public safety or welfare;
  2. That the location of the Adult Entertainment Establishment will not downgrade the property values or quality of life in the adjacent areas or encourage the development of urban blight;
  3. That the location of the Adult Entertainment Establishment 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
  4. That all other applicable provisions of this Chapter will be observed.
- F. In making the findings specified in Section 4.11(E), the Board may take into account among other things:
  1. Crime statistics of the location and its 1,000 foot radius maintained by the appropriate law enforcement agency for the previous twelve (12) month period;
  2. Assessed values for the location and properties within the surrounding 1,000 foot radius, taking into account any decline or increase in property values or rates of decrease or increase in property values in relation to otherwise comparable properties;

3. Sales, leases, and vacancy rates of all property types within the surrounding 1,000 foot radius in relation to otherwise comparable properties; and
  4. Any evidence regarding the award or denial of any public or private grants for neighborhood conservation, urban renewal or restoration for any property located within a 1,000 foot radius.
- G. The Board shall grant or deny the appeal by a majority vote. Failure to reach a majority vote approving the appeal shall result in denial. Disputes of fact shall be decided on the basis of a preponderance of the evidence. A decision by the License and Amortization Appeal Board shall be considered a final action.
- H. If the Board grants an exemption to the location restrictions, the exemption is valid for one (1) year from the date of the Board's action. Except as provided in Section 4.11(B), the Adult Entertainment Establishment is in violation of the location restrictions of Section 3.01 until the applicant applies for and receives another exemption.
- I. The grant of an exemption does not exempt the applicant from any provisions of this Chapter other than the location restrictions.

2.

This ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Arlington, and this ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any of such other ordinances except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other ordinance or ordinances are hereby repealed.

3.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

4.

All of the regulations provided in this ordinance are hereby declared to be governmental and for the health, safety and welfare of the general public. Any member of the City Council or any City official or employee charged with



the enforcement of this ordinance, acting for the City of Arlington in the discharge of his/her duties, shall not thereby render himself/herself personally liable; and he/she is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that might accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his/her said duties.

5.

The caption of this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Arlington, in compliance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 15, of the City Charter. Further, this ordinance may be published in pamphlet form and shall be admissible in such form in any court, as provided by law.

6.

This ordinance shall become effective ten days after first publication.

**PRESENTED AND GIVEN FIRST READING on the 19th day of November, 2002, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas; and GIVEN SECOND READING, passed and approved on the 26th day of November, 2002, by a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas.**

ORDINANCE NO. 03-041

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "**ADULT ENTERTAINMENT**" CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS, 1987, THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF **ARTICLE II, DEFINITIONS, SECTION 2.01, DEFINITIONS**, RELATIVE TO THE ADDITION OF A DEFINITION FOR "TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL"; THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF **ARTICLE IV, LICENSE FOR ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENT, SECTION 4.01, LICENSE REQUIRED, SECTION 4.05, SUSPENSION, SECTION 4.06, GROUNDS FOR REVOCATION, SECTION 4.07, DENIAL, SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION PROCEDURES, SECTION 4.08, PERIOD OF SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION, SECTION 4.09, APPEAL TO DISTRICT COURT, AND SECTION 4.10, TRANSFER OF LICENSE**, RELATIVE TO LICENSING, SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION; THROUGH THE ADDITION OF **ARTICLE VII, ENFORCEMENT**, RELATIVE TO NOTICES OF CITATIONS AND FINES; PROVIDING FOR A FINE OF UP TO **\$2,000** FOR EACH OFFENSE IN VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING THIS ORDINANCE BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND BECOMING EFFECTIVE TEN DAYS AFTER FIRST PUBLICATION

- WHEREAS, adult entertainment businesses require special supervision from the public safety agencies of the City in order to protect and preserve the public health, safety, morals and welfare of the patrons of such businesses as well as the citizens of the City; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council finds that adult entertainment businesses are frequently used for unlawful sexual activities and pose a substantial public health risk of sexually transmitted diseases; and
- WHEREAS, licensing is a legitimate and reasonable means of accountability to ensure that operators of adult entertainment 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, the Council has great concern over the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases, and the deleterious effects adult entertainment businesses have upon existing businesses and residential areas adjacent to them, causing increased crime and an adverse effect upon property values; and

WHEREAS, over the past year there has been an increased number of citations issued for violations of the City's adult entertainment ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to clarify the procedures and criteria to be followed for suspension or revocation of an adult entertainment business license; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS:

1.

That the "**Adult Entertainment**" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987, is hereby amended by the amendment of Article II, Definitions, **Section 2.01, Definitions**, by the addition of a definition for "**Transfer of Ownership or Control**" to read as follows:

"**Transfer of Ownership or Control**" of an Adult Entertainment Business means and includes any of the following:

1. the sale, lease, or sublease of the business;
2. the transfer of securities which 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 which transfers the ownership or control of the business, except for transfer by bequest or other operation of law upon the death of the person possessing the ownership or control.

Further, Article IV, License for Adult Entertainment Establishment, is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.01, License Required**, so that said section shall read as follows:

**Section 4.01 License Required**

- A. A person commits an offense if the person operates or causes to operate an Adult Entertainment Establishment without a valid license, issued by the City for the particular type of business.
- B. Any person, association, firm, partnership or corporation desiring to obtain an Adult Entertainment Establishment license shall make application on a form provided by the Chief of Police. 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").
- C. The applicant must be qualified according to the provisions of this article.

- D. An individual person who wishes to operate an Adult Entertainment Establishment must sign the application for a license as applicant. If a person who wishes to operate an Adult Entertainment Establishment 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 Section 4.02, and each applicant shall be considered a licensee if a license is granted.
- E. The fact that a person possesses other types of State or City permits does not exempt that person from the requirement of obtaining a license for an Adult Entertainment Establishment.
- F. The provisions of this article shall apply to existing Adult Entertainment Establishments beginning ninety (90) days after the effective date of Ordinance No. 92-117.
- G. All applications for a license under this article shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee. The annual fee is **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)**. An application shall not be considered to have been received until the fee is paid and all information required by the application form has been submitted. The application fee shall not be prorated in the event an application is tendered before or during the licensing period.
- H. An applicant for an Adult Entertainment Business must first obtain a Certificate of Occupancy for an Adult Entertainment Business from the Building Official. The Building Official shall issue or deny a Certificate of Occupancy to an Adult Entertainment Business not more than sixty (60) business days subsequent to the date of the applicant's submission of such application to the City's Office of Building Inspections. Such application for a Certificate of Occupancy shall be deemed approved if not approved or denied within such time period.

Further, Article IV is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.05, Suspension**, so that said section shall read as follows:

**Section 4.05 Suspension**

- A. Subject to Section 4.05(B), the Chief of Police shall suspend an Adult Entertainment license if the Chief of Police determines that a licensee(s), operator(s) or employee(s) of a licensee (or any combination thereof) has/have:
  - 1. (a) On five (5) or more occasions within any twelve (12) month period of time been cited for a violation of Sections 6.02, 6.03, 6.04 or any of the provisions of Article V of this Chapter; (b) been convicted or placed on deferred adjudication or probation for the violations; and (c) the Chief of Police determines that notice of the citations has been sent to the licensee in accordance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter; or
  - 2. (a) On five (5) or more occasions within any twelve (12) month period of time been cited for a violation of Section 4.03 of this Chapter; (b) been convicted or placed on deferred adjudication or probation for the violations; and (c) the Chief of Police determines that notice of the

citations has been sent to the licensee in accordance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter; or

3. (a) Been cited for any combination of offenses under subsections (1) or (2) above that total five (5) within any twelve (12) month period of time; (b) been convicted or placed on deferred adjudication or probation for the violations; and (c) the Chief of Police determines that notice of the citations has been sent to the licensee in accordance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter.

A period of suspension will begin the first day after the decision of the Chief of Police becomes final as provided in Section 4.07, unless the licensee appeals to district court under Section 4.09. If appeal is taken under Section 4.09, the period of suspension begins the day after all appeals are final.

- B. It shall be an affirmative offense to the suspension authorized under Section 4.05(A) if such licensee shows by a preponderance of the evidence that it was powerless to prevent such violations.
- C. Each day in which a violation is permitted to continue shall constitute a separate violation for purposes of suspension.

Further, Article IV is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.06, Grounds for Revocation**, so that said section shall read as follows:

**Section 4.06 Grounds for Revocation**

- A. The Chief of Police may revoke an Adult Entertainment license:
  1. If a cause of suspension in Section 4.05 occurs and the license has been ordered suspended by the Chief of Police for a thirty (30) day period pursuant to Section 4.08(B)(4) within the preceding year; or
  2. If the Chief of Police determines that on two or more occasions within a five (5) year period of time a licensee(s) or operator(s) (or any combination thereof) has/have been convicted of or placed on deferred adjudication, probation or community supervision for conduct occurring in a licensing period on the premises of an Adult Entertainment Establishment that constitutes any of the offenses of the State of Texas or criminal attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit same for;
    - a. Any of the following offenses as described in Chapter 43 of the Texas Penal Code:
      - (1) Prostitution;
      - (2) Promotion of prostitution;
      - (3) Aggravated promotion of prostitution;
      - (4) Compelling prostitution;

- (5) Obscenity;
  - (6) Sale, distribution or display of harmful material to a minor;
  - (7) Sexual performance by a child;
  - (8) Possession of child pornography;
- b. Any of the following offenses as described in Chapter 21 of the Texas Penal Code:
- (1) Public lewdness;
  - (2) Indecent exposure;
  - (3) Indecency with a child;
- c. Sexual assault or aggravated sexual assault as described in Chapter 22 of the Texas Penal Code;
- d. Incest, solicitation of a child or harboring a runaway child as described in Chapter 25 of the Texas Penal Code; or
3. If a licensee or operator gave false or misleading information in the material submitted to the Chief of Police during the application process;
  4. If a licensee or operator has knowingly allowed possession, use or sale of a controlled substance on the premises;
  5. If a licensee or operator has on two (2) or more occasions knowingly allowed prostitution on the premises;
  6. If a licensee or operator knowingly operated the Adult Entertainment Establishment during a period of time when the licensee's license was suspended;
  7. If a licensee or operator has, on two (2) or more occasions, knowingly allowed any act of sexual intercourse, sodomy, oral copulation, masturbation or sexual contact to occur in or on the licensed premises. The term "sexual contact" shall have the same meaning as it is defined in Section 21.01, Texas Penal Code;
  8. If a licensee is delinquent in payment to the City for hotel occupancy taxes, ad valorem taxes or sales taxes related to the Adult Entertainment Establishment;
  9. If the licensee is required to register as a sex offender under the provisions of Chapter 62 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.
  10. If a license is transferred in violation of Section 4.10(A).

- B. The fact that a conviction is being appealed shall have no effect on the revocation of the license.
- C. Section 4.06(A)(7) does not apply to Adult Motels as a ground for revoking the license, unless the licensee 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.

Further, Article IV is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.07, Denial, Suspension and Revocation Procedures**, so that said section shall read as follows:

**Section 4.07 Denial, Suspension and Revocation Procedures**

- A. A denial, suspension, or revocation is an administrative procedure. In any hearing relating to such actions under this Section, the burden of proof shall be on the City (except for affirmative defenses), and shall be by a preponderance of the evidence.
- B. If the Chief of Police is authorized to deny the issuance of a license, or suspend or revoke a license, the Chief of Police shall give written notice to the applicant or licensee of his intent to implement denial, suspension, or revocation procedures.
  - 1. The notice shall state the reason for such denial, suspension, or revocation.
  - 2. The notice shall provide that the denial of issuance, suspension or revocation shall take effect at the expiration of the tenth calendar day after notification, unless the licensee provides a written request for hearing to the Chief of Police before the expiration of the tenth calendar day.
  - 3. If a written request for hearing from the applicant or licensee is received by the Chief of Police before the expiration of the tenth calendar day, the suspension, denial of issuance or revocation will be stayed pending a hearing and a decision by the Chief of Police.
  - 4. The applicant or licensee shall have ten (10) calendar days, from the date notice is received, to request a hearing on the denial, suspension or revocation. The request shall be in writing and delivered to the Chief of Police. Upon receipt of the request for hearing, a hearing before the Chief of Police shall be scheduled to take place within **thirty (30) calendar days unless both parties agree to a certain date beyond the thirty days**. The Chief of Police shall consider only the testimony and evidence admitted for consideration at the hearing by the Administrative Law Judge. The Chief of Police shall have five (5) business days from the date of the hearing to notify the applicant or licensee of the decision.
    - a. In making a determination as to the denial of a license, the Chief of Police shall consider whether the applicant has established the applicant's entitlement to a license under the requirements imposed by Section 4.02 of this Chapter and/or whether the City has established a disqualifying factor under the requirements imposed by Section 4.02 of this Chapter.

- b. In making a determination of the suspension of a license under Section 4.05 of this Chapter, the Chief of Police shall consider: (1) whether the required number of citations under Section 4.05(A)(1), (2), or (3) were issued to the licensee, operator, or employee of the licensee within a twelve (12) month period of time; (2) whether notice of such citations was sent to the proper Adult Entertainment Business in compliance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter; (3) whether the licensee, operator, or employee of the licensee was convicted or placed on deferred adjudication or probation for the citations; and (4) whether licensee was powerless to prevent violations.
  - c. In making a determination of the revocation of a license under Section 4.06(A)(1) of this Chapter, the Chief of Police shall consider: (1) whether the required number of citations under Section 4.05(A)(1), (2), or (3) were issued to the licensee, operator, or employee of the licensee within a twelve (12) month period of time; (2) whether notice of such citations was sent to the proper adult entertainment business in compliance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter; (3) whether the licensee, operator, or employee of the licensee was convicted or placed on deferred adjudication or probation for the citations; and (4) whether the license at issue has been ordered suspended for a thirty (30) day period of time pursuant to Section 4.08(B)(4) of this Chapter within the preceding twelve (12) month period of time.
  - d. In making a determination of the revocation of a license under Sections 4.06(A)(2)-(10) of this Chapter, the Chief of Police shall consider whether the evidence shows that the specified convictions, events, or actions occurred as set forth in those sections of this Chapter.
5. All hearings under this Section will be presided over by an Administrative Law Judge appointed by the chairperson of the License and Amortization Appeal Board. The Administrative Law Judge must be licensed to practice law in Texas and have at least five (5) years experience presiding over administrative hearings, or hearings as a judge or master of a court. The hearing will be open to the public. The provisions of Texas Government Code, Sections 2001.081-.088 shall be used as procedural and evidentiary guidelines. The Administrative Law Judge will be responsible for the procedural oversight of the hearing, including the manner and order of presentation and ruling on the admissibility of testimony and evidence and any objections thereto. In accordance with Article XI of the Administrative Chapter of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Arlington, the Administrative Law Judge may subpoena witnesses and compel the production of books, papers and other evidence material to such hearing. All such subpoenas must be signed by the Mayor prior to issuance and subject to the following:



- a. The subpoena must be issued in pursuit of an objective authorized by the Adult Entertainment Chapter of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Arlington;
  - b. Information sought must be germane to the lawful subject of inquiry;
  - c. Demands for information must be as specific as the requesting party's knowledge will permit and must not be unreasonably burdensome;
  - d. The subpoena shall not purport to require privileged information which is recognized by law as such; and
  - e. A subpoena will be issued only upon request of either the City or the applicant or licensee. A request for subpoena must be served on the other party at the time of the request as evidenced by a certificate of service on the request. The opposing party has three (3) business days to file a written objection to the request with the Administrative Law Judge, setting forth an objection. The Administrative Law Judge may grant the objection, overrule the objection and issue the subpoena, or give the requesting party three (3) business days to file a response to the objection, after which time the Administrative Law Judge may issue the subpoena or deny the request for subpoena in writing stating the grounds for denial.
6. The decision by the Chief of Police is effective thirty (30) calendar days after the applicant or licensee is notified of the decision, unless a reinstatement fee under Section 4.08(B)(1) of this Chapter is paid (if available), or an appeal is made to District Court in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.09 of this Chapter. Written notice of the Chief of Police's decision will be given in the manner set forth in Section 7.02 of this Chapter, unless the City and the applicant or licensee agree on a different form of notice at the hearing. Such agreement will be entered on the record.

Further, Article IV is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.08, Period of Suspension or Revocation**, so that said section shall read as follows:

**Section 4.08 Period of Suspension or Revocation**

- A. The revocation of a license as provided for in Section 4.06 of this Chapter shall be for a period of twelve (12) months.
- B. The suspension of a license as provided for in Section 4.05 of this Chapter shall be as follows:
  1. The first suspension of a license shall be for a period of three (3) calendar days. When the Chief of Police is authorized to suspend a license for three (3) days, he shall notify the licensee in the notice of decision of the

licensee's opportunity to pay a reinstatement fee in the amount of \$1,500 in lieu of the suspension. Payment of this administrative fee shall be considered, for the purposes of this Subsection, the first suspension and an administrative admission of the violations. However, this shall not be used as an admission of guilt in a criminal prosecution under this Chapter. If the licensee does not pay the reinstatement fee before the expiration of the thirtieth calendar day after notification, the licensee loses the opportunity to pay it.

2. The second suspension of a license shall be for a period of seven (7) calendar days.
3. The third suspension of a license shall be for a period of fifteen (15) calendar days.
4. The fourth suspension of a license shall be for a period of thirty (30) calendar days. Except where grounds for revocation of a license exist under Section 4.06(A)(1), each subsequent suspension of a license shall be for a period of thirty (30) calendar days.

Further, Article IV is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.09, Appeal to District Court**, so that said section shall read as follows:

**Section 4.09 Appeal to District Court**

Upon receipt of written notice of the denial, suspension or revocation of a license, the licensee whose application for a license has been denied or whose license has been suspended or revoked shall have the right to appeal by filing suit in the appropriate district court within thirty (30) calendar days after the receipt of notice of the decision of the Chief of Police or decision of the License and Amortization Appeal Board, as applicable. The filing of such suit shall have the effect of staying denial, suspension or revocation for the Adult Entertainment Business licensed under this Chapter at such location, pending a judicial determination of the appeal. The City shall grant a provisional license upon the filing of a court action to appeal a denial of an Adult Entertainment Business license if the applicant is not currently licensed for such business at the subject location. The provisional license will expire upon the court's entry of judgment on such appeal. The licensee shall bear the burden of proof in court. The substantial evidence standard of review shall apply to such appeal.

Further, Article IV is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.10, Transfer of License**, so that said section shall read as follows:

**Section 4.10 Transfer of License**

- A. A person commits an offense if the person transfers a license to another person or operates an Adult Entertainment Establishment under the authority of a license at any place other than the address designated on the license. A transfer of a license is deemed to have occurred if there is a transfer of more than fifty percent (50%) of the ownership or control of an Adult Entertainment Establishment.

- B. A person commits an offense if the person counterfeits, forges, changes, defaces or alters a license.

Further, the "Adult Entertainment" Chapter is amended by the addition of **Article VII, Enforcement**, so that said article shall read as follows:

**Article VII**  
**ENFORCEMENT**

**Section 7.01 Violation a Misdemeanor**

Any person, firm, corporation, agent or employee thereof who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined an amount not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$2,000.00) for each offense. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

**Section 7.02 Notice of Violation**

The City shall send to an Adult Entertainment Business written notice of each citation issued to an operator or employee of the business for an alleged violation of Sections 6.02, 6.03, 6.04 or any provision of Article V of this Chapter. The notice will be sent within three (3) business days of the issuance of the citation to the operator or employee. The notice will be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the business address of the Adult Entertainment Business as it appears on its license application, to the attention of the licensee, as it appears on the license application. A failure of the City to provide such notice is not a violation of this Chapter. It is not a defense to a citation issued to an employee or operator for an alleged violation of Sections 6.02, 6.03, 6.04, or any provision of Article V of this Chapter, that notice of the issuance of that citation was not given to the Adult Entertainment Business in accordance with this Section.

2.

Any person, firm, corporation, agent or employee thereof who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined an amount not to exceed **Two Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$2,000)** for each offense. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

3.

This ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Arlington, and this ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any of such other ordinances except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other ordinance or ordinances are hereby repealed.

4.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

5.

All of the regulations provided in this ordinance are hereby declared to be governmental and for the health, safety and welfare of the general public. Any member of the City Council or any City official or employee charged with the enforcement of this ordinance, acting for the City of Arlington in the discharge of his/her duties, shall not thereby render himself/herself personally liable; and he/she is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that might accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his/her said duties.

6.

The caption of this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Arlington, in compliance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 15, of the City Charter. Further, this ordinance may be published in pamphlet form and shall be admissible in such form in any court, as provided by law.

7.

This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after first publication as described above.

**PRESENTED AND GIVEN FIRST READING** on the **25th** day of **March, 2003**, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas; and **GIVEN SECOND READING**, passed and approved on the **1st** day of **April, 2003**, by a vote of **8** ayes and **0** nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of **Arlington, Texas**.

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ROBERT N. CLUCK, Mayor

ATTEST:

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BARBARA G. HEPTIG, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
JAY DOEGEY, City Attorney

BY \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. 03-044

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "**SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS**" (FORMERLY "**ADULT ENTERTAINMENT**") CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS, 1987, INCLUDING THE ADDITION OF **SECTION 1.03, FINDINGS**; THE AMENDMENT OF **SECTION 2.01, DEFINITIONS**, INCLUDING THE DEFINITIONS OF "NUDITY", "SPECIFIED ANATOMICAL AREAS", AND "SPECIFIED SEXUAL ACTIVITIES"; THE AMENDMENT OF **SECTION 3.02, NONCONFORMING USES**; THE AMENDMENT OF **ARTICLE V, ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS**, RELATIVE TO INTERIOR DESIGN, TRAINING AND SUPERVISION OBLIGATIONS; THE ADDITION OF **SECTION 5.06, ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO SEXUALLY ORIENTED BOOKSTORES, SEXUALLY ORIENTED NOVELTY STORES AND SEXUALLY ORIENTED VIDEO STORES**; THE ADDITION OF A NEW **ARTICLE VI, MISCELLANEOUS**, RELATIVE TO HOURS OF OPERATION, PROHIBITION OF PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, PERFORMANCE STAGES, BUFFER REQUIREMENTS, INTERIOR SIGNS, AND DEMARCATION LINES; AND THE DELETION OF THE OLD ARTICLE VI, ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING THIS ORDINANCE BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND BECOMING EFFECTIVE TEN DAYS AFTER FIRST PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, sexually oriented businesses require special supervision from the public safety agencies of the City in order to protect and preserve the health, safety, morals and welfare of the patrons of such businesses as well as the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council 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 City which demands reasonable regulation of sexually oriented businesses in order 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 an adverse impact upon 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 blight and downgrading the quality of life in the adjacent area; and

WHEREAS, the City Council 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 blight; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that locational criteria alone do not adequately protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of this City; and

WHEREAS, it is not the intent of this ordinance to suppress any speech activities protected by the First Amendment, but to enact a content neutral ordinance which addresses the secondary effects of sexually oriented businesses; and

WHEREAS, it is not the intent of the City Council to condone or legitimize the distribution of obscene material, and the Council recognizes that state and federal law prohibits the distribution of obscene materials and expects and encourages state law enforcement officials to enforce state

obscenity statutes against any such illegal activities in the City; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS:

1.

That the "**Adult Entertainment**" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987, is hereby amended so that hereafter the Chapter is renamed "**Sexually Oriented Business**" and shall be and read as follows:

## ARTICLE I

### PURPOSE AND INTENT

#### Section 1.01 Adoption of Preamble

The findings contained in the preamble of this ordinance are determined to be true and correct and are adopted as a part of this ordinance.

#### Section 1.02 Purpose and Intent

It is the purpose of this Chapter to regulate Sexually Oriented Businesses to promote the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the citizens of the City, and to establish reasonable and uniform regulations to prevent the continued concentration of Sexually Oriented Businesses within the City. The provisions of this Chapter 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 Chapter 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.

#### Section 1.03 Findings

Based on evidence concerning the adverse secondary effects of Sexually Oriented Businesses on the community presented in hearings and in reports made available to the Council, and on findings incorporated in the cases of *City of Renton v. Playtime Theatres, Inc.*, 475 U.S. 41 (1986), *Young v. American Mini Theatres*, 427 U.S. 50 (1976), *FW/PBS, Inc. v. City of Dallas*, 493 U.S. 215 (1990); *Barnes v. Glen*

*Theatre, Inc.*, 501 U.S. 560 (1991), *City of Erie v. Pap's A.M.*, 529 U.S. 277, 120 S. Ct. 1382 (2000), *City of Los Angeles v. Alameda Books, Inc.*, 122 S. Ct. 1728 (2002); *Baby Dolls Topless Saloons, Inc. v. City of Dallas*, 295 F.3d 471 (5th Cir. 2002); *LLEH, Inc. v. Wichita County, Texas*, 289 F.3d 358 (5th Cir. 2002); *Mitchell v. Commission on Adult Entertainment*, 10 F.3d 123 (3rd Cir. 1993); *Schultz v. City of Cumberland*, 228 F.3d 831 (7th Cir. 2000) and on studies in other communities including, but not limited to: Phoenix, Arizona; Minneapolis, Minnesota; St. Paul, Minnesota; Houston, Texas; Indianapolis, Indiana; Dallas, Texas; Amarillo, Texas; Garden Grove, California; Los Angeles, California; Whittier, California; Austin, Texas; Seattle, Washington; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Cleveland, Ohio; Beaumont, Texas; Newport News, Virginia; Bellevue, Washington; New York, New York; and St. Croix County, Wisconsin; a summary of land use studies compiled by the National Law Center for Children and Families; and also on findings from the *Report of the Attorney General's Working Group On The Regulation Of Sexually Oriented Businesses* (June 6, 1989, State of Minnesota), the Council finds:

1. Sexually Oriented Businesses lend themselves to ancillary unlawful and unhealthy activities that are presently uncontrolled by the operators of the establishments. Further, absent municipal regulation aimed at reducing adverse secondary effects there is no mechanism to make the owners of these establishments responsible for the activities that occur on their premises.
2. Certain employees of Sexually Oriented Businesses, defined in this Ordinance as Sexually Oriented Theater, Nude Model Business, Escort Agency, and Sexually Oriented Cabaret, engage in higher incidence of certain types of illicit sexual behavior than employees of other establishments.
3. Sexual acts, including masturbation, prostitution, sexual contact, and oral and anal sex, occur at Sexually Oriented Businesses, especially those which provide private or semi-private booths or cubicles, or rooms for viewing films, videos, or live sex shows.
4. Offering and providing private or semi-private areas in Sexually Oriented Businesses encourages such sexual activities, which creates unhealthy conditions.
5. Persons frequent certain Sexually Oriented Theaters, Sexually Oriented Arcades, and other Sexually Oriented Businesses for the purpose of engaging in sex within the premises of such Sexually Oriented Businesses.



6. 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.
7. Since 1981 and to the present, there has been an increasing cumulative number of reported cases of AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome) caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in the United States: 600 in 1982; 2,200 in 1983; 4,600 in 1984; 8,555 in 1985, and 253,448 through December 31, 1992.
8. As of December 31, 2001, there have been 57,199 reported cases of AIDS in the State of Texas.
9. Since the early 1980s and to the present, there has been an increasing cumulative number of persons testing positive for the HIV antibody test in Tarrant County, Texas and across the State of Texas.
10. The number of cases of early (less than one year) syphilis in the United States reported annually has risen, with 33,613 cases reported in 1982, and 45,200 through November, 1990. According to Texas Department of Health records there were 1,175 cases of early syphilis reported in the State of Texas during 2000 and an additional 972 cases reported in 2001.
11. The number of cases of gonorrhea in the United States reported annually remains at a high level, with over one-half million cases being reported in 1990. Again, according to Texas Department of Health records there were 32,895 cases of gonorrhea reported in the State of Texas during 2000 and an additional 30,116 cases reported in 2001. During the same time period there were also 138,692 cases of chlamydia reported in the State of Texas.
12. In his report of October 22, 1986, the Surgeon General of the United States has advised the American public that AIDS and HIV infection may be transmitted through sexual contact, intravenous drug abuse, exposure to infected blood and blood components, and from an infected mother to her newborn.
13. According to the best scientific evidence, AIDS and HIV infection, as well as syphilis and gonorrhea, are principally transmitted by sexual acts.

14. 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 failure of the owners and the operators of the facilities to self-regulate those activities and maintain those facilities.
15. Numerous studies and reports have determined that semen is found in the areas of Sexually Oriented Businesses where persons view "sexually oriented" films.
16. Sexually Oriented Businesses have operational characteristics which should be reasonably regulated in order to protect substantial governmental concerns.
17. A reasonable licensing procedure is an appropriate mechanism to place the burden of that reasonable regulation on the owners and the operators of the Sexually Oriented Businesses. Further, such a licensing procedure will place an incentive on the 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 City. 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.
18. Removal of doors on booths and requiring sufficient lighting on premises with booths advances a substantial governmental interest in curbing the illegal and unsanitary sexual activity occurring in Sexually Oriented Theaters.
19. Requiring licensees of Sexually Oriented Businesses to keep information regarding current employees and certain past employees will help reduce the incidence of certain types of criminal behavior by facilitating the identification of potential witnesses or suspects and by preventing minors from working in such establishments.
20. 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.

21. In the prevention of the spread of communicable diseases, it is desirable to obtain a limited amount of information regarding certain employees who may engage in the conduct that this Ordinance is designed to prevent, or who are likely to be witnesses to such conduct.
22. The fact that an applicant for a Sexually Oriented Business license has been convicted of a sexually related crime leads to the rational assumption that the applicant may engage in that conduct in contravention of this Ordinance. There is a correlation between Sexually Oriented Businesses, specifically their hours of operation and the type of people which such businesses attract, and higher crime rates. [*Baby Dolls Topless Saloons, Inc. v. City of Dallas*, 295 F.3d 471 (5th Cir. 2002)].
23. The barring of such individuals from the management of Sexually Oriented Businesses for a period of years serves as a deterrent to, and prevents conduct which leads to, the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases.
24. It is reasonably believed that to better protect the public health, safety, and welfare, it is necessary to adopt additional amendments to this chapter.
25. It is reasonably believed that to prevent the exploitation of a loophole in the Ordinance (which would have permitted such businesses to avoid the location restrictions), partially nude performances in such businesses are also included within the purview of the regulations, since they have the same harmful secondary effects on the surrounding community as Sexually Oriented Businesses currently regulated under the Ordinance. [*Baby Dolls Topless Saloons, Inc. v. City of Dallas*, 295 F.3d 471 (5th Cir. 2002)].
26. There is no Constitutional right for Sexually Oriented Business employees in a state of nudity to touch customers. [*Hang On, Inc. v. City of Arlington*, 65 F.3d 1248 (5th Cir. 1995)]
27. One court has characterized the acts of Sexually Oriented Business employees in a state of nudity and being paid to touch or be touched by customers as prostitution. [*People v. Hill*, 2002 Ill. App. LEXIS 792 (Ill. App. 2 Dist. Sep. 4, 2002); See also, Tex. Penal Code Sections 43.01 ("sexual conduct" and "sexual contact") and 43.02 ("prostitution")].

28. Attempts by the City of Arlington to require Sexually Oriented Businesses to advise customers and employees in a state of nudity to refrain from intentionally touching and fondling each other through signage posted at the business entrance have not been effective.
29. Sexually Oriented Businesses have not complied with the "no touch" provisions, but have flagrantly disregarded them and/or encouraged employees and customers to violate the "no touch" provision.
30. Provocative touching of persons in a Sexually Oriented Business where at least one is in a state of nudity frequently leads to the commission of sex crimes, illegal drug use, and increased health risks due to sexually transmitted diseases.
31. Compelling signage at the entrances of Sexually Oriented Businesses has not been effective in halting "no touch" violations.
32. The City of Arlington has had to expend considerable law enforcement resources to enforce the "no touch" provisions.
33. The City Council reasonably believes that requiring employees in a state of nudity to be physically separated by the use of elevated stages and buffer zones is necessary to better ensure ordinance compliance while still not inhibiting constitutionally protected expressive conduct or speech. [*LLEH, Inc. v. Wichita County, Texas*, 289 F.3d 358 (5th Cir. 2002)]
34. It is reasonably believed by the City Council that the general welfare, health, and safety of the citizens of the City will be promoted by the enactment of this Ordinance.
35. The findings noted in Subsections (1) through (33) raise substantial governmental concerns.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **DEFINITIONS**

#### **Section 2.01 Definitions**

Unless otherwise expressly stated, the following terms shall, for the purposes of this Chapter, have the meanings indicated in this section.

**"Applicant"** means a person or persons listed as such on an application for a license as a Sexually Oriented Business.

**"Business Days"** means the days of the week from Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

**"Chief of Police"** means the Chief of Police, Assistant Chief of Police or Deputy Chief of Police. In Sections 4.01, 4.02 and 4.04 of this Ordinance, Chief of Police shall also mean a member of the Police Department Covert Operations Unit designated by the Chief of Police.

**"Church"** means a building, whether situated within the City or not, in which persons regularly assemble for religious worship and said building is intended primarily for purposes connected with such worship or for propagating a particular form of religious belief.

**"Customer"** means any person who:

1. is allowed to enter a Sexually Oriented Business in return for the payment of an admission fee or any other form of consideration or gratuity; or
2. enters a Sexually Oriented Business and purchases, rents or otherwise partakes of any merchandise, goods, entertainment or other services offered therein; or
3. is a member of and on the premises of a Sexually Oriented Business operating as a private club.

**"Conviction" or "convicted"** means a finding of guilty by a court of record, regardless of whether an appeal is pending.

**"Day"** means, unless otherwise indicated, calendar days.

**"Employee"** means any person who renders any service whatsoever to the customers of a Sexually Oriented Business or who works in or about a Sexually Oriented Business and who receives compensation for such service or work from the operator or owner of the Sexually Oriented Business or from the customers therein.

**"Entertainment District"** means the Entertainment District, as set out in Resolution No. 92-725, or any subsequent resolutions or ordinances establishing the Entertainment District or Entertainment Overlay District.

**"Escort"** means a person who, for consideration, agrees or offers to act as a companion or date for another person, or who agrees or offers to privately model lingerie or to privately perform a striptease for another person.

**"Escort Agency"** means a person or business association that furnishes, offers to furnish or advertises to furnish escorts as its principal business purpose, for a fee, tip or other consideration.

**"Licensee"** means a person in whose name a license to operate a Sexually Oriented Business has been issued, as well as any and all individuals listed as applicants, owners or licensees on the application for a license.

**"Licensed Day Care Center"** means a facility licensed by the State of Texas, whether situated within the City or not, that provides care, training, education, custody treatment or supervision for more than six (6) 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.

**"Nude Model Business"** means any place where a person who appears in a state of nudity or displays "specified anatomical areas" is provided or allowed to be observed, sketched, drawn, painted, sculptured, photographed or similarly depicted by other persons who pay money or give any other form of consideration. Nude model business shall not include those activities excepted from the below definition of Sexually Oriented Business.

**"Nudity or A State of Nudity"** means:

1. The appearance of a human bare buttock, vulva, anus, anal cleft with less than a full opaque covering, male genitals, female genitals or female breast; or
2. A state of dress which fails to completely and opaquely cover a human buttock, vulva, anus, male genitals, female genitals or any part of the female breast or breasts that is situated below a point immediately above the top of the areola of the female breast.

**"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, licensee or manager of the establishment.

**"Operator"** means an individual who is in control of the operations of a Sexually Oriented Business, including, but not limited to, a person designated by the licensee under Section 5.01(H) of this Chapter. This control can be either on an hourly basis, daily basis, weekly basis, or shift

basis, or any combination thereof. An operator includes, but is not limited to manager, assistant manager, house mother, floor manager, or shift manager.

**"Person"** means an individual, proprietorship, partnership, corporation, association or other legal entity.

**"Premises"** means the grounds and all building, vehicles, and appurtenances pertaining to the grounds, including any adjacent premises if they are directly or indirectly under the control of the same person.

**"Principal"** means over fifty percent (50%) of customers, volume of sales, revenue, stock in trade, display areas, floor space, advertising, or presentation time in any three (3) month increment period beginning from the date of issuance of a certificate of occupancy. Stock in trade shall be measured with all titles or objects available on the premises for sale or rental including those that are identical, considered a separate title or object.

**"Regularly"** means featuring, promoting, permitting to occur or advertising a happening or occurrence on a recurring basis.

**"Residential District"** means a residentially zoned district as defined in the "Zoning" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas. For purposes of this Chapter, a "residential use" may exist even in the absence of a corresponding "residential district".

**"Residential Use"** means a single family, townhouse, duplex, mobile home or multiple family use as defined in the "Zoning" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas.

**"Sexual Encounter Center"** means a commercial establishment to which the public is permitted or invited, which as its principal business purpose, offers for any form of consideration:

1. physical contact in the form of specified sexual activities between persons of the same or opposite sex; or
2. activities between male and female persons and/or persons of the same sex when one (1) or more of the persons is in a state of nudity.

**"Sexually Oriented Business" means:**

1. A Sexually Oriented Arcade, Sexually Oriented Bookstore or Sexually Oriented Video Store, Sexually Oriented Cabaret, Sexually Oriented Motel, Sexually Oriented Theater, Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theater, Escort Agency, Nude Model Business or Sexual Encounter Center; and/or
2. Any establishment whose principal business is the offering of a service or the selling, renting or exhibiting of devices or any other items intended to provide sexual stimulation or sexual gratification to its customers, and which is distinguished by or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas; or whose employees or customers appear in a state of nudity.
3. The term "Sexually Oriented Business" shall not be construed to include:
  - a. Any business operated by or employing a licensed psychologist, licensed physical therapist, licensed masseuse, licensed vocational nurse, registered nurse, licensed athletic trainer, licensed cosmetologist, or licensed barber engaged in performing the normal and customary functions authorized under the license held;
  - b. Any business operated by or employing a licensed physician or licensed chiropractor engaged in practicing the healing arts;
  - c. Any retail establishment whose principal business is the offering of wearing apparel for sale to customers and that does not exhibit merchandise on live models; or
  - d. An activity conducted or sponsored:
    - (1) By a proprietary school licensed by the State of Texas or a college, junior college or university supported entirely or partly by taxation; or
    - (2) By a private college or university which maintains or operates educational programs in which credits are transferable to a college, junior college, or university supported entirely or partly by taxation;



And any activity conducted or sponsored by an entity identified in subparagraph (1) or (2) must be situated in a structure:

- (a) which has no sign or other advertising visible from the exterior of the structure indicating a 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 model is on the premises at any one time.

**"Sexually Oriented Arcade"** means any commercial establishment 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 time, and where the images so displayed are distinguished or characterized by the depicting or describing of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."

**"Sexually Oriented Bookstore or Sexually Oriented Video Store"** means a commercial establishment to which the public is permitted or invited which, as its principal business purpose, offers for sale or rental for any form of consideration any one (1) 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 which depict or describe "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas"; or
- 2. instruments, devices, or paraphernalia which are designed for use in connection with "specified sexual activities." This does not include items used for birth control or for prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.

**"Sexually Oriented Cabaret"** means a nightclub, bar, restaurant or similar commercial establishment which regularly has:

- 1. persons who appear in a state of nudity; or

2. live performances which 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, closed-circuit television transmissions, cable television transmissions, subscriber programming, any disk, diskette, or other physical medium that allows an image to be displayed on a computer or other video screen and any image transmitted to a computer or other video screen by telephone line, cable, satellite transmission or other method, which are characterized by the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."

**"Sexually Oriented Motel"** means a hotel, motel or similar commercial establishment which:

1. offers accommodations to the public for any form of consideration; provides patrons with closed-circuit television transmissions, cable television transmissions, subscriber programming, any disk, diskette, or other physical medium that allows an image to be displayed on a computer or other video screen and any image transmitted to a computer or other video screen by telephone line, cable, satellite transmission or other method, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides or other photographic reproductions which 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 material; 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.

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 business is a Sexually Oriented Motel.

**"Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theater"** means a commercial establishment to which the public is permitted or invited where, for any form of consideration, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides or similar photographic

reproductions, any disk, diskette, or other physical medium that allows an image to be displayed on a computer or other video screen and any image transmitted to a computer or other video screen by telephone line, cable, satellite transmission or other method, are regularly shown which are characterized by the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."

**"Sexually Oriented Theater"** means a theater, concert hall, auditorium or similar commercial establishment to which the public is permitted or invited which 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."

**"Specified Anatomical Areas"** means:

1. human genitals in a state of sexual arousal or simulated to be in a state of sexual arousal, even if completely and opaquely covered; or
2. any of the following, or any combination of the following, when less than completely and opaquely covered:
  - a. any human genitals, pubic region, or pubic hair;
  - b. any buttock; or
  - c. any portion of the female breast or breasts that is situated below a point immediately above the top of the areola.

**"Specified Sexual Activities"** means and includes any of the following:

1. the fondling or other erotic touching of another's or one's own human genitals, pubic region, pubic hair, perineum, buttocks, anus or female breasts;
2. sex acts, actual or simulated, including intercourse, oral copulation, sodomy or bestiality;
3. masturbation, actual or simulated, of oneself or another; or
4. excretory functions as part of or in connection with, any of the activities set forth in (1) through (3) above.

**"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 which 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 which transfers the ownership or control of the business, except for transfer by bequest or other operation of law upon the death of the person possessing the ownership or control.

### ARTICLE III

#### LOCATION OF SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES

##### Section 3.01 Location

- A. A Sexually Oriented Business shall be located within a specific zoning district as set forth in the "Zoning" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas.
- B. A person commits an offense if he establishes, operates or causes to be operated or expanded a Sexually Oriented Business within 1,000 feet of:
  1. a church;
  2. a public or private elementary or secondary school;
  3. a boundary of a residential district;
  4. a boundary of the Entertainment District as defined in this Chapter;
  5. a licensed day care center;
  6. a public park; or
  7. the property line of a lot devoted to a residential use as defined in this Chapter.

However, if there is a controlled access highway between the district boundary/property line and the Sexually Oriented Business, the Sexually Oriented Business must be at least five hundred (500) feet from such district boundary/property line.

- C. A person commits an offense if he establishes, operates or causes to be operated or expanded a Sexually Oriented Business within 1,000 feet of any other Sexually Oriented Business.
- D. A person commits an offense if he establishes, operates or causes to be operated or expanded a Sexually Oriented Business in any building, structure or portion thereof containing another Sexually Oriented Business.
- E. For the purposes of Subsection (B), 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 tenant space occupied for a Sexually Oriented Business to the nearest property line of the premises of a church, public or private elementary or secondary school, licensed day care center, or to the nearest boundary of an affected public park, residential district, Entertainment District or residential lot.
- F. For purposes of Subsection (C) 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. If the establishment is located within a structure with multiple spaces available for occupancy, the measurement will be from the closest wall of the tenant space occupied by the Sexually Oriented Business.

**Section 3.02 Nonconforming Sexually Oriented Business**

- A. Any Sexually Oriented Business lawfully operating prior to the effective date of Ordinance No. 92-117, that is in violation of Section 3.01 shall be deemed a nonconforming Sexually Oriented Business. The nonconforming Sexually Oriented Business will be permitted to continue for a period not to exceed three (3) years from the effective date of Ordinance No. 92-117, unless sooner terminated for any reason or voluntarily discontinued for a period of thirty (30) days or more. Such nonconforming Sexually Oriented Businesses shall not be increased, enlarged, extended or altered except that the business may be changed to a use other than a Sexually Oriented Business to the extent allowed by the Zoning Chapter of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Arlington, as amended. If two (2) or more Sexually Oriented Businesses are within 1,000 feet of one another and otherwise in a

permissible location, the Sexually Oriented Business which was first established and continually operating at a particular location is the conforming Sexually Oriented Business, and the later-established business is nonconforming.

- B. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the License and Amortization Appeal Board may extend the amortization period hereinabove provided to a reasonable period of time for any nonconforming Sexually Oriented Business upon a showing by a particular business that without an extension it will be unable to recoup its investment in the nonconforming structure.
- C. Any nonconforming Sexually Oriented Business which desires an extension must register with the License and Amortization Appeal Board as a nonconforming Sexually Oriented Business no later than September 1, 1995, and must file an application for an extension of the amortization period not later than November 1, 1995. Requests for an extension of the amortization period shall be limited to one (1) application with the License and Amortization Appeal Board.
- D. A Sexually Oriented Business lawfully operating as a conforming Sexually Oriented Business after the effective date of Ordinance No. 92-117 is not rendered a nonconforming use by the location, subsequent to the commencement of operation of the Sexually Oriented Business, of a church, public or private elementary or secondary school, public park, licensed day care center, Entertainment District, residential use or residential zoning district within 1,000 feet of the Sexually Oriented Business.
- E. A person commits an offense if the person increases, enlarges, extends, or alters or causes to be increased, enlarged or extended or altered the premises of a non-conforming Sexually Oriented Business.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **LICENSE FOR SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS**

##### **Section 4.01 License Required**

- A. A person commits an offense if the person operates or causes to operate a Sexually Oriented Business without

a valid license, issued by the City for the particular type of business.

- B. Any person, association, firm, partnership or corporation desiring to obtain a Sexually Oriented Business license shall make application on a form provided by the Chief of Police. 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").
- C. The applicant must be qualified according to the provisions of this article.
- D. An individual person who wishes to operate a Sexually Oriented Business 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 Section 4.02, and each applicant shall be considered a licensee if a license is granted.
- E. The fact that a person possesses other types of State or City permits does not exempt that person from the requirement of obtaining a license for a Sexually Oriented Business.
- F. The provisions of this article shall apply to existing Sexually Oriented Businesses beginning ninety (90) days after the effective date of Ordinance No. 92-117.
- G. All applications for a license under this article shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee. The annual fee is Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). An application shall not be considered to have been received until the fee is paid and all information required by the application form has been submitted. The application fee shall not be prorated in the event an application is tendered before or during the licensing period.
- H. An applicant for a Sexually Oriented Business must first obtain a Certificate of Occupancy for a Sexually Oriented Business from the Building Official. The Building Official shall issue or deny a Certificate of

Occupancy to a Sexually Oriented Business not more than sixty (60) business days subsequent to the date of the applicant's submission of such application to the City's Office of Building Inspections. Such application for a Certificate of Occupancy shall be deemed approved if not approved or denied within such time period.

**Section 4.02 License Issuance and Grounds for Denial**

- A. The Chief of Police shall approve the issuance of a license to an applicant within thirty (30) days after receipt of an application, unless the Chief of Police finds one (1) or more of the following to be true:
1. The location of the Sexually Oriented Business is or would be in violation of Article III of this Chapter.
  2. The applicant failed to supply all of the information requested on the application.
  3. The applicant gave false, fraudulent or untruthful information on the application.
  4. An applicant is under eighteen (18) years of age.
  5. An applicant or an applicant's spouse is overdue in payment to the City 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.
  6. An applicant or an applicant's spouse has been convicted or placed on deferred adjudication, probation or community supervision for a violation of a provision of this Chapter, within two (2) years immediately preceding the application. The fact that a conviction is being appealed shall have no effect.
  7. The license fee required by this Article has not been paid.
  8. The applicant has not demonstrated that the owner of the Sexually Oriented Business owns or holds a lease for the property or the applicable portion thereof upon which the Sexually Oriented Business will be situated or has a legally enforceable right to acquire the same.



9. An applicant or the proposed establishment is in violation of or is not in compliance with Sections 4.03 or 4.10, or Sections 5.03(H), 5.05(A)(1), 5.05(A)(5), 5.06(A)(1), or 5.06(A)(5), as applicable.
10. An applicant or an applicant's spouse has been convicted or placed on deferred adjudication, probation, or community supervision for:
  - a. Any offense under the laws of the United States of America, another state or the Uniform Code of Military Justice for an offense described in this Section 4.02(A)(10); or
  - b. Any of the below offenses of the State of Texas or criminal attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit same:
    - (1) Any of the following offenses as described in Chapter 43 of the Texas Penal Code:
      - (a) Prostitution;
      - (b) Promotion of prostitution;
      - (c) Aggravated promotion of prostitution;
      - (d) Compelling prostitution;
      - (e) Obscenity;
      - (f) Sale, distribution or display of harmful material to a minor;
      - (g) Sexual performance by a child;
      - (h) Possession of child pornography;
    - (2) Any of the following offenses as described in Chapter 21 of the Texas Penal Code:
      - (a) Public lewdness;
      - (b) Indecent exposure;
      - (c) Indecency with a child;

- (3) Sexual assault or aggravated sexual assault as described in Chapter 22 of the Texas Penal Code; or
- (4) Incest, solicitation of a child or harboring a runaway child as described in Chapter 25 of the Texas Penal Code;

c. For which:

- (1) Less than two (2) years have elapsed since the date of conviction, or the date of release from the terms of community supervision, probation, parole or deferred adjudication or the date of release from confinement imposed for the conviction, whichever is the later date, if the conviction is of a misdemeanor offense; or
- (2) Less than five (5) years have elapsed since the date of conviction, or the date of release from the terms of community supervision, probation, parole or deferred adjudication or the date of release from confinement for the conviction, whichever is the later date, if the conviction is of a felony offense; or
- (3) Less than five (5) years have elapsed since the date of the last conviction or 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 twenty-four (24) month period.

11. The applicant or the applicant's spouse is required to register as a sex offender under the provisions of Chapter 62 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

12. The applicant failed to comply with any of the requirements of Section 243.0075 of the Texas Local Government Code regarding the posting of an outdoor sign.

B. An applicant, or applicant's spouse, who has been convicted of or placed on deferred adjudication,

- probation or community supervision for an offense listed in Section 4.02(A)(10) may qualify for a Sexually Oriented Business license only when the time period required by Section 4.02(A)(10)(c) has elapsed.
- 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.
  - D. The license shall be posted in a conspicuous place at or near the entrance to the Sexually Oriented Business, so that it is visible to the public at all times and may be easily read.

**Section 4.03    Inspection and Maintenance of Records**

- A. A licensee, operator or employee of a Sexually Oriented Business shall permit representatives of the Police Department, Health Department, Fire Department, Building Inspections Division and Code Enforcement Division to inspect the premises and the records required to be maintained under this Chapter by 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 licensee or operator of a Sexually Oriented Business commits an offense if the person operates the establishment without maintaining a current list of all employees of the business, along with a complete updated employment application for each employee. A legible copy of a valid driver's license, state identification card, or passport, with a photograph, together with an original photograph accurately depicting the employee as the person appears at the time the person is hired, shall be required and maintained on the premises with the employee's application.
- C. A licensee or operator of a Sexually Oriented Business commits an offense if the person refuses to permit a lawful inspection of the records and premises by a representative of the Police Department at any time the Sexually Oriented Business is occupied or open for business.
- D. The licensee or operator of a Sexually Oriented Business shall maintain all records required to be maintained under the provisions of this Chapter on the licensed premises.

- E. The licensee or operator of a Sexually Oriented Business commits an offense if the person does not maintain the required records on the premises of the licensed establishment.
- F. A licensee, operator or employee of a Sexually Oriented Business shall permit representatives of the Police Department to take photographs of the licensee, operator or employees of the Sexually Oriented Business for the purpose of ensuring compliance with this Chapter at any time it is occupied or open for business.
- G. A licensee, operator or employee of a Sexually Oriented Business commits an offense if that person does not permit representatives of the Police Department to take photographs of the licensee, operator or employee of the Sexually Oriented Business at any time it is occupied or open for business.
- H. The provisions of this section do not apply to areas of a Sexually Oriented Motel which are currently being rented by a customer for use as a permanent or temporary habitation.

**Section 4.04 Expiration and Renewal of License**

- A. Each license shall expire one year after the date of issuance.
- B. Renewal of a license may be applied for by submission to the Chief of Police of an application on the form prescribed by such official and payment of a nonrefundable renewal processing fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).
- C. Application for renewal shall be made at least thirty (30) days before the expiration date of the current license.

**Section 4.05 Suspension**

- A. Subject to Section 4.05(B), the Chief of Police shall suspend a Sexually Oriented Business license if the Chief of Police determines that a licensee(s), operator(s) or employee(s) of a licensee (or any combination thereof) has/have:
  - 1. (a) On five (5) or more occasions within any twelve (12) month period of time been cited for a

violation of Sections 6.02, 6.03, 6.04 or any of the provisions of Article V of this Chapter; (b) been convicted or placed on deferred adjudication or probation for the violations; and (c) the Chief of Police determines that notice of the citations has been sent to the licensee in accordance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter; or

2. (a) On five (5) or more occasions within any twelve (12) month period of time been cited for a violation of Section 4.03 of this Chapter; (b) been convicted or placed on deferred adjudication or probation for the violations; and (c) the Chief of Police determines that notice of the citations has been sent to the licensee in accordance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter; or
3. (a) Been cited for any combination of offenses under subsections (1) or (2) above that total five (5) within any twelve (12) month period of time; (b) been convicted or placed on deferred adjudication or probation for the violations; and (c) the Chief of Police determines that notice of the citations has been sent to the licensee in accordance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter.

A period of suspension will begin the first day after the decision of the Chief of Police becomes final as provided in Section 4.07, unless the licensee appeals to district court under Section 4.09. If appeal is taken under Section 4.09, the period of suspension begins the day after all appeals are final.

- B. It shall be an affirmative offense to the suspension authorized under Section 4.05(A) if such licensee shows by a preponderance of the evidence that it was powerless to prevent such violations.
- C. Each day in which a violation is permitted to continue shall constitute a separate violation for purposes of suspension.

#### **Section 4.06 Grounds for Revocation**

- A. The Chief of Police may revoke a Sexually Oriented Business license:
  1. If a cause of suspension in Section 4.05 occurs and the license has been ordered suspended by the Chief of Police for a thirty (30) day period

pursuant to Section 4.08(B)(4) within the preceding year; or

2. If the Chief of Police determines that on two or more occasions within a five (5) year period of time a licensee(s) or operator(s) (or any combination thereof) has/have been convicted of or placed on deferred adjudication, probation or community supervision for conduct occurring in a licensing period on the premises of a Sexually Oriented Business that constitutes any of the offenses of the State of Texas or criminal attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit same for;
  - a. Any of the following offenses as described in Chapter 43 of the Texas Penal Code:
    - (1) Prostitution;
    - (2) Promotion of prostitution;
    - (3) Aggravated promotion of prostitution;
    - (4) Compelling prostitution;
    - (5) Obscenity;
    - (6) Sale, distribution or display of harmful material to a minor;
    - (7) Sexual performance by a child;
    - (8) Possession of child pornography;
  - b. Any of the following offenses as described in Chapter 21 of the Texas Penal Code:
    - (1) Public lewdness;
    - (2) Indecent exposure;
    - (3) Indecency with a child;
  - c. Sexual assault or aggravated sexual assault as described in Chapter 22 of the Texas Penal Code;
  - d. Incest, solicitation of a child or harboring a runaway child as described in Chapter 25 of the Texas Penal Code; or

3. If a licensee or operator gave false or misleading information in the material submitted to the Chief of Police during the application process;
  4. If a licensee or operator has knowingly allowed possession, use or sale of a controlled substance on the premises;
  5. If a licensee or operator has on two (2) or more occasions knowingly allowed prostitution on the premises;
  6. If a licensee or operator knowingly operated the Sexually Oriented Business during a period of time when the licensee's license was suspended;
  7. If a licensee or operator has, on two (2) or more occasions, knowingly allowed any act of sexual intercourse, sodomy, oral copulation, masturbation or sexual contact to occur in or on the licensed premises. The term "sexual contact" shall have the same meaning as it is defined in Section 21.01, Texas Penal Code;
  8. If a licensee is delinquent in payment to the City for hotel occupancy taxes, ad valorem taxes or sales taxes related to the Sexually Oriented Business;
  9. If the licensee is required to register as a sex offender under the provisions of Chapter 62 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.
  10. If a license is transferred in violation of Section 4.10(A).
- B. The fact that a conviction is being appealed shall have no effect on the revocation of the license.
- C. Section 4.06(A)(7) does not apply to Sexually Oriented Motels as a ground for revoking the license, unless the licensee 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.

**Section 4.07 Denial, Suspension and Revocation Procedures**

- A. A denial, suspension, or revocation is an administrative procedure. In any hearing relating to such actions under this Section, the burden of proof shall

be on the City (except for affirmative defenses), and shall be by a preponderance of the evidence.

- B. If the Chief of Police is authorized to deny the issuance of a license, or suspend or revoke a license, the Chief of Police shall give written notice to the applicant or licensee of his intent to implement denial, suspension, or revocation procedures.
1. The notice shall state the reason for such denial, suspension, or revocation.
  2. The notice shall provide that the denial of issuance, suspension or revocation shall take effect at the expiration of the tenth calendar day after notification, unless the licensee provides a written request for hearing to the Chief of Police before the expiration of the tenth calendar day.
  3. If a written request for hearing from the applicant or licensee is received by the Chief of Police before the expiration of the tenth calendar day, the suspension, denial of issuance or revocation will be stayed pending a hearing and a decision by the Chief of Police.
  4. The applicant or licensee shall have ten (10) calendar days, from the date notice is received, to request a hearing on the denial, suspension or revocation. The request shall be in writing and delivered to the Chief of Police. Upon receipt of the request for hearing, a hearing before the Chief of Police shall be scheduled to take place within thirty (30) calendar days unless both parties agree to a certain date beyond the thirty days. The Chief of Police shall consider only the testimony and evidence admitted for consideration at the hearing by the Administrative Law Judge. The Chief of Police shall have five (5) business days from the date of the hearing to notify the applicant or licensee of the decision.
    - a. In making a determination as to the denial of a license, the Chief of Police shall consider whether the applicant has established the applicant's entitlement to a license under the requirements imposed by Section 4.02 of this Chapter and/or whether the City has established a disqualifying factor under the requirements imposed by Section 4.02 of this Chapter.



- b. In making a determination of the suspension of a license under Section 4.05 of this Chapter, the Chief of Police shall consider: (1) whether the required number of citations under Section 4.05(A)(1), (2), or (3) were issued to the licensee, operator, or employee of the licensee within a twelve (12) month period of time; (2) whether notice of such citations was sent to the proper Sexually Oriented Business in compliance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter; (3) whether the licensee, operator, or employee of the licensee was convicted or placed on deferred adjudication or probation for the citations; and (4) whether licensee was powerless to prevent violations.
  - c. In making a determination of the revocation of a license under Section 4.06(A)(1) of this Chapter, the Chief of Police shall consider: (1) whether the required number of citations under Section 4.05(A)(1), (2), or (3) were issued to the licensee, operator, or employee of the licensee within a twelve (12) month period of time; (2) whether notice of such citations was sent to the proper Sexually Oriented Business in compliance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter; (3) whether the licensee, operator, or employee of the licensee was convicted or placed on deferred adjudication or probation for the citations; and (4) whether the license at issue has been ordered suspended for a thirty (30) day period of time pursuant to Section 4.08(B)(4) of this Chapter within the preceding twelve (12) month period of time.
  - d. In making a determination of the revocation of a license under Sections 4.06(A)(2)-(10) of this Chapter, the Chief of Police shall consider whether the evidence shows that the specified convictions, events, or actions occurred as set forth in those sections of this Chapter.
5. All hearings under this Section will be presided over by an Administrative Law Judge appointed by the chairperson of the License and Amortization Appeal Board. The Administrative Law Judge must be licensed to practice law in Texas and have at least five (5) years experience presiding over administrative hearings, or hearings as a judge or

master of a court. The hearing will be open to the public. The provisions of Texas Government Code, Sections 2001.081-.088 shall be used as procedural and evidentiary guidelines. The Administrative Law Judge will be responsible for the procedural oversight of the hearing, including the manner and order of presentation and ruling on the admissibility of testimony and evidence and any objections thereto. In accordance with Article XI of the Administrative Chapter of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Arlington, the Administrative Law Judge may subpoena witnesses and compel the production of books, papers and other evidence material to such hearing. All such subpoenas must be signed by the Mayor prior to issuance and subject to the following:

- a. The subpoena must be issued in pursuit of an objective authorized by the Sexually Oriented Business Chapter of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Arlington;
- b. Information sought must be germane to the lawful subject of inquiry;
- c. Demands for information must be as specific as the requesting party's knowledge will permit and must not be unreasonably burdensome;
- d. The subpoena shall not purport to require privileged information which is recognized by law as such; and
- e. A subpoena will be issued only upon request of either the City or the applicant or licensee. A request for subpoena must be served on the other party at the time of the request as evidenced by a certificate of service on the request. The opposing party has three (3) business days to file a written objection to the request with the Administrative Law Judge, setting forth an objection. The Administrative Law Judge may grant the objection, overrule the objection and issue the subpoena, or give the requesting party three (3) business days to file a response to the objection, after which time the Administrative Law Judge may issue the subpoena or deny the request for subpoena in writing stating the grounds for denial.

6. The decision by the Chief of Police is effective thirty (30) calendar days after the applicant or licensee is notified of the decision, unless a reinstatement fee under Section 4.08(B)(1) of this Chapter is paid (if available), or an appeal is made to District Court in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.09 of this Chapter. Written notice of the Chief of Police's decision will be given in the manner set forth in Section 7.02 of this Chapter, unless the City and the applicant or licensee agree on a different form of notice at the hearing. Such agreement will be entered on the record.

**Section 4.08 Period of Suspension or Revocation**

- A. The revocation of a license as provided for in Section 4.06 of this Chapter shall be for a period of twelve (12) months.
- B. The suspension of a license as provided for in Section 4.05 of this Chapter shall be as follows:
  1. The first suspension of a license shall be for a period of three (3) calendar days. When the Chief of Police is authorized to suspend a license for three (3) days, he shall notify the licensee in the notice of decision of the licensee's opportunity to pay a reinstatement fee in the amount of \$1,500 in lieu of the suspension. Payment of this administrative fee shall be considered, for the purposes of this Subsection, the first suspension and an administrative admission of the violations. However, this shall not be used as an admission of guilt in a criminal prosecution under this Chapter. If the licensee does not pay the reinstatement fee before the expiration of the thirtieth calendar day after notification, the licensee loses the opportunity to pay it.
  2. The second suspension of a license shall be for a period of seven (7) calendar days.
  3. The third suspension of a license shall be for a period of fifteen (15) calendar days.
  4. The fourth suspension of a license shall be for a period of thirty (30) calendar days. Except where grounds for revocation of a license exist under Section 4.06(A)(1), each subsequent suspension of

a license shall be for a period of thirty (30) calendar days.

**Section 4.09 Appeal to District Court**

Upon receipt of written notice of the denial, suspension or revocation of a license, the licensee whose application for a license has been denied or whose license has been suspended or revoked shall have the right to appeal by filing suit in the appropriate district court within thirty (30) calendar days after the receipt of notice of the decision of the Chief of Police or decision of the License and Amortization Appeal Board, as applicable. The filing of such suit shall have the effect of staying denial, suspension or revocation for the Sexually Oriented Business licensed under this Chapter at such location, pending a judicial determination of the appeal. The City shall grant a provisional license upon the filing of a court action to appeal a denial of a Sexually Oriented Business license if the applicant is not currently licensed for such business at the subject location. The provisional license will expire upon the court's entry of judgment on such appeal. The licensee shall bear the burden of proof in court. The substantial evidence standard of review shall apply to such appeal.

**Section 4.10 Transfer of License**

- A. A person commits an offense if the person transfers a license to another person or operates a Sexually Oriented Business under the authority of a license at any place other than the address designated on the license. A transfer of a license is deemed to have occurred if there is a transfer of more than fifty percent (50%) of the ownership or control of a Sexually Oriented Business.
- B. A person commits an offense if the person counterfeits, forges, changes, defaces or alters a license.

**Section 4.11 Exemption From Location Restrictions**

- A. If the Chief of Police denies the issuance of a license to an applicant because the location of the Sexually Oriented Business is in violation of Section 3.01, and such establishment was in operation on the effective date of Ordinance No. 92-117, then the applicant may, not later than ten (10) calendar days after receiving notice of the denial, file with the City Secretary a

written request for an exemption from the locational restrictions.

- B. If the written request is filed with the City Secretary within the ten (10) day limit, the License and Amortization Appeal Board shall consider the request. The City Secretary shall set a date for the hearing within sixty (60) days from the date the written request is received. If a timely request is so filed, the existing license is deemed not to have expired until the decision of the Board on such request.
- C. There shall be created a License and Amortization Appeal Board. It shall have the powers described in Section 3.02(B) and (C) and the power to rule upon the appropriate disposition of applications for exemption from the location restrictions for Sexually Oriented Businesses.
  - 1. The City Council shall, by majority vote, appoint a Board chairperson and six (6) other members to the License and Amortization Appeal Board.
  - 2. Board members shall be appointed to staggered terms, with the terms of three (3) members to expire one (1) year after appointment and terms of the chairperson and three (3) members to expire after two (2) years. Thereafter, all board members shall be appointed to two (2) year terms.
  - 3. All Board members shall be residents of the City of Arlington, Texas.
- D. A hearing by the Board may proceed only if at least five (5) Board members are present. The Board shall take public comment prior to the presentation of the case by the parties. Such public comment shall not be considered evidence for purposes of the hearing. The Board shall adopt rules for the conduct of such hearings not inconsistent with this Chapter.
- E. The License and Amortization Appeal Board may grant an exemption from the location restrictions of Section 3.01, if it makes the following findings:
  - 1. That the location of the Sexually Oriented Business will not have a detrimental effect on nearby properties or be contrary to the public safety or welfare;
  - 2. That the location of the Sexually Oriented Business will not downgrade the property values or

quality of life in the adjacent areas or encourage the development of urban blight;

3. That the location of the 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
  4. That all other applicable provisions of this Chapter will be observed.
- F. In making the findings specified in Section 4.11(E), the Board may take into account among other things:
1. Crime statistics of the location and its 1,000 foot radius maintained by the appropriate law enforcement agency for the previous twelve (12) month period;
  2. Assessed values for the location and properties within the surrounding 1,000 foot radius, taking into account any decline or increase in property values or rates of decrease or increase in property values in relation to otherwise comparable properties;
  3. Sales, leases, and vacancy rates of all property types within the surrounding 1,000 foot radius in relation to otherwise comparable properties; and
  4. Any evidence regarding the award or denial of any public or private grants for neighborhood conservation, urban renewal or restoration for any property located within a 1,000 foot radius.
- G. The Board shall grant or deny the appeal by a majority vote. Failure to reach a majority vote approving the appeal shall result in denial. Disputes of fact shall be decided on the basis of a preponderance of the evidence. A decision by the License and Amortization Appeal Board shall be considered a final action.
- H. If the Board grants an exemption to the location restrictions, the exemption is valid for one (1) year from the date of the Board's action. Except as provided in Section 4.11(B), the Sexually Oriented Business is in violation of the location restrictions of Section 3.01 until the applicant applies for and receives another exemption.

- I. The grant of an exemption does not exempt the applicant from any provisions of this Chapter other than the location restrictions.

## ARTICLE V

### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

#### **Section 5.01 Additional Regulations for Sexually Oriented Cabaret**

- A. An employee of a Sexually Oriented Cabaret, while appearing in a state of nudity, commits an offense if the employee touches a customer or the clothing of a customer.
- B. A customer at a Sexually Oriented Cabaret commits an offense if the customer touches an employee appearing in a state of nudity or clothing of the employee.
- C. A licensee or employee commits an offense if the licensee or employee permits any customer access to an area of the premises not visible from the manager's station or not visible by a walk through of the premises without entering a private, exclusive, closed, curtained, or otherwise screened area, excluding restrooms. The view required in this subsection shall be by direct line of sight. The view shall be deemed insufficient if clear visibility of such line of sight must be attained by utilizing flashlights or spotlights in addition to overhead house lighting.
- D. A licensee, operator or employee commits an offense if the licensee, operator or employee appears in a state of nudity or knowingly allows another to appear in a state of nudity in an area of the Sexually Oriented Cabaret business premises which can be viewed from the public right-of-way.
- E. A licensee commits an offense if the licensee fails to display the signs on the interior of the Sexually Oriented Cabaret business premises as required in Section 6.04(A) and/or the floor markings required in Section 6.04(B).
- F. A person commits an offense if the person employs at a Sexually Oriented Cabaret any person under the age of eighteen (18) years.

- G. An employee of a Sexually Oriented Cabaret must attend training given by the licensee concerning the requirements of this Chapter as they pertain to Sexually Oriented Cabarets, including but not limited to Sections 4.03, 4.05, 4.06, 5.01, 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 6.04, and 7.01, before the employee receives any compensation for the person's services. The licensee shall provide this training to all employees at the beginning of employment before the employee receives any compensation for services; and, at least once a year thereafter. The licensee shall maintain written records of the training provided to each employee pursuant to this subsection. These records shall include a signed and dated statement from each employee verifying the employee's attendance at and participation in training provided by the licensee identifying the date on which the training was provided and the specific topics discussed.
- H. A licensee shall designate and appoint one or more individuals to manage, direct, and control the premises and operations of the Sexually Oriented Cabaret. At least one person so appointed shall be on the premises at any time the Sexually Oriented Cabaret is open.
- I. An operator or a person appointed under Subsection (H) above shall at all times have the duty to ensure that each employee in the Sexually Oriented Cabaret has received the training required by Subsection (G) above and each employee is instructed to commit no act which would constitute a violation of this Chapter or which would provide grounds, or part of the grounds, for suspension or revocation of a license issued under this Chapter.

**Section 5.02 Additional Regulations for Escort Agencies**

- A. A person commits an offense if the person employs at an Escort Agency any person under the age of eighteen (18) years.
- B. 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 eighteen (18) years.
- C. An employee of an Escort Agency must attend training given by the licensee concerning the requirements of this Chapter as they pertain to Escort Agencies, including but not limited to Sections 4.03, 4.05, 4.06, 5.02, 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 6.04, and 7.01, before the employee receives any compensation for the person's



services. The licensee shall provide this training to all employees at the beginning of employment before the employee receives any compensation for services; and, at least once a year thereafter. The licensee shall maintain written records of the training provided to each employee pursuant to this subsection. These records shall include a signed and dated statement from each employee verifying the employee's attendance at and participation in training provided by the licensee identifying the date on which the training was provided and the specific topics discussed.

- D. A licensee shall designate and appoint one or more individuals to manage, direct, and control the premises and operations of the Escort Agency. At least one person so appointed shall be on the premises at any time the Escort Agency is open.
- E. An operator or a person appointed under Subsection (D) above shall at all times have the duty to ensure that each employee in the Escort Agency has received the training required by Subsection (C) above and each employee is instructed to commit no act which would constitute a violation of this Chapter or which would provide grounds, or part of the grounds, for suspension or revocation of a license issued under this Chapter.

**Section 5.03 Additional Regulations for Nude Model Businesses**

- A. A person commits an offense if the person employs at a Nude Model Business any person under the age of eighteen (18) years.
- B. A person under the age of eighteen (18) years commits an offense if the person appears in a state of nudity in or on the premises of a Nude Model Business.
- C. A person commits an offense if the person appears in a state of nudity or knowingly allows another to appear in a state of nudity in an area of a Nude Model Business premises which can be viewed from the public right-of-way.
- D. A person commits an offense if the person places or permits a bed, sofa or mattress in any room on the premises of a nude model business, except that a sofa may be placed in a reception room open to the public.
- E. A licensee or employee commits an offense if the person permits any customer access to an area of the premises

- not visible from the manager's station by direct line of sight or not visible by a walk through of the premises without entering a private, exclusive, closed, curtained, or otherwise screened area, excluding restrooms. The view required in this subsection shall be by direct line of sight. The view shall be deemed insufficient if clear visibility of such line of sight must be attained by utilizing flashlights or spotlights in addition to overhead house lighting.
- F. An employee of a Nude Model Business, while appearing in a state of nudity, commits an offense if the employee touches a customer or the clothing of a customer.
  - G. A customer at a Nude Model Business commits an offense if the customer touches an employee or the clothing of an employee while the employee is appearing in a state of nudity.
  - H. A licensee commits an offense if the licensee fails to display the signs on the interior of the Nude Model Business premises as required in Section 6.04(A) and/or the floor markings required in Section 6.04(B).
  - I. An employee of a Nude Model Business commits an offense if that employee allows, asks, directs, or suggests that a customer disrobe to a state of nudity.
  - J. An employee of a Nude Model Business must attend training given by the licensee concerning the requirements of this Chapter as they pertain to Nude Model Businesses, including but not limited to Sections 4.03, 4.05, 4.06, 5.03, 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 6.04, and 7.01, before the employee receives any compensation for the person's services. The licensee shall provide this training to all employees at the beginning of employment before the employee receives any compensation for services; and, at least once a year thereafter. The licensee shall maintain written records of the training provided to each employee pursuant to this subsection. These records shall include a signed and dated statement from each employee verifying the employee's attendance at and participation in training provided by the licensee identifying the date on which the training was provided and the specific topics discussed.
  - K. A licensee shall designate and appoint one or more individuals to manage, direct, and control the premises and operations of the Nude Model Business. At least

one person so appointed shall be on the premises at any time the Nude Model Business is open.

- L. An operator or a person appointed under Subsection (K) above shall at all times have the duty to ensure that each employee in the Nude Model Business has received the training required by Subsection (J) above and each employee is instructed to commit no act which would constitute a violation of this Chapter or which would provide grounds, or part of the grounds, for suspension or revocation of a license issued under this Chapter.

**Section 5.04 Additional Regulations for Sexually Oriented Theaters and Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theaters**

- A. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly allows a person under the age of eighteen (18) years to appear in a state of nudity in or on the premises of a Sexually Oriented Theater or Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theater.
- B. A person under the age of eighteen (18) years commits an offense if the person knowingly appears in a state of nudity in or on the premises of a Sexually Oriented Theater or Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theater.
- C. Sexually Oriented Theaters and Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theaters shall also comply with the requirements of Section 5.05 of this Chapter.
- D. An employee of a Sexually Oriented Theater or Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theater must attend training given by the licensee concerning the requirements of this Chapter as they pertain to Sexually Oriented Theaters or Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theaters, including but not limited to Sections 4.03, 4.05, 4.06, 5.04, 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 6.04, and 7.01, before the employee receives any compensation for the person's services. The licensee shall provide this training to all employees at the beginning of employment before the employee receives any compensation for services; and, at least once a year thereafter. The licensee shall maintain written records of the training provided to each employee pursuant to this subsection. These records shall include a signed and dated statement from each employee verifying the employee's attendance at and participation in training provided by the licensee identifying the date on which the training was provided and the specific topics discussed.

- E. A licensee shall designate and appoint one or more individuals to manage, direct, and control the premises and operations of the Sexually Oriented Theater or Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theater. At least one person so appointed shall be on the premises at any time the Sexually Oriented Theater or Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theater is open.
- F. An operator or a person appointed under Subsection (E) above shall at all times have the duty to ensure that each employee in the Sexually Oriented Theater or Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theater has received the training required by Subsection (D) above and each employee is instructed to commit no act which would constitute a violation of this Chapter or which would provide grounds, or part of the grounds, for suspension or revocation of a license issued under this Chapter.

**Section 5.05    Regulations Pertaining to Exhibition of Sexually Explicit Films, Photographs, Pictures or Videos**

- A. A person who operates or causes to be operated a Sexually Oriented Business, other than a Sexually Oriented Motel, which exhibits on the premises in a viewing room of less than 150 square feet of floor space, a film, photograph, picture, video cassette or other video reproduction which depicts specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas, shall comply with the following requirements:
  - 1. An application for a Sexually Oriented Business license shall be accompanied by a diagram of the premises showing a plan thereof specifying the location of one (1) 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 permit will be conspicuously posted, if granted. A professionally prepared diagram in the nature of an engineer's or architect's blueprint shall not be required; however each diagram shall be oriented to the north, or to some designated street or object, and shall be drawn to a designated scale or with marked dimensions sufficient to show the various internal dimensions of all areas of the interior of the premises to an accuracy of plus or minus six inches (6"). The Chief of Police 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 the previously submitted diagram 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 Chief of Police.
4. The licensee commits an offense if the licensee permits a manager's station to be unattended by an employee at any time a customer is present on, in or about 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 customer is permitted access for any purpose, excluding restrooms. Restrooms may not contain video reproduction equipment or any other equipment allowing for the viewing of film, videos, photographs or other video reproduction. If the premises has 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 customer 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. The licensee commits an offense if the licensee permits a customer access to any area of the premises that is not visible from the manager's station for any purpose, excluding restrooms.
7. The licensee, operator and any agents and employees present on the premises shall ensure: that the view area specified in Subsection (5) of this section remains unobstructed by any doors, curtains, partitions, walls, merchandise, display racks or other materials at all times that any customer is present on, in or about the premises; and, that no customer is permitted access to any area of the premises which has been designated as an area in which customers will not be permitted

in the application filed pursuant to Subsection (1) of this section.

8. The premises shall be equipped with overhead lighting fixtures of sufficient intensity to illuminate every place to which customers are permitted access at an illumination of not less than five (5.0) foot-candles as measured at the floor level.
9. The licensee commits an offense if the licensee permits illumination of any area of the premises to which customers have access to be less than five (5.0) foot-candles as measured at the floor level.
10. No viewing room may be occupied by more than one (1) person at any time.
11. No licensee shall allow openings or holes of any kind to exist between adjacent or adjoining viewing rooms or booths.
12. No person shall make or attempt to make an opening or hole of any kind between adjacent or adjoining viewing rooms or booths.
13. The licensee shall, during each business day, regularly inspect the walls of all viewing rooms or booths to determine if any openings or holes exist.
14. The walls of any viewing room or booth shall be no more than forty-eight (48) inches tall. At least one wall of any viewing room or booth shall be visible in a direct unobstructed line of sight from the manager's station. Each wall or door of any viewing room or booth shall be constructed of clear transparent unbreakable glass or plexiglass materials.
15. Live entertainment is prohibited in any viewing room or booth as well as any other room adjacent to or visible from any viewing room or booth.
16. The licensee or operator commits an offense if the licensee knowingly allows a person to appear in a state of nudity in, on or about the premises of a Sexually Oriented Business, other than a Sexually Oriented Motel, which exhibits on the premises in a viewing room of less than 150 square feet of floor space, a film, photograph, picture, video

cassette or other video reproduction which depicts specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas.

17. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly appears in a state of nudity in or on the premises of a Sexually Oriented Business, other than a Sexually Oriented Motel, which exhibits on the premises in a viewing room of less than 150 square feet of floor space, a film, photograph, picture, video cassette or other video reproduction which depicts specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas.
  18. It is a defense to prosecution under Subsections (16) and (17) of this section if the person was in a restroom not open to public view or persons of the opposite sex.
- B. A person having a duty under Subsection (1) through (18) of Subsection (A) herein commits a misdemeanor if he or she knowingly fails to fulfill that duty.
  - C. An employee of a Sexually Oriented Business that exhibits sexually explicit films, photographs, pictures or videos must attend training given by the licensee concerning the requirements of this Chapter as they pertain to such a business, including but not limited to Sections 4.03, 4.05, 4.06, 5.04, 5.05, 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 6.04, and 7.01, before the employee receives any compensation for the person's services. The licensee shall provide this training to all employees at the beginning of employment before the employee receives any compensation for services; and, at least once a year thereafter. The licensee shall maintain written records of the training provided to each employee pursuant to this subsection. These records shall include a signed and dated statement from each employee verifying the employee's attendance at and participation in training provided by the licensee identifying the date on which the training was provided and the specific topics discussed.
  - D. A licensee shall designate and appoint one or more individuals to manage, direct, and control the premises and operations of the Sexually Oriented Business as described in this Section. At least one person so appointed shall be on the premises at any time the Sexually Oriented Business as described in this Section is open.

- E. An operator or a person appointed under Subsection (D) above shall at all times have the duty to ensure that each employee in the Sexually Oriented Business as described in this Section has received the training required by Subsection (C) above and each employee is instructed to commit no act which would constitute a violation of this Chapter or which would provide grounds, or part of the grounds, for suspension or revocation of a license issued under this Chapter.

**Section 5.06 Additional Regulations Pertaining to Sexually Oriented Bookstores, Sexually Oriented Novelty Stores and Sexually Oriented Video Stores**

- A. A person who operates or causes to be operated a Sexually Oriented Bookstore, Sexually Oriented Novelty Store or Sexually Oriented Video Store shall comply with the following requirements:
1. An application for a Sexually Oriented Business license shall be accompanied by a diagram of the premises showing a plan thereof specifying the location of one (1) 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 permit will be conspicuously posted, if granted. A professionally prepared diagram in the nature of an engineer's or architect's blueprint shall not be required; however, each diagram shall be oriented to the north, or to some designated street or object, and shall be drawn to a designated scale or with marked dimensions sufficient to show the various internal dimensions of all areas of the interior of the premises to an accuracy of plus or minus six inches (6"). The Chief of Police 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 the previously submitted diagram 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 Chief of Police.
4. The licensee commits an offense if the licensee permits a manager's station to be unattended by an employee at any time a customer is present on, in or about 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 customer is permitted access for any purpose, excluding restrooms. Restrooms may not contain video reproduction equipment or any other equipment allowing for the viewing of film, videos, photographs or other video reproduction. If the premises has 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 customer 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. The licensee commits an offense if the licensee permits a customer access to any area of the premises that is not visible from the manager's station for any purpose, excluding restrooms.
7. The owners, operator and any agents and employees present on the premises shall ensure: that the view area specified in Subsection (5) of this section remains unobstructed by any doors, curtains, partitions, walls, merchandise, display racks or other materials at all times that any customer is present on, in or about the premises; and, that no customer is permitted access to any area of the premises which has been designated as an area in which customers will not be permitted in the application filed pursuant to Subsection (1) of this section.
8. The premises shall be equipped with overhead lighting fixtures of sufficient intensity to illuminate every place to which customers are permitted access at an illumination of not less than twenty (20.0) foot-candles as measured at the floor level.

9. The licensee commits an offense if the licensee permits illumination of any area of the premises to which customers have access to be less than twenty (20.0) foot-candles as measured at the floor level.
10. No viewing room or reading room may be occupied by more than one (1) person at any time.
11. No licensee shall allow openings or holes of any kind to exist between adjacent or adjoining viewing rooms or booths or reading rooms or booths.
12. No person shall make or attempt to make an opening or hole of any kind between adjacent or adjoining viewing rooms or booths or reading rooms or booths.
13. The licensee shall, during each business day, regularly inspect the walls of all viewing rooms or booths and reading rooms or booths to determine if any openings or holes exist.
14. The walls of any viewing room or booth and any reading room or booth shall be no more than forty-eight (48) inches tall. At least one wall of any viewing room or booth shall be visible in a direct unobstructed line of sight from the manager's station. Each wall or door of any viewing room or booth shall be constructed of clear transparent unbreakable glass or plexiglass materials.
15. Live entertainment is prohibited in any viewing room or booth and any reading room or booth as well as any other room adjacent to or visible from any reading or viewing room or booth.
16. The licensee or operator commits an offense if the licensee knowingly allows a person to appear in a state of nudity in, on or about the premises of a Sexually Oriented Bookstore, Sexually Oriented Novelty Store or Sexually Oriented Video Store that contains a viewing room or reading room of less than 150 square feet of floor space.
17. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly appears in a state of nudity in, on or about the premises of a Sexually Oriented Bookstore, Sexually Oriented Novelty Store or Sexually Oriented Video Store that contains a

viewing room or reading room of less than 150 square feet of floor space.

18. It is a defense to prosecution under Subsections (16) and (17) of this section if the person was in a restroom not open to public view or persons of the opposite sex.
- B. A person having a duty under Subsections (1) through (18) of Subsection (A) herein commits a misdemeanor if he or she knowingly fails to fulfill that duty.
- C. An employee of a Sexually Oriented Bookstore, Sexually Oriented Novelty Store or Sexually Oriented Video Store must attend training given by the licensee concerning the requirements of this Chapter as they pertain to such a business, including but not limited to Sections 4.03, 4.05, 4.06, 5.04, 5.05, 5.06, 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 6.04, and 7.01, before the employee receives any compensation for the person's services. The licensee shall provide this training to all employees at the beginning of employment before the employee receives any compensation for services; and, at least once a year thereafter. The licensee shall maintain written records of the training provided to each employee pursuant to this subsection. These records shall include a signed and dated statement from each employee verifying the employee's attendance at and participation in training provided by the licensee identifying the date on which the training was provided and the specific topics discussed.
- D. A licensee shall designate and appoint one or more individuals to manage, direct, and control the premises and operations of the Sexually Oriented Bookstore, Sexually Oriented Novelty Store or Sexually Oriented Video Store. At least one person so appointed shall be on the premises at any time the Sexually Oriented Bookstore, Sexually Oriented Novelty Store or Sexually Oriented Video Store is open.
- E. An operator or a person appointed under Subsection (D) above shall at all times have the duty to ensure that each employee in the Sexually Oriented Bookstore, Sexually Oriented Novelty Store or Sexually Oriented Video Store has received the training required by Subsection (C) above and each employee is instructed to commit no act which would constitute a violation of this Chapter or which would provide grounds, or part of the grounds, for suspension or revocation of a license issued under this Chapter.

## ARTICLE VI

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### **Section 6.01 Hours of Operation**

No Sexually Oriented Business, except for a Sexually Oriented Motel, may remain open at any time between the hours of two o'clock (2:00) A.M. and eight o'clock (8:00) A.M. on weekdays and Saturdays, and two o'clock (2:00) A.M. and noon (12:00) P.M. on Sundays.

#### **Section 6.02 Prohibition Against Children in a Sexually Oriented Business**

A licensee, operator or employee commits an offense if the licensee, operator or employee knowingly allows a person under the age of eighteen (18) years on the premises of a Sexually Oriented Business.

#### **Section 6.03 Additional Regulations Concerning Public Nudity**

- A. It is an offense for a person, in a Sexually Oriented Business, to engage in specified sexual activities.
- B. A licensee, operator or employee commits an offense if the licensee, operator or employee knowingly allows, in a Sexually Oriented Business, another to appear in a state of nudity, unless the person is an employee who, while in a state of nudity, is on a stage (on which no customer is present) at least eighteen (18) inches above the floor, and is: (1) at least six (6) feet from any customer (hereinafter called "unenclosed performance stage"); or (2) physically separated from customers by a solid clear transparent unbreakable glass or plexiglass wall with no openings that would permit physical contact with customers (hereinafter called "enclosed performance stage").
- C. It is an offense for an employee, while in a state of nudity in a Sexually Oriented Business, to receive directly any pay or gratuity from any patron or customer, or for any patron or customer to pay or give any gratuity directly to any employee, while that employee is in a state of nudity in a Sexually Oriented Business. Such gratuity or pay may be provided to such employee through a tip receptacle, located more than six (6) feet from the nearest point of the performance

stage where such employee is in a state of nudity, or may be paid to an employee that is not in a state of nudity, as part of the customer's bill.

- D. It is an offense if an employee, while in a state of nudity, touches a customer or the clothing of a customer.
- E. It is an offense if a customer touches an employee appearing in a state of nudity or clothing of the employee.

**Section 6.04 Conspicuous Signage and Markings Required**

- A. A licensee or operator commits an offense if the licensee or operator fails to display a sign on the interior of the Sexually Oriented Business premises notifying customers and employees of the prohibition prescribed by Subsections 6.03(B), (C), (D) and (E), above. The sign must be prominently and continuously displayed where customers enter the premises, and immediately adjacent to each stage required by Section 6.03(B), and must state in letters at least two inches high:

TOUCHING OR TIPPING AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS IN A STATE OF NUDITY IS A CRIME (MISDEMEANOR), PUNISHABLE BY FINE UP TO \$2,000. PATRONS SHALL REMAIN AT LEAST SIX FEET FROM ALL UNENCLOSED PERFORMANCE STAGES.

The Chief of Police may require, at the time of issuance or renewal of the license, the licensee to also display the sign in a language other than English if he determines that a substantial portion of the expected customers speak the other language as their familiar language. Upon notification, a licensee commits an offense if the sign does not contain this language in the required language, in addition to English.

- B. A licensee or operator commits an offense if the licensee, operator or employee fails to prominently and continuously display a two inches wide glow-in-the-dark line on the floor of the Sexually Oriented Business marking a distance of six feet from each unenclosed stage on which an employee in a state of nudity may appear in accordance with Section 6.03(B).

## Article VII

### ENFORCEMENT

#### Section 7.01 Violation a Misdemeanor

Any person, firm, corporation, agent or employee thereof who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined an amount not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$2,000.00) for each offense. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

#### Section 7.02 Notice of Violation

The City shall send to a Sexually Oriented Business written notice of each citation issued to an operator or employee of the business for an alleged violation of Sections 6.02, 6.03, 6.04 or any provision of Article V of this Chapter. The notice will be sent within three (3) business days of the issuance of the citation to the operator or employee. The notice will be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the business address of the Sexually Oriented Business as it appears on its license application, to the attention of the licensee, as it appears on the license application. A failure of the City to provide such notice is not a violation of this Chapter. It is not a defense to a citation issued to an employee or operator for an alleged violation of Sections 6.02, 6.03, 6.04, or any provision of Article V of this Chapter, that notice of the issuance of that citation was not given to the Sexually Oriented Business in accordance with this Section.

2.

This ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Arlington, and this ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any of such other ordinances except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other ordinance or ordinances are hereby repealed.

3.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be

unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

4.

All of the regulations provided in this ordinance are hereby declared to be governmental and for the health, safety and welfare of the general public. Any member of the City Council or any City official or employee charged with the enforcement of this ordinance, acting for the City of Arlington in the discharge of his/her duties, shall not thereby render himself/herself personally liable; and he/she is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that might accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his/her said duties.

5.

The caption of this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Arlington, in compliance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 15, of the City Charter. Further, this ordinance may be published in pamphlet form and shall be admissible in such form in any court, as provided by law.

6.

This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after first publication as described above.

PRESENTED AND GIVEN FIRST READING on the **8th** day of **April, 2003**, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas; and GIVEN SECOND READING, passed and approved on the **15th** day of **April, 2003**, by a vote of **8** ayes and **1** nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of **Arlington, Texas**.

ATTEST:

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ROBERT N. CLUCK, Mayor

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BARBARA G. HEPTIG, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
JAY DOEGEY, City Attorney

BY \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. 03-088

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "**SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS**" CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS, 1987, THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF **ARTICLE I, PURPOSE AND INTENT, SECTION 1.03, FINDINGS**, SUBSECTIONS (30) AND (33), RELATIVE TO FINDINGS REGARDING CUSTOMERS OR EMPLOYEES IN A STATE OF NUDITY; THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF **ARTICLE IV, LICENSE FOR SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS, SECTION 4.01, LICENSE REQUIRED**, BY THE ADDITION OF SUBSECTIONS (I), (J) AND (K), RELATIVE TO BUILDING PERMITS; **SECTION 4.02, LICENSE ISSUANCE AND GROUNDS FOR DENIAL**, SUBSECTIONS (A)(6), (A)(10), (A)(10)(c)(1), (A)(10)(c)(2), AND (B), RELATIVE TO CHANGING THE REFERENCE FROM DEFERRED ADJUDICATION TO DEFERRED DISPOSITION; **SECTION 4.03, INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS**, SUBSECTION (A), RELATIVE TO INSPECTION; **SECTION 4.05, SUSPENSION**, SUBSECTIONS (A)(1), (A)(2), AND (A)(3), RELATIVE TO CHANGING THE REFERENCE FROM DEFERRED ADJUDICATION TO DEFERRED DISPOSITION; **SECTION 4.05**, SUBSECTION (B), RELATIVE TO AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO SUSPENSION; **SECTION 4.06, GROUNDS FOR REVOCATION**, SUBSECTION (A)(2), AND **SECTION 4.07, DENIAL, SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION PROCEDURES**, SUBSECTION (B)(4)(b) AND (B)(4)(c), RELATIVE TO CHANGING THE REFERENCE FROM DEFERRED ADJUDICATION TO DEFERRED DISPOSITION; THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF **ARTICLE VI, MISCELLANEOUS, SECTION 6.03, ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC NUDITY**, BY THE DELETION OF THE CONTENTS OF SUBSECTION (A), RELATIVE TO IT BEING AN OFFENSE FOR A PERSON IN A SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS TO ENGAGE IN SPECIFIED SEXUAL ACTIVITIES; PROVIDING THIS ORDINANCE BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND BECOMING EFFECTIVE TEN DAYS AFTER FIRST PUBLICATION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS:

1.

That the "**Sexually Oriented Business**" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987, is hereby amended through the amendment of Article I, Purpose



and Intent, Section 1.03, Findings, Subsection (30), so that hereafter said subsection shall be and read as follows:

30. Provocative touching between customers and employees in a Sexually Oriented Business where at least one is in a state of nudity frequently leads to the commission of sex crimes, illegal drug use, and increased health risks due to sexually transmitted diseases.

Further, Article I is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 1.03**, by the amendment of Subsection (33), so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

33. The City Council reasonably believes that requiring employees in a state of nudity to be physically separated from customers by the use of elevated stages and buffer zones is necessary to better ensure ordinance compliance while still not inhibiting constitutionally protected expressive conduct or speech. [*LLEH, Inc. v. Wichita County, Texas*, 289 F.3d 358 (5th Cir. 2002)]

Further, Article IV, License for Sexually Oriented Business, is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.01, License Required**, by the addition of Subsections (I) and (J), so that said subsections shall be and read as follows:

- I. If an applicant for a Sexually Oriented Business requires a building permit under applicable city ordinances, the Building Official shall cause all building, fire, health and other necessary permits to be issued within thirty (30) business days subsequent to the date of the applicant's submission of an application to the City's Office of Building Inspections. The Building Official shall cause all necessary inspections to occur within five (5) business days of the applicant's request for an inspection made to the Building Official. Such application shall be deemed approved if not approved or denied within such time period. The applicant must specify on the face of its application that the proposed use is for a sexually oriented business and give the name and address of the applicant's contact person for all communications and notices.
- J. Notwithstanding any other ordinance, an applicant for a Sexually Oriented Business may appeal any decision of the Building Official by filing suit in the appropriate county court at law within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of notice of decision or the expiration of the deadlines set forth in (H) or (I) above. The filing of such suit shall have the effect of staying denial of such building permit or certificate of occupancy pending a judicial determination. A provisional permit or certificate shall be granted upon the filing of a court action to appeal the denial of such permit or certificate. The provisional permit or certificate will expire upon entry of judgment on such appeal.
- K. A licensee or operator commits an offense if the licensee or operator fails to display a legible copy of the complete provisional permit or certificate described in Subsection 4.01(J), if applicable, on the exterior of the Sexually Oriented Business premises. Such copy of the provisional permit or certificate must be prominently and continuously displayed where customers enter the premises and immediately adjacent to such entrances.

Further, Article IV is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.02, License Issuance and Grounds for Denial**, Subsection (A)(6), so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

6. An applicant or an applicant's spouse has been convicted or placed on deferred disposition, probation or community supervision for a violation of a provision of this Chapter, within two (2) years immediately preceding the application. The fact that a conviction is being appealed shall have no effect.

Further, Article IV is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.02**, by the amendment of the first paragraph of Subsection (A)(10), so that said paragraph shall be and read as follows:

10. An applicant or an applicant's spouse has been convicted or placed on deferred disposition, probation, or community supervision for:

Further, Article IV is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.02**, by the amendment of Subsection (A)(10)(c)(1) and (A)(10)(c)(2), so that said subsections shall be and read as follows:

- (1) Less than two (2) years have elapsed since the date of conviction, or the date of release from the terms of community supervision, probation, parole or deferred disposition or the date of release from confinement imposed for the conviction, whichever is the later date, if the conviction is of a misdemeanor offense; or
- (2) Less than five (5) years have elapsed since the date of conviction, or the date of release from the terms of community supervision, probation, parole or deferred disposition or the date of release from confinement for the conviction, whichever is the later date, if the conviction is of a felony offense; or

Further, Article IV is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.02**, by the amendment of Subsection (B), so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- B. An applicant, or applicant's spouse, who has been convicted of or placed on deferred disposition, probation or community supervision for an offense listed in Section 4.02(A)(10) may qualify for a Sexually Oriented Business license only when the time period required by Section 4.02(A)(10)(c) has elapsed.

Further, Article IV is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.03, Inspection and Maintenance of Records**, by the amendment of Subsection (A), so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- A. A licensee, operator or employee of a Sexually Oriented Business shall be subject to regulation under this Chapter and shall permit representatives of the Police Department, Health Department, Fire Department, Building Inspections Division and Code Enforcement Division to inspect all portions of the premises where

customers are allowed and the records required to be maintained under this Chapter by the Sexually Oriented Business for the purpose of ensuring compliance with this Chapter at any time it is occupied or open for business.

Further, Article IV is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.05, Suspension**, by the amendment of Subsections (A)(1), (2), and (3), so that said subsections shall be and read as follows:

1. (a) On five (5) or more occasions within any twelve (12) month period of time been cited for a violation of Sections 6.02, 6.03, 6.04 or any of the provisions of Article V of this Chapter; (b) been convicted or placed on deferred disposition or probation for the violations; and (c) the Chief of Police determines that notice of the citations has been sent to the licensee in accordance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter; or
2. (a) On five (5) or more occasions within any twelve (12) month period of time been cited for a violation of Section 4.03 of this Chapter; (b) been convicted or placed on deferred disposition or probation for the violations; and (c) the Chief of Police determines that notice of the citations has been sent to the licensee in accordance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter; or
3. (a) Been cited for any combination of offenses under subsections (1) or (2) above that total five (5) within any twelve (12) month period of time; (b) been convicted or placed on deferred disposition or probation for the violations; and (c) the Chief of Police determines that notice of the citations has been sent to the licensee in accordance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter.

Further, Article IV is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.05, Subsection (B)**, so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- B. It shall be an affirmative defense to the suspension authorized under Section 4.05(A) if such licensee shows by a preponderance of the evidence that it was powerless to prevent such violations.

Further, Article IV is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.06, Grounds for Revocation**, by the amendment of Subsection (A)(2), so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

2. If the Chief of Police determines that on two or more occasions within a five (5) year period of time a licensee(s) or operator(s) (or any combination thereof) has/have been convicted of or placed on deferred disposition, probation or community supervision for conduct occurring in a licensing period on the premises of a Sexually Oriented Business that constitutes any of the offenses of the State of Texas or criminal attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit same for;

Further, Article IV is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.07, Denial, Suspension and Revocation Procedures**, by the amendment of Subsection (B)(4)(b) and (B)(4)(c), so that said subsections shall be and read as follows:

- b. In making a determination of the suspension of a license under Section 4.05 of this Chapter, the Chief of Police shall consider: (1) whether the required number of citations under Section 4.05(A)(1), (2), or (3) were issued to the licensee, operator, or employee of the licensee within a twelve (12) month period of time; (2) whether notice of such citations was sent to the proper Sexually Oriented Business in compliance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter; (3) whether the licensee, operator, or employee of the licensee was convicted or placed on deferred disposition or probation for the citations; and (4) whether licensee was powerless to prevent violations.
  
- c. In making a determination of the revocation of a license under Section 4.06(A)(1) of this Chapter, the Chief of Police shall consider: (1) whether the required number of citations under Section 4.05(A)(1), (2), or (3) were issued to the licensee, operator, or employee of the licensee within a twelve (12) month period of time; (2) whether notice of such citations was sent to the proper Sexually Oriented Business in compliance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter; (3) whether the licensee, operator, or employee of the licensee was convicted or placed on deferred disposition or probation for the citations; and (4) whether the license at issue has been ordered suspended for a thirty (30) day period of time pursuant to Section 4.08(B)(4) of this Chapter within the preceding twelve (12) month period of time.

Further, Article VI, Miscellaneous, is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 6.03, Additional Regulations Concerning Public Nudity**, by the deletion of the contents of Subsection (A), so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

A. (blank)

2.

This ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Arlington, and this ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any of such other ordinances except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other ordinance or ordinances are hereby repealed.

3.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

4.

All of the regulations provided in this ordinance are hereby declared to be governmental and for the health, safety and welfare of the general public. Any member of the City Council or any City official or employee charged with the enforcement of this ordinance, acting for the City of Arlington in the discharge of his/her duties, shall not

(5)

thereby render himself/herself personally liable; and he/she is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that might accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his/her said duties.

5.

The caption of this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Arlington, in compliance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 15, of the City Charter. Further, this ordinance may be published in pamphlet form and shall be admissible in such form in any court, as provided by law.

6.

This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after first publication as described above.

**PRESENTED AND GIVEN FIRST READING on the 22nd day of July, 2003, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas; and GIVEN SECOND READING, passed and approved on the 29th day of July, 2003, by a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas.**

ORDINANCE NO. 03-117

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "**SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS**" CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS, 1987, THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF **ARTICLE I, PURPOSE AND INTENT, SECTION 1.03, FINDINGS**, RELATIVE TO THE ADDITION OF CASES AND STUDIES; THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF **ARTICLE VI, MISCELLANEOUS, SECTION 6.03, ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC NUDITY, SUBSECTION (B)**, RELATIVE TO CLARIFICATION OF MATERIALS TO BE USED TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF AN "ENCLOSED PERFORMANCE STAGE"; PROVIDING THIS ORDINANCE BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND BECOMING EFFECTIVE TEN DAYS AFTER FIRST PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the City Council's previous findings to the contrary, Sexually Oriented Businesses continue to claim they have no relationship to adverse secondary effects; and

WHEREAS, in order to further supplement the record to reinforce the City Council's determinations and findings to justify the adoption of additional regulations pertaining to Sexually Oriented Businesses, additional cases and reports are being provided; and

WHEREAS, Sexually Oriented Businesses have claimed that the current language of Section 6.03(B) of the Sexually Oriented Business Chapter renders it impossible to construct an "enclosed performance stage"; and

WHEREAS, in order to clarify the nature of the materials that may be used to construct an "enclosed performance stage", proposed new language is being provided; and

WHEREAS, the City's Building Official has reviewed the proposed new language of Section 6.03(B) and has confirmed that materials exist that would satisfy building and fire code requirements for an "enclosed performance stage";  
NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS:

1.

That the "**Sexually Oriented Business**" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987, is hereby amended through the amendment of Article I, Purpose and Intent, Section 1.03, Findings, so that hereafter said section shall be and read as follows:

**Section 1.03 Findings**

Based on evidence concerning the adverse secondary effects of Sexually Oriented Businesses on the community presented in hearings and in reports made available to the

Council, and on findings incorporated in the cases of *City of Renton v. Playtime Theatres, Inc.*, 475 U.S. 41 (1986); *Young v. American Mini Theatres*, 427 U.S. 50 (1976); *FW/PBS, Inc. v. City of Dallas*, 493 U.S. 215 (1990); *Barnes v. Glen Theatre, Inc.*, 501 U.S. 560 (1991); *City of Erie v. Pap's A.M.*, 529 U.S. 277, 120 S. Ct. 1382 (2000); *City of Los Angeles v. Alameda Books, Inc.*, 122 S. Ct. 1728 (2002); *Baby Dolls Topless Saloons, Inc. v. City of Dallas*, 295 F.3d 471 (5th Cir. 2002); *LLEH, Inc. v. Wichita County, Texas*, 289 F.3d 358 (5th Cir. 2002); *Mitchell v. Commission on Adult Entertainment*, 10 F.3d 123 (3rd Cir. 1993); *Schultz v. City of Cumberland*, 228 F.3d 831 (7th Cir. 2000); *Hang On, Inc. v. City of Arlington*, 65 F.3d 1248 (5th Cir. 1995); *2300, Inc. v. City of Arlington*, 888 S.W.2d 123 (Tex. App. – Fort Worth, 1994); *Colacurcio v. City of Kent*, 163 F.3d 545 (9th Cir. 1998), cert denied, 529 U.S. 1053 (2000); *Kev, Inc. v. Kitsap County*, 793 F.2d 1053 (9th Cir. 1986); *Center for Fair Public Policy v. Maricopa County*, 336 F.3d 1153 (9th Cir. 2003); *DLS, Inc. v. Chattanooga*, 107 F.3d 403 (6th Cir. 1997); *Jake's, Ltd., Inc. v. Coates*, 384 F.3d 884 (8th Cir. 2002); and on studies, reports and/or testimony in other communities including, but not limited to: Phoenix, Arizona; Minneapolis, Minnesota; St. Paul, Minnesota; Houston, Texas; Indianapolis, Indiana; Dallas, Texas; Amarillo, Texas; Garden Grove, California; Los Angeles, California; Whittier, California; Austin, Texas; Seattle, Washington; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Cleveland, Ohio; Beaumont, Texas; Newport News, Virginia; Bellevue, Washington; New York, New York; St. Croix County, Wisconsin; Kitsap County, Washington; Los Angeles, California Police Department (dated August 12, 2003); Arlington, Texas, License and Amortization Appeal Board hearings, 2001 and 2002; Arlington Community Health Profile (dated July 2003); a summary of land use studies compiled by the National Law Center for Children and Families; and also on findings from the *Report of the Attorney General's Working Group On The Regulation Of Sexually Oriented Businesses* (June 6, 1989, State of Minnesota), the Council finds:

1. Sexually Oriented Businesses lend themselves to ancillary unlawful and unhealthy activities that are presently uncontrolled by the operators of the establishments. Further, absent municipal regulation aimed at reducing adverse secondary effects there is no mechanism to make the owners of these establishments responsible for the activities that occur on their premises.
2. Certain employees of Sexually Oriented Businesses, defined in this Ordinance as Sexually Oriented Theater, Nude Model Business, Escort Agency, and Sexually Oriented Cabaret, engage in higher incidence of certain types of illicit sexual behavior than employees of other establishments.
3. Sexual acts, including masturbation, prostitution, sexual contact, and oral and anal sex, occur at Sexually Oriented Businesses, especially those which provide private or semi-private booths or cubicles, or rooms for viewing films, videos, or live sex shows.
4. Offering and providing private or semi-private areas in Sexually Oriented Businesses encourages such sexual activities, which creates unhealthy conditions.
5. Persons frequent certain Sexually Oriented Theaters, Sexually Oriented Arcades, and other Sexually Oriented Businesses for the purpose of engaging in sex within the premises of such Sexually Oriented Businesses.
6. 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.

7. Since 1981 and to the present, there has been an increasing cumulative number of reported cases of AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome) caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in the United States: 600 in 1982; 2,200 in 1983; 4,600 in 1984; 8,555 in 1985, and 253,448 through December 31, 1992.
8. As of December 31, 2001, there have been 57,199 reported cases of AIDS in the State of Texas.
9. Since the early 1980s and to the present, there has been an increasing cumulative number of persons testing positive for the HIV antibody test in Tarrant County, Texas and across the State of Texas.
10. The number of cases of early (less than one year) syphilis in the United States reported annually has risen, with 33,613 cases reported in 1982, and 45,200 through November, 1990. According to Texas Department of Health records there were 1,175 cases of early syphilis reported in the State of Texas during 2000 and an additional 972 cases reported in 2001.
11. The number of cases of gonorrhea in the United States reported annually remains at a high level, with over one-half million cases being reported in 1990. Again, according to Texas Department of Health records there were 32,895 cases of gonorrhea reported in the State of Texas during 2000 and an additional 30,116 cases reported in 2001. During the same time period there were also 138,692 cases of chlamydia reported in the State of Texas. [Arlington Community Health Profile (dated July 2003)]
12. In his report of October 22, 1986, the Surgeon General of the United States has advised the American public that AIDS and HIV infection may be transmitted through sexual contact, intravenous drug abuse, exposure to infected blood and blood components, and from an infected mother to her newborn.
13. According to the best scientific evidence, AIDS and HIV infection, as well as syphilis and gonorrhea, are principally transmitted by sexual acts.
14. 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 failure of the owners and the operators of the facilities to self-regulate those activities and maintain those facilities.
15. Numerous studies and reports have determined that semen is found in the areas of Sexually Oriented Businesses where persons view "sexually oriented" films.
16. Sexually Oriented Businesses have operational characteristics which should be reasonably regulated in order to protect substantial governmental concerns.
17. A reasonable licensing procedure is an appropriate mechanism to place the burden of that reasonable regulation on the owners and the operators of the Sexually Oriented Businesses. Further, such a licensing procedure will place an incentive on the 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 City. 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.



18. Removal of doors on booths and requiring sufficient lighting on premises with booths advances a substantial governmental interest in curbing the illegal and unsanitary sexual activity occurring in Sexually Oriented Theaters.
19. Requiring licensees of Sexually Oriented Businesses to keep information regarding current employees and certain past employees will help reduce the incidence of certain types of criminal behavior by facilitating the identification of potential witnesses or suspects and by preventing minors from working in such establishments.
20. 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.
21. In the prevention of the spread of communicable diseases, it is desirable to obtain a limited amount of information regarding certain employees who may engage in the conduct that this Ordinance is designed to prevent, or who are likely to be witnesses to such conduct.
22. The fact that an applicant for a Sexually Oriented Business license has been convicted of a sexually related crime leads to the rational assumption that the applicant may engage in that conduct in contravention of this Ordinance. There is a correlation between Sexually Oriented Businesses, specifically their hours of operation and the type of people which such businesses attract, and higher crime rates. [*Baby Dolls Topless Saloons, Inc. v. City of Dallas*, 295 F.3d 471 (5th Cir. 2002)].
23. The barring of such individuals from the management of Sexually Oriented Businesses for a period of years serves as a deterrent to, and prevents conduct which leads to, the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases.
24. It is reasonably believed that to better protect the public health, safety, and welfare, it is necessary to adopt additional amendments to this chapter.
25. It is reasonably believed that to prevent the exploitation of a loophole in the Ordinance (which would have permitted such businesses to avoid the location restrictions), partially nude performances in such businesses are also included within the purview of the regulations, since they have the same harmful secondary effects on the surrounding community as Sexually Oriented Businesses currently regulated under the Ordinance. [*Baby Dolls Topless Saloons, Inc. v. City of Dallas*, 295 F.3d 471 (5th Cir. 2002)].
26. There is no Constitutional right for Sexually Oriented Business employees in a state of nudity to touch customers. [*Hang On, Inc. v. City of Arlington*, 65 F.3d 1248 (5th Cir. 1995)]
27. One court has characterized the acts of Sexually Oriented Business employees in a state of nudity and being paid to touch or be touched by customers as prostitution. [*People v. Hill*, 2002 Ill. App. LEXIS 792 (Ill. App. 2 Dist. Sep. 4, 2002); See also, Tex. Penal Code Sections 43.01 ("sexual conduct" and "sexual contact") and 43.02 ("prostitution")].

28. Attempts by the City of Arlington to require Sexually Oriented Businesses to advise customers and employees in a state of nudity to refrain from intentionally touching and fondling each other through signage posted at the business entrance have not been effective.
29. Sexually Oriented Businesses have not complied with the "no touch" provisions, but have flagrantly disregarded them and/or encouraged employees and customers to violate the "no touch" provision.
30. Provocative touching between customers and employees in a Sexually Oriented Business where at least one is in a state of nudity frequently leads to the commission of sex crimes, illegal drug use, and increased health risks due to sexually transmitted diseases.
31. Compelling signage at the entrances of Sexually Oriented Businesses has not been effective in halting "no touch" violations.
32. The City of Arlington has had to expend considerable law enforcement resources to enforce the "no touch" provisions.
33. The City Council reasonably believes that requiring employees in a state of nudity to be physically separated from customers by the use of elevated stages and buffer zones is necessary to better ensure ordinance compliance while still not inhibiting constitutionally protected expressive conduct or speech. [*LLEH, Inc. v. Wichita County, Texas*, 289 F.3d 358 (5th Cir. 2002)]
34. It is reasonably believed by the City Council that the general welfare, health, and safety of the citizens of the City will be promoted by the enactment of this Ordinance.
35. The findings noted in Subsections (1) through (33) raise substantial governmental concerns.

Further, Article VI, Miscellaneous, is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 6.03, Additional Regulations Concerning Public Nudity**, Subsection (B), so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- B. A licensee, operator or employee commits an offense if the licensee, operator or employee knowingly allows, in a Sexually Oriented Business, another to appear in a state of nudity, unless the person is an employee who, while in a state of nudity, is on a stage (on which no customer is present) at least eighteen (18) inches above the floor, and is: (1) at least six (6) feet from any customer (hereinafter called "unenclosed performance stage"); or (2) physically separated from customers by a wall or partition composed of solid glass or light-transmitting plastic, or substantially equivalent material extending from the floor of the performance stage to at least five (5) feet above the level of the performance stage, but such that there are no openings in the wall or partition that would permit physical contact between customers and such employee (hereinafter called "enclosed performance stage").

2.

This ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Arlington, and this ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any of such other ordinances except insofar as the provisions thereof might be

inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other ordinance or ordinances are hereby repealed.

3.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

4.

All of the regulations provided in this ordinance are hereby declared to be governmental and for the health, safety and welfare of the general public. Any member of the City Council or any City official or employee charged with the enforcement of this ordinance, acting for the City of Arlington in the discharge of his/her duties, shall not thereby render himself/herself personally liable; and he/she is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that might accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his/her said duties.

5.

The caption of this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Arlington, in compliance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 15, of the City Charter. Further, this ordinance may be published in pamphlet form and shall be admissible in such form in any court, as provided by law.

6.

This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after first publication as described above.

**PRESENTED AND GIVEN FIRST READING on the 11th day of November, 2003, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas; and GIVEN SECOND READING, passed and approved on the 18th day of November, 2003, by a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas.**

ORDINANCE NO. 04-002

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "**SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS**" CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS, 1987, THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF **ARTICLE V, ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 5.01, ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR SEXUALLY ORIENTED CABARET, SUBSECTION (B)**, RELATIVE TO TOUCHING AN EMPLOYEE OR THE CLOTHING OF AN EMPLOYEE APPEARING IN A STATE OF NUDITY; **SECTION 5.05, REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO EXHIBITION OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT FILMS, PHOTOGRAPHS, PICTURES OR VIDEOS, SUBSECTION (A), SUBSECTIONS (A)(10) AND (A)(14)**, RELATIVE TO A VIEWING ROOM OR BOOTH OF LESS THAN 150 SQUARE FEET; **SUBSECTION (A)(15)**, RELATIVE TO LIVE ENTERTAINMENT IN ANY VIEWING ROOM OR BOOTH OF LESS THAN 500 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR SPACE; **SUBSECTIONS (A)(16) AND (A)(17)**, RELATIVE TO PROHIBITING A PERSON FROM APPEARING IN A STATE OF NUDITY ON THE PREMISES IF IT CONTAINS A VIEWING OR READING ROOM OF LESS THAN 500 SQUARE FEET; **SECTION 5.06, ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO SEXUALLY ORIENTED BOOKSTORES, SEXUALLY ORIENTED NOVELTY STORES AND SEXUALLY ORIENTED VIDEO STORES, SUBSECTION (A)(14)**, RELATIVE TO AN UNOBSTRUCTED VIEW OF THE ENTIRE INTERIOR OF A VIEWING ROOM OR BOOTH; **SUBSECTIONS (A)(16) AND (A)(17)**, RELATIVE TO PROHIBITING A PERSON FROM APPEARING IN A STATE OF NUDITY ON THE PREMISES IF IT CONTAINS A VIEWING OR READING ROOM OF LESS THAN 500 SQUARE FEET; PROVIDING THIS ORDINANCE BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND BECOMING EFFECTIVE TEN DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS:

1.

That the "**Sexually Oriented Business**" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987, is hereby amended through the amendment of Article V, Additional Regulations, Section 5.01, Additional Regulations for

Sexually Oriented Cabaret, Subsection (B), so that hereafter said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- B. A customer at a Sexually Oriented Cabaret commits an offense if the customer touches an employee appearing in a state of nudity or the clothing of an employee appearing in a state of nudity.

Further, Article V is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 5.05, Regulations Pertaining to Exhibition of Sexually Explicit Films, Photographs, Pictures or Videos, Subsection (A)**, so that the first paragraph of said subsection [not including Subsections (A)(1) through (A)(18)] shall be and read as follows:

- A. A person who operates or causes to be operated a Sexually Oriented Business, other than a Sexually Oriented Motel, which exhibits on the premises in a viewing room, a film, photograph, picture, video cassette or other video reproduction which depicts specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas, shall comply with the following requirements:

Further, Article V is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 5.05, Subsection (A)(10)**, so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- 10. No viewing room or booth of less than 150 square feet of floor space shall be occupied by more than one (1) person at any time.

Further, Article V is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 5.05, Subsection (A)(14)**, so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- 14. In a viewing room or booth of less than 150 square feet of floor space, the walls shall be no more than forty-eight (48) inches tall. At least one wall of any such viewing room or booth shall be visible in a direct unobstructed line of sight from the manager's station. Each wall or door of any such viewing room or booth shall be constructed of clear transparent glass, plastic or substantially equivalent materials that allow an unobstructed view of the entire interior of the viewing room or booth.

Further, Article V is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 5.05, Subsection (A)(15)**, so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

15. Live entertainment is prohibited in any viewing room or booth of less than 500 square feet of floor space, as well as any other room adjacent to or visible from any viewing room or booth.

Further, Article V is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 5.05**, Subsection (A)(16), so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

16. The licensee or operator commits an offense if the licensee knowingly allows a person to appear in a state of nudity in, on or about the premises of a Sexually Oriented Business, other than a Sexually Oriented Motel, which exhibits on the premises in a viewing room of less than 500 square feet of floor space, a film, photograph, picture, video cassette or other video reproduction which depicts specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas.

Further, Article V is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 5.05**, Subsection (A)(17), so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

17. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly appears in a state of nudity in or on the premises of a Sexually Oriented Business, other than a Sexually Oriented Motel, which exhibits on the premises in a viewing room of less than 500 square feet of floor space, a film, photograph, picture, video cassette or other video reproduction which depicts specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas.

Further, Article V is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 5.06**, Additional Regulations Pertaining to Sexually Oriented Bookstores, Sexually Oriented Novelty Stores and Sexually Oriented Video Stores, Subsection (A)(14), so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

14. The walls of any viewing room or booth and any reading room or booth shall be no more than forty-eight (48) inches tall. At least one wall of any viewing room or booth shall be visible in a direct unobstructed line of sight from the manager's station. Each wall or door of any viewing room or booth shall be constructed of clear transparent glass, plastic or substantially equivalent

materials that allow an unobstructed view of the entire interior of the viewing room or booth.

Further, Article V is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 5.06**, Subsection (A)(16), so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

16. The licensee or operator commits an offense if the licensee knowingly allows a person to appear in a state of nudity in, on or about the premises of a Sexually Oriented Bookstore, Sexually Oriented Novelty Store or Sexually Oriented Video Store that contains a viewing room or reading room of less than 500 square feet of floor space.

Further, Article V is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 5.06**, Subsection (A)(17), so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

17. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly appears in a state of nudity in, on or about the premises of a Sexually Oriented Bookstore, Sexually Oriented Novelty Store or Sexually Oriented Video Store that contains a viewing room or reading room of less than 500 square feet of floor space.

2.

This ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Arlington, and this ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any of such other ordinances except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other ordinance or ordinances are hereby repealed.

3.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

4.

All of the regulations provided in this ordinance are hereby declared to be governmental and for the health, safety and welfare of the general public. Any member of the City Council or any City official or employee charged with the enforcement of this ordinance, acting for the City of

Arlington in the discharge of his/her duties, shall not thereby render himself/herself personally liable; and he/she is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that might accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his/her said duties.

5.

The caption of this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Arlington, in compliance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 15, of the City Charter. Further, this ordinance may be published in pamphlet form and shall be admissible in such form in any court, as provided by law.

6.

This is an ordinance for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety, and is an emergency measure within the meaning of Article VII, Sections 11 and 12, of the City Charter; and the City Council, by the affirmative vote of all of its members present and voting, hereby declares that this ordinance is an emergency measure, and the requirement that it be read at two (2) meetings, as specified in Section 11, is hereby waived.

7.

This ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

PRESENTED, FINALLY PASSED AND APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE on the **6th** day of **January, 2004**, by a vote of **9** ayes and **0** nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas.



ORDINANCE NO.04-032

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS" CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS, 1987, THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF **ARTICLE III**, LOCATION OF SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES, SECTION 3.02, NONCONFORMING SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS, SUBSECTION (A), RELATIVE TO THE TERMINATION OF NONCONFORMING STATUS; THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF **ARTICLE IV**, LICENSE FOR SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS, SECTION 4.09, APPEAL TO DISTRICT COURT, RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF A PROVISIONAL LICENSE; **SECTION 4.11**, EXEMPTION FROM LOCATION RESTRICTIONS, SUBSECTION (B), RELATIVE TO LICENSE AND AMORTIZATION APPEAL BOARD HEARINGS; AND BY THE ADDITION OF **SECTION 4.12**, ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW RELATING TO REQUEST FOR PROVISIONAL LICENSE; PROVIDING THIS ORDINANCE BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND BECOMING EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

WHEREAS, recently sexually oriented businesses have been denied licenses as a result of failure to comply with various provisions of the City's Sexually Oriented Business Chapter; and

WHEREAS, such denials have been upheld by judicial determinations; and

WHEREAS, sexually oriented businesses, including former nonconforming sexually oriented businesses, try to continue to operate as sexually oriented businesses by immediately making new applications for sexually oriented businesses for the same business at the same locations, requesting additional administrative hearings, and demanding provisional licenses that would allow them to continue to operate notwithstanding previous denial determinations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council never intended that a provisional license should be available as a means to circumvent the effect of a judicial determination upholding a denial; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires amendments to the City's Sexually Oriented Business Chapter in order to give effect and provide efficiency and finality to the administrative and judicial process, maintain public health and safety, and maintain constitutional safeguards; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS:

1.

That the "Sexually Oriented Business" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987, is hereby amended through the amendment of Article III, Location of Sexually Oriented Businesses, **Section 3.02**, Nonconforming Sexually Oriented Business, Subsection (A), so that hereafter said subsection shall be and read as follows:

A. Any Sexually Oriented Business lawfully operating prior to the effective date of Ordinance No. 92-117, that is in violation of Section 3.01 and has continuously operated and maintained a valid and effective Sexually Oriented Business license at such location, shall be deemed a nonconforming Sexually Oriented Business. The nonconforming Sexually Oriented Business will be permitted to continue for a period not to exceed three (3) years from the effective date of Ordinance No. 92-117. Any nonconforming status shall terminate if the Sexually Oriented Business voluntarily discontinues operating as a Sexually Oriented Business or abandons such use at such location for thirty (30) days or more, or if there has been a final administrative determination, pursuant to Sections 4.01(A)(1) and/or 4.11, denying an application for such business at such location without further appeal, or a judicial determination upholding such denial. Such nonconforming Sexually Oriented Businesses shall not be increased, enlarged, extended or altered except that the business may be changed to a use other than a Sexually Oriented Business to the extent allowed by the Zoning Chapter

of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Arlington, as amended. If two (2) or more Sexually Oriented Businesses are within 1,000 feet of one another and otherwise in a permissible location, the Sexually Oriented Business which was first established and has continuously operated and maintained a valid and effective Sexually Oriented Business license at a particular location is the conforming Sexually Oriented Business. The later-established business that was lawfully operating prior to the effective date of Ordinance No. 92-117 and has continuously operated and maintained a valid and effective Sexually Oriented Business license at such location is nonconforming.

Further, Article IV, License for Sexually Oriented Business, is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.09, Appeal to District Court**, so that hereafter said section shall be and read as follows:

**Section 4.09 Appeal to District Court**

- A. Upon receipt of written notice of the denial, suspension or revocation of a license, the applicant whose application for a license has been denied or whose license has been suspended or revoked shall have the right to appeal by filing suit in the appropriate district court within thirty (30) calendar days after the receipt of notice of the decision of the Chief of Police or decision of the License and Amortization Appeal Board, as applicable. The filing of such suit shall have the effect of staying denial, suspension or revocation for the Sexually Oriented Business licensed under this Chapter at such location, pending a judicial determination of the appeal. The City shall grant a provisional license upon the filing of a court action to appeal the denial of a Sexually Oriented Business license if the applicant is not currently licensed for such business at the subject location; provided, however, a provisional license shall not be issued under the following circumstances: (a) the location of the proposed Sexually Oriented Business is or would be in violation of Article III of this Chapter; (b) the duration of the provisional license would coincide with any period of license suspension or revocation set forth in Section 4.08; or (c) there

has been a judicial determination upholding the denial of a license for such Sexually Oriented Business at such location within the previous twelve (12) calendar months. Written notice of the denial of a provisional license and the basis for the denial will be provided by the Chief of Police within ten (10) calendar days of service of the court action upon the City.

- B. Any provisional license and certificate of occupancy issued under this section will expire upon the court's entry of judgment on such appeal. The applicant shall bear the burden of proof in court. The substantial evidence standard of review shall apply to such appeal.

Further, Article IV is hereby amended by the amendment of **Section 4.11, Exemption From Location Restrictions**, Subsection (B), so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- B. If the written request is filed with the City Secretary within the ten (10) day limit, the License and Amortization Appeal Board shall consider the request. The City Secretary shall set a date for the hearing within sixty (60) days from the date the written request is filed, unless both parties agree to a certain date beyond the sixty (60) days. If a timely request is so filed, the existing license is deemed not to have expired until the decision of the Board on such request. The License and Amortization Appeal Board shall enter a written ruling on the request within five (5) days of the hearing.

Further, Article IV is hereby amended to add new **Section 4.12, Administrative Review Relating to Request for Provisional License**, so that said section shall be and read as follows:

**Section 4.12 Administrative Review Relating to Request for Provisional License**

- A. If the Chief of Police denies the issuance of a provisional license to an applicant because there has been a judicial determination upholding the denial of a license for such Sexually Oriented Business at such location within the previous twelve (12) calendar months, then the applicant may, not later than ten (10) calendar days after receiving notice of the

denial, file with the City Secretary a written request for a hearing before the License and Amortization Appeal Board to determine whether there has been a material change of circumstances during said twelve (12) calendar months that would warrant the issuance of a provisional Sexually Oriented Business license. Said request shall also contain a recitation of all evidence upon which the applicant will rely to prove the requisite material change of circumstances.

- B. If the written request is filed with the City Secretary within the ten (10) day limit, the License and Amortization Appeal Board shall consider the request. The hearing shall be held within sixty (60) days from the date the written request is filed, unless both parties agree to a certain date beyond the sixty (60) days. The License and Amortization Appeal Board shall enter a written ruling on the request within five (5) days of the hearing.
- C. The License and Amortization Appeal Board shall have the powers set forth elsewhere in this Chapter including, but not limited to, Sections 4.11(C), 4.11(D), and 4.11(G), and to prescribe rules of procedure not inconsistent with this Chapter, including the use of an Administrative Law Judge to preside over any hearings. In addition, the License and Amortization Appeal Board shall have the power to rule upon the appropriate dispositions of an applicant's request for a determination of material change of circumstances regarding the granting of a provisional license, as described in Sections 4.12(A) and 4.12(C).
- D. The License and Amortization Appeal Board shall grant the application for a provisional license if it determines that a material change of circumstances has occurred within twelve (12) calendar months of a judicial determination upholding the denial of a license for such business at such location. A material change of circumstances shall mean the disabling condition(s) which resulted in the previous denial of the license has/have been cured. The provisional license becomes effective immediately and remains effective pending a court's entry of judgment in the appeal under Section 4.09.

E. Upon receipt of a written notice of denial of a provisional license by the License and Amortization Appeal Board, the applicant shall have the right to appeal such denial by filing suit in the appropriate district court within thirty (30) calendar days after the receipt of notice of a decision of the License and Amortization Appeal Board. The applicant shall bear the burden of proof in court. The substantial evidence standard of review shall apply to such appeal.

2.

This ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Arlington, and this ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any of such other ordinances except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other ordinance or ordinances are hereby repealed.

3.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

4.

All of the regulations provided in this ordinance are hereby declared to be governmental and for the health, safety and welfare of the general public. Any member of the City Council or any City official or employee charged with the enforcement of this ordinance, acting for the City of Arlington in the discharge of his/her duties, shall not thereby render himself/herself personally liable; and he/she is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that might accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his/her said duties.

5.

The caption of this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Arlington, in compliance with the provisions of Article VII, Section

15, of the City Charter. Further, this ordinance may be published in pamphlet form and shall be admissible in such form in any court, as provided by law.

6.

This is an ordinance for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety, and is an emergency measure within the meaning of Article VII, Sections 11 and 12, of the City Charter; and the City Council, by the affirmative vote of all of its members present and voting, hereby declares that this ordinance is an emergency measure, and the requirement that it be read at two (2) meetings, as specified in Section 11, is hereby waived.

7.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PRESENTED, FINALLY PASSED AND APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE on the **23rd** day of **March, 2004**, by a vote of **9** ayes and **0** nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas.

ORDINANCE NO. 04-036

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS" CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS, 1987, THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF **ARTICLE III, LOCATION OF SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES, SECTION 3.02, NONCONFORMING SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS, SUBSECTION (A)**, RELATIVE TO THE TERMINATION OF NONCONFORMING STATUS; PROVIDING THIS ORDINANCE BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND BECOMING EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS:

1.

That the "Sexually Oriented Business" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987, is hereby amended through the amendment of Article III, Location of Sexually Oriented Businesses, Section 3.02, Nonconforming Sexually Oriented Business, Subsection (A), so that hereafter said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- A. Any Sexually Oriented Business lawfully operating prior to the effective date of Ordinance No. 92-117, that is in violation of Section 3.01 and has continuously operated and maintained a valid and effective Sexually Oriented Business license at such location, shall be deemed a nonconforming Sexually Oriented Business. The nonconforming Sexually Oriented Business will be permitted to continue for a period not to exceed three (3) years from the effective date of Ordinance No. 92-117. Any nonconforming status shall terminate if the Sexually Oriented Business voluntarily discontinues operating as a Sexually Oriented Business or abandons such use at such location for thirty (30) days or more, or if there has been a final administrative determination, pursuant to Sections 4.02(A)(1) and/or 4.11, denying an application for such business at such location without further appeal, or a judicial determination upholding such denial. Such nonconforming Sexually



Oriented Businesses shall not be increased, enlarged, extended or altered except that the business may be changed to a use other than a Sexually Oriented Business to the extent allowed by the Zoning Chapter of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Arlington, as amended. If two (2) or more Sexually Oriented Businesses are within 1,000 feet of one another and otherwise in a permissible location, the Sexually Oriented Business which was first established and has continuously operated and maintained a valid and effective Sexually Oriented Business license at a particular location is the conforming Sexually Oriented Business. The later-established business that was lawfully operating prior to the effective date of Ordinance No. 92-117 and has continuously operated and maintained a valid and effective Sexually Oriented Business license at such location is nonconforming.

2.

This ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Arlington, and this ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any of such other ordinances except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other ordinance or ordinances are hereby repealed.

3.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

4.

All of the regulations provided in this ordinance are hereby declared to be governmental and for the health, safety and welfare of the general public. Any member of the City Council or any City official or employee charged with the enforcement of this ordinance, acting for the City of Arlington in the discharge of his/her duties, shall not thereby render himself/herself personally liable; and he/she is hereby relieved from all personal liability for

any damage that might accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his/her said duties.

5.

The caption of this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Arlington, in compliance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 15, of the City Charter. Further, this ordinance may be published in pamphlet form and shall be admissible in such form in any court, as provided by law.

6.

This is an ordinance for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety, and is an emergency measure within the meaning of Article VII, Sections 11 and 12, of the City Charter; and the City Council, by the affirmative vote of all of its members present and voting, hereby declares that this ordinance is an emergency measure, and the requirement that it be read at two (2) meetings, as specified in Section 11, is hereby waived.

7.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PRESENTED, FINALLY PASSED AND APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE on the **13th** day of **April, 2004**, by a vote of **8** ayes and **0** nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas.

Ordinance No. 07-023

**An ordinance amending the "Sexually Oriented Business" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987, through the amendment of Article II, Definitions, Section 2.01, Definitions, by the amendment of the definitions of "Church", "Residential District" and "Residential Use"; providing this ordinance be cumulative; providing for severability; providing for governmental immunity; providing for injunctions; providing for publication and becoming effective immediately**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS:

1.

That the "**Sexually Oriented Business**" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987, is hereby amended through the amendment of **Article II, Definitions, Section 2.01**, so that hereafter the definitions of "Church", "Residential District" and "Residential Use" shall read as follows:

**"Church"** means a building, or portion of a building, whether situated within the city or not, in which persons regularly assemble for religious worship and said building or portion of a building is intended primarily for purposes connected with such worship or for propagating a particular form of religious belief.

**"Residential District"** means a residentially zoned district. For purposes of this Chapter, a "residential use" may exist even in the absence of a corresponding "residential district".

**"Residential Use"** means a single family, townhouse, duplex, mobile home or multifamily use.

2.

This ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Arlington, and this ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any of such other ordinances except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other ordinance or ordinances are hereby repealed.

3.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

4.

All of the regulations provided in this ordinance are hereby declared to be governmental and for the health, safety and welfare of the general public. Any member of the City Council or any City official or employee charged with the enforcement of this ordinance, acting for the City of Arlington in the discharge of his/her duties, shall not thereby render himself/herself personally liable; and he/she is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that might accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his/her said duties.

5.

Any violation of this ordinance can be enjoined by a suit filed in the name of the City of Arlington in a court of competent jurisdiction, and this remedy shall be in addition to any penal provision in this ordinance or in the Code of the City of Arlington.

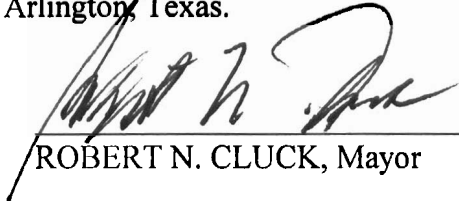
6.

The caption of this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Arlington, in compliance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 15, of the City Charter. Further, this ordinance may be published in pamphlet form and shall be admissible in such form in any court, as provided by law.

7.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately.

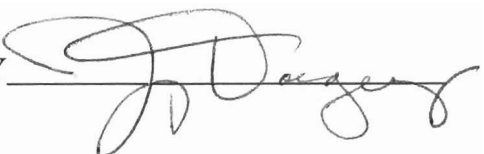
PRESENTED AND GIVEN FIRST READING on the 27th day of March, 2007, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas; and GIVEN SECOND READING, passed and approved on the 10th day of April, 2007, by a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas.

  
ROBERT N. CLUCK, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
BARBARA G. HEPTIG, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
JAY DOEGEY, City Attorney

BY 

**Ordinance No. 08-030**

**An ordinance amending the “Sexually Oriented Business” Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987, through the amendment of Article IV, License for Sexually Oriented Business, at Section 4.11, Exemption from Location Restrictions at subsection (D) and by the addition of subsection (J); and providing for a fine of up to \$2000 for each offense in violation of the ordinance; providing this ordinance be cumulative; providing for severability; providing for governmental immunity; providing for injunctions; providing for publication and becoming effective ten days after first publication**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS:

1.

That the “Sexually Oriented Business” Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987, is hereby amended at **Article IV, License for Sexually Oriented Business**, at **Section 4.11, Exemption from Location Restrictions**, at Subsection (D) so that hereafter said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- D. A hearing by the Board may proceed only if at least five (5) Board members are present. The Board shall adopt rules for the conduct of such hearings not inconsistent with this Chapter.

Further that the “Sexually Oriented Business” Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987, is hereby amended at **Article IV, License for Sexually Oriented Business**, at **Section 4.11, Exemption from Location Restrictions**, by the addition of subsection (J) so that hereafter said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- J. The Board Chairperson may subpoena witnesses and compel the production of books, papers and other evidence material to such hearing subject to the following requirements:
1. The subpoena must be issued in pursuit of an objective authorized by this Chapter. The information sought must be germane to a lawful subject of inquiry. Demands for information must be as specific as the requesting party’s knowledge will permit and must not be unreasonably burdensome. The subpoena shall not purport

to require privileged information which is recognized by law as such.

2. A subpoena will be issued only upon request by either the City or the Applicant. A request for subpoena shall be filed with the City Secretary's Office which shall forward a copy of the request to the Board Chairperson. A request for subpoena must be served on the other party at the time of the request, as evidenced by a certificate of service on the request. The opposing party has three working days to file a written objection to the request with the City Secretary's Office, setting forth an objection. The Chairperson may grant the objection, overrule the objection and issue the subpoena, or give the requesting party three working days to file a response to the objection, after which time the Chairperson may issue the subpoena or deny the request for subpoena in writing, stating the grounds for denial.

2.

Any person, firm, corporation, agent or employee thereof who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined an amount not to exceed Two Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$2000) for each offense. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

3.

This ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Arlington, and this ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any of such other ordinances except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other ordinance or ordinances are hereby repealed.

4.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

5.

All of the regulations provided in this ordinance are hereby declared to be governmental and for the health, safety and welfare of the general public. Any member of the City Council or any City official or employee charged with the enforcement of this ordinance, acting for the City of Arlington in the discharge of his/her duties, shall not

thereby render himself/herself personally liable; and he/she is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that might accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his/her said duties.

6.

Any violation of this ordinance can be enjoined by a suit filed in the name of the City of Arlington in a court of competent jurisdiction, and this remedy shall be in addition to any penal provision in this ordinance or in the Code of the City of Arlington.

7.

The caption and penalty clause of this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Arlington, in compliance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 15, of the City Charter. Further, this ordinance may be published in pamphlet form and shall be admissible in such form in any court, as provided by law.

8.

This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after first publication as described above.


PRESENTED AND GIVEN FIRST READING on the 22nd day of April, 2008, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas; and GIVEN SECOND READING, passed and approved on the 6th day of May, 2008, by a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas.

  
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ROBERT N. CLUCK, Mayor

ATTEST:



APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
JAY DOEGEY, City Attorney

BY   
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Ordinance No. 08-064

**An ordinance amending the “Sexually Oriented Business” Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987, through the amendment of Article II, Definitions, Section 2.01, Definitions, by the amendment of the definition of “Entertainment District”; providing for a fine of up to \$2,000 for each offense in violation of the ordinance; providing this ordinance be cumulative, providing for severability, governmental immunity, injunctions, publication and an effective date**

WHEREAS, this ordinance removes a portion of the Entertainment District Overlay District (“Overlay District”) from the definition of the Entertainment District solely for the purpose of the Sexually Oriented Business Chapter, and sexually oriented businesses located in the affected area will continue to be subject to same Overlay District standards applicable to other property in the Overlay District, including design standards; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance does not render any existing conforming sexually-oriented business nonconforming, nor does it significantly diminish the availability of land in the City of Arlington; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the public and in support of the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the citizens that this amendment to the Sexually Oriented Business Chapter be approved; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS:

1.

That the "**Sexually Oriented Business**" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987, is hereby amended through the amendment of **Article II, Definitions, Section 2.01, Definitions**, so that hereafter the definition of "Entertainment District" shall read as follows:

**"Entertainment District"** means the Entertainment District, as set out in Resolution No. 92-725, or any subsequent resolutions or ordinances establishing the Entertainment District or Entertainment Overlay District, except the eastern boundary of such district for purposes of this definition shall be the west right-of-way line of State Highway 360, from the north line of Interstate 30 on the north and the south line of Division Street on the south.

2.

Any person, firm, corporation, agent or employee thereof who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof



shall be fined an amount not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$2,000.00) for each offense. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

3.

This ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Arlington; and this ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any of such other ordinances except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other ordinance or ordinances are hereby repealed.

4.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

5.

All of the regulations provided in this ordinance are hereby declared to be governmental and for the health, safety and welfare of the general public. Any member of the City Council or any City official or employee charged with the enforcement of this ordinance, acting for the City of Arlington in the discharge of his/her duties, shall not thereby render himself/herself personally liable; and he/she is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that might accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his/her said duties.

6.

Any violation of this ordinance can be enjoined by a suit filed in the name of the City of Arlington in a court of competent jurisdiction, and this remedy shall be in addition to any penal provision in this ordinance or in the Code of the City of Arlington.

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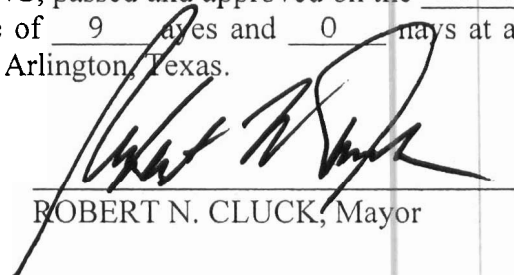
The caption and penalty of this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Arlington, Texas, in compliance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 15, of the City Charter. Further, this ordinance may be published in pamphlet form and shall be admissible in such form in any court, as provided by law.

8.

This ordinance shall become effective upon second publication.

PRESENTED AND GIVEN FIRST READING on the 5th day of  
August, 2008, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of

Arlington, Texas; and GIVEN SECOND READING, passed and approved on the 19th  
day of August, 2008, by a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays at a  
regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas.

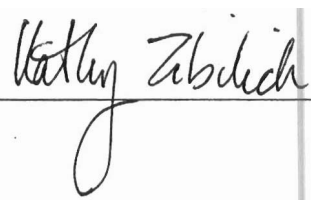
  
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ROBERT N. CLUCK, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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KAREN BARLOW, Secretary



APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
JAY DOEGEY, City Attorney

BY   
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Ordinance No. 22-026

An ordinance amending the “Sexually Oriented Business” Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987, through the amendment of Article II, Definitions, Section 2.01, by the amendment of the definition of “Employee” and the addition of the definition of “Hearing Official”; Article III, Location of Sexually Oriented Businesses, by the amendment of Section 3.01, Subsection (A); and renaming and amending Section 3.02; Article IV, License for Sexually Oriented Business, by the amendment of Section 4.01, Subsection (B); Section 4.02, Subsection (A)(2); Section 4.03, Subsections (A), (B), (D) and (F); Section 4.05, Subsection (A); Section 4.07, Subsection (B)(4), (B)(5), and the addition of a new Subsection (B)(6) and the renumbering of the remaining subsection; Section 4.09, Subsection (A); the deletion of Section 4.11, and the amendment and renumbering of the current Section 4.12; Article V, Additional Regulations, by the amendment of Section 5.01, Subsections (C) and (F); Section 5.02, Subsection (A); Section 5.03, Subsection (A) and (E); and Section 5.04, Subsection (A); Article VI, Miscellaneous, by the amendment of Section 6.02; and Article VII, Enforcement, by renaming and amending Section 7.01; and the amendment of Section 7.02; relative to removing the License and Amortization Appeal Board and other related obsolete provisions, reassigning the License and Amortization Appeal Board’s remaining functions, ensuring that various provisions comply with new state laws enacted during the 2021 legislative session, revising procedural aspects of the license and hearing process as well as the denial, suspension, and revocation processes, and updating inspection, enforcement, and penalty provisions; providing for a fine of up to \$2,000 for each offense in violation of the ordinance; providing this ordinance be cumulative, providing for severability, governmental immunity, injunctions, publication and an effective date

WHEREAS; on November 17, 1992, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 92-117, enacting the Adult Entertainment Chapter (later renamed the “Sexually Oriented Business” Chapter), which established the License and Amortization Appeal Board; and

WHEREAS; the primary function of the License and Amortization Appeal Board was to render decisions on applications from businesses that were made

nonconforming by Ordinance No. 92-117, in particular, applications to extend the amortization period and applications for an exemption from the location requirements; and

WHEREAS; the primary function of the License and Amortization Appeal Board is now obsolete because none of those businesses, which were made nonconforming by Ordinance No. 92-117, are still in existence, and the License and Amortization Appeal Board has been inactive for several years; and

WHEREAS; the City Council has determined that the License and Amortization Appeal Board has fulfilled its original purpose, it should be removed from the Sexually Oriented Business Chapter, and its remaining functions under the Chapter, as last amended by Ordinance No. 08-064, should be reassigned under this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS; in 2021, the 87th Texas Legislature enacted S.B. 315 and S.B. 766, amending various provisions of the Texas Labor Code, the Texas Penal Code, and the Texas Business and Commerce Code, establishing that persons must be at least twenty-one years of age to be employed by a sexually oriented business and that persons must be at least eighteen years of age to be on the premises of a sexually oriented business, and creating criminal offenses for violations of such state laws; and

WHEREAS; this Ordinance provides that certain violations of the Sexually Oriented Business Chapter are enforceable under the Texas Labor Code, the Texas Penal Code, and the Texas Business and Commerce Code, as amended by S.B. 315 and S.B. 766, in accordance with state law; and

WHEREAS; the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the public and in support of the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the citizens that all amendments to the Sexually Oriented Business Chapter contained in this Ordinance be approved; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS:

1.

That the “**Sexually Oriented Business**” Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987, is hereby amended through the amendment of **Article II, Definitions, Section 2.01, Definitions**, by the amendment of the definition of “Employee” and the addition of the definition of “Hearing Official”, so that said definitions shall be and read as follows:

“**Employee**” means any person, including an independent contractor, who renders any service whatsoever to the customers of a Sexually Oriented Business or who works in or about a Sexually Oriented Business and who receives compensation for such service or

work from the operator or owner of the Sexually Oriented Business or from the customers therein.

**“Hearing Official”** means any person appointed by the City Manager or his or her designee to conduct hearings under this Chapter.

Further, **Article III, Location of Sexually Oriented Businesses, Section 3.01, Location, Subsection (A)**, is hereby amended so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- A. A Sexually Oriented Business shall be located within a specific zoning district as set forth in the “Unified Development Code” Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas.

Further, **Article III, Section 3.02, Nonconforming Sexually Oriented Business**, is hereby amended so that the title and section shall be and read as follows:

**Section 3.02 Conforming Sexually Oriented Business**

A Sexually Oriented Business lawfully operating as a conforming Sexually Oriented Business is not rendered a nonconforming use by the location, subsequent to the commencement of operation of the Sexually Oriented Business, of a church, public or private elementary or secondary school, public park, licensed day care center, Entertainment District, residential use or residential zoning district within 1,000 feet of the Sexually Oriented Business.

Further, **Article IV, License for Sexually Oriented Business, Section 4.01, License Required, Subsection (B)**, is hereby amended so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- B. Any person, association, firm, partnership or corporation desiring to obtain a Sexually Oriented Business license shall make application on a form provided by the Chief of Police. 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"). In addition, the application must be accompanied by a current employee list including all employees having worked for the applicant within the last six (6) months and all employees currently working for the applicant.

Further, **Article IV, Section 4.02, License Issuance and Grounds for Denial, Subsection (A)(2)**, is hereby amended so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

2. The applicant failed to supply all of the information requested on the application; the applicant failed to submit an accurate and current employee list under Section 4.01(B); or the application is incomplete or does not otherwise meet the requirements of this Chapter.

Further, **Article IV, Section 4.03, Inspection and Maintenance of Records, Subsection (A)**, is hereby amended so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- A. A licensee, operator or employee of a Sexually Oriented Business shall be subject to regulation under this Chapter. Representatives of the Police Department, Health Services, Fire Department, Building Inspections, Code Compliance Services, and other authorized City representatives may inspect all portions of the premises where customers are allowed for the purpose of ensuring compliance with this Chapter at any time it is occupied or open for business, as allowed by law.

Further, **Article IV, Section 4.03, Subsection (B)**, is hereby amended so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- B. A licensee or operator of a Sexually Oriented Business commits an offense if the person operates the establishment without maintaining a current list of all employees of the business along with a complete employment file for each employee. The employment file shall be maintained on the premises and must include the following information for each employee:
  1. Full legal name;
  2. All aliases or stage names;
  3. Date of birth;
  4. Hair color, eye color, height and weight;
  5. Race and gender;
  6. Current residence address and phone number;
  7. Legible copy of valid driver's license or other government issued personal identification card containing the employee's photograph and date of birth;
  8. Date of commencement of employment or contractual relationship with the sexually oriented business; and
  9. Original color photograph with a full-face view that accurately depicts the employee's appearance at the time the employee commenced an

employment or contractual relationship with the sexually oriented business.

Further, **Article IV, Section 4.03, Subsection (D)**, is hereby amended so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- D. The licensee or operator of a Sexually Oriented Business shall maintain all records required to be maintained under the provisions of this Chapter and Texas Labor Code § 51.016, as amended, on the licensed premises. The licensee or operator of a Sexually Oriented Business shall register and participate in the E-Verify program to verify information of all employees as required by Texas Labor Code § 51.016, as amended, of the Labor Code as later amended.

Further, **Article IV, Section 4.03, Subsection (F)**, is hereby amended so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- F. A licensee, operator or employee of a Sexually Oriented Business shall permit representatives of the Police Department to take photographs of the licensee, operator or employees of the Sexually Oriented Business for the purpose of ensuring compliance with this Chapter at any time it is occupied or open for business, as allowed by law.

Further, **Article IV, Section 4.05, Suspension, Subsection (A)**, is hereby amended so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- A. Subject to Section 4.05(B), the Chief of Police shall suspend a Sexually Oriented Business license if the Chief of Police determines that a licensee(s), operator(s) or employee(s) of a licensee (or any combination thereof) has/have:
1. (a) On five (5) or more occasions within any twelve (12) month period of time been cited for or charged with a violation of Sections 6.02, 6.03, 6.04 or any of the provisions of Article V of this Chapter; (b) been convicted or placed on deferred disposition or probation for the violations; and (c) the Chief of Police determines that notice of the citations, if required, has been sent to the licensee in accordance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter; or
  2. (a) On five (5) or more occasions within any twelve (12) month period of time been cited for or charged with a violation of Section 4.03 of this Chapter; (b) been convicted or placed on deferred disposition or probation for the violations; and (c) the Chief of Police determines that notice of the citations, if required, has been sent to the licensee in accordance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter; or
  3. (a) Been cited for or charged with any combination of offenses under subsections (1) or (2) above that total five (5) within any twelve (12)

month period of time; (b) been convicted or placed on deferred disposition or probation for the violations; and (c) the Chief of Police determines that notice of the citations, if required, has been sent to the licensee in accordance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter.

A period of suspension will begin the first day after the decision of the Chief of Police becomes final as provided in Section 4.07, unless the licensee appeals to district court under Section 4.09. If appeal is taken under Section 4.09, the period of suspension begins the day after all appeals are final.

Further, **Article IV, Section 4.07, Denial, Suspension and Revocation Procedures, Subsection (B)(4)**, is hereby amended so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

4. The applicant or licensee shall have ten (10) calendar days from the date notice is received, to request a hearing on the denial, suspension or revocation. The request shall be in writing and delivered to the Chief of Police. Upon receipt of the request for hearing, a hearing before the Chief of Police shall be scheduled to take place within thirty (30) calendar days unless both parties agree to a certain date beyond the thirty days. The Chief of Police shall consider only the testimony and evidence admitted for consideration at the hearing by the Administrative Law Judge. The Chief of Police shall have five (5) business days from the date of the hearing to notify the applicant or licensee of the decision unless both parties agree to a certain date beyond the five days.
  - a. In making a determination as to the denial of a license, the Chief of Police shall consider whether the applicant has established the applicant's entitlement to a license under the requirements imposed by Section 4.02 of this Chapter and/or whether the City has established a disqualifying factor under the requirements imposed by Section 4.02 of this Chapter.
  - b. In making a determination of the suspension of a license under Section 4.05 of this Chapter, the Chief of Police shall consider: (1) whether the required number of citations or charges under Section 4.05(A)(1), (2), or (3) were issued to or filed against the licensee, operator, or employee of the licensee within a twelve (12) month period of time; (2) whether notice of such citations, if required, was sent to the proper Sexually Oriented Business in compliance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter; (3) whether the licensee, operator, or employee of the licensee was convicted or placed on deferred disposition or probation for the citations or charges; and (4) whether licensee was powerless to prevent violations.
  - c. In making a determination of the revocation of a license under Section 4.06(A)(1) of this Chapter, the Chief of Police shall



consider: (1) whether the required number of citations or charges under Section 4.05(A)(1), (2), or (3) were issued to or filed against the licensee, operator, or employee of the licensee within a twelve (12) month period of time; (2) whether notice of such citations, if required, was sent to the proper Sexually Oriented Business in compliance with Section 7.02 of this Chapter; (3) whether the licensee, operator, or employee of the licensee was convicted or placed on deferred disposition or probation for the citations or charges; and (4) whether the license at issue has been ordered suspended for a thirty (30) day period of time pursuant to Section 4.08(B)(4) of this Chapter within the preceding twelve (12) month period of time.

- d. In making a determination of the revocation of a license under Sections 4.06(A)(2)-(10) of this Chapter, the Chief of Police shall consider whether the evidence shows that the specified convictions, events, or actions occurred as set forth in those sections of this Chapter.

Further, **Article IV, Section 4.07, Denial, Suspension and Revocation Procedures, Subsection (B)(5)**, is hereby amended so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

5. All hearings under this Section will be presided over by an Administrative Law Judge appointed by the City Manager or his or her designee. The Administrative Law Judge must be licensed to practice law in Texas and have at least three (3) years' experience presiding over administrative hearings, or hearings as a judge or master of a court. The hearing will be open to the public. The provisions of Texas Government Code, Sections 2001.081-.088 shall be used as procedural and evidentiary guidelines. The Administrative Law Judge will be responsible for the procedural oversight of the hearing, including the manner and order of presentation and ruling on the admissibility of testimony and evidence and any objections thereto. Both parties shall exchange their witness lists, their lists of exhibits, and copies of their exhibits to be presented at the hearing at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for the hearing. Failure to comply with this Section is grounds for the exclusion of the exhibits or witnesses not exchanged as provided by this Section. In accordance with Article XI of the Administrative Chapter of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Arlington, the Administrative Law Judge may subpoena witnesses and compel the production of books, papers and other evidence material to such hearing. All such subpoenas must be signed by the Mayor prior to issuance and subject to the following:
  - a. The subpoena must be issued in pursuit of an objective authorized by the Sexually Oriented Business Chapter of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Arlington;

- b. Information sought must be germane to the lawful subject of inquiry;
- c. Demands for information must be as specific as the requesting party's knowledge will permit and must not be unreasonably burdensome;
- d. The subpoena shall not purport to require privileged information which is recognized by law as such; and
- e. A subpoena will be issued only upon request of either the City or the applicant or licensee. A request for subpoena must be served on the other party at the time of the request as evidenced by a certificate of service on the request. The opposing party has three (3) business days to file a written objection to the request with the Administrative Law Judge, setting forth an objection. The Administrative Law Judge may grant the objection, overrule the objection and issue the subpoena, or give the requesting party three (3) business days to file a response to the objection, after which time the Administrative Law Judge may issue the subpoena or deny the request for subpoena in writing stating the grounds for denial.

Further, **Article IV, Section 4.07**, is hereby amended by the addition of a new **Subsection (B)(6)** and the **renumbering** of the remaining subsection so that Subsection (B)(6) shall be and read as follows:

- 6. If after the hearing, the Chief of Police determines that the license should not be suspended, denied, or revoked, the issuance date of the license is the date that the Chief of Police sends notice of the decision.

Further, **Article IV, Section 4.09, Appeal to District Court, Subsection (A)**, is hereby amended so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- A. Upon receipt of written notice of the denial, suspension or revocation of a license, the applicant whose application for a license has been denied or whose license has been suspended or revoked shall have the right to appeal by filing suit in the appropriate district court within thirty (30) calendar days after the receipt of notice of the decision of the Chief of Police or decision of the Hearing Official, as applicable. The filing of such suit shall have the effect of staying denial, suspension or revocation for the Sexually Oriented Business licensed under this Chapter at such location, pending a judicial determination of the appeal. In such case, the City shall grant a provisional license upon the filing of a court action to appeal the denial of a Sexually Oriented Business license if the applicant is not currently licensed for such business at the subject location; provided, however, a

provisional license shall not be issued under the following circumstances: (a) the location of the proposed Sexually Oriented Business is or would be in violation of Article III of this Chapter; (b) the duration of the provisional license would coincide with any period of license suspension or revocation set forth in Section 4.08; or (c) there has been a judicial determination upholding the denial of a license for such Sexually Oriented Business at such location within the previous twelve (12) calendar months. Written notice of the denial of a provisional license and the basis for the denial will be provided by the Chief of Police within ten (10) calendar days of service of the court action upon the City.

Further, Article IV, is hereby amended by the deletion of Section 4.11, Exemption from Location Restrictions, and the renumbering of the remaining section.

Further, Article IV, Section 4.12, Administrative Review Relating to Request for Provisional License, is hereby renumbered and amended so that said section shall be and read as follows:

**Section 4.11 Administrative Review Relating to Request for Provisional License**

- A. If the Chief of Police denies the issuance of a provisional license to an applicant because there has been a judicial determination upholding the denial of a license for such Sexually Oriented Business at such location within the previous twelve (12) calendar months, then the applicant may, not later than ten (10) calendar days after receiving notice of the denial, file with the City Secretary a written request for a hearing before a Hearing Official to determine whether there has been a material change of circumstances during said twelve (12) calendar months that would warrant the issuance of a provisional Sexually Oriented Business license. Said request shall also contain a recitation of all evidence upon which the applicant will rely to prove the requisite material change of circumstances.
- B. If the written request is filed with the City Secretary within the ten (10) day limit, the Hearing Official shall consider the request. The hearing shall be held within sixty (60) days from the date the written request is filed, unless both parties agree to a certain date beyond the sixty (60) days. The Hearing Official shall enter a written ruling on the request within five (5) days of the hearing.
- C. The Hearing Official may use an Administrative Law Judge to preside over any hearings. In addition, the Hearing Official shall have the power to rule upon the appropriate dispositions of an applicant's request for a determination of material change of circumstances regarding the granting of a provisional license, as described in Sections 4.11(A) and 4.11(D). Disputes of fact shall be decided on the basis of a preponderance of the evidence.
- D. The Hearing Official shall grant the application for a provisional license if it determines that a material change of circumstances has occurred within twelve (12) calendar months of a judicial determination upholding the denial of a license

for such business at such location. A material change of circumstances shall mean the disabling condition(s) which resulted in the previous denial of the license has/have been cured. The provisional license becomes effective immediately and remains effective pending a court's entry of judgment in the appeal under Section 4.09.

- E. Upon receipt of a written notice of denial of a provisional license by the Hearing Official, the applicant shall have the right to appeal such denial by filing suit in the appropriate district court within thirty (30) calendar days after the receipt of notice of a decision of the Hearing Official. The applicant shall bear the burden of proof in court. The substantial evidence standard of review shall apply to such appeal.

Further, **Article V, Additional Regulations, Section 5.01, Additional Regulations for Sexually Oriented Cabaret, Subsection (C)**, is hereby amended so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- C. A licensee or employee commits an offense if the licensee or employee permits any customer access to an area of the premises not visible from the manager's station or not visible by a walk-through of the premises without entering a private, exclusive, closed, curtained, or otherwise screened area, excluding restrooms. The view required in this subsection shall be by direct line of sight. The view shall be deemed insufficient if clear visibility of such line of sight must be attained by utilizing flashlights or spotlights in addition to overhead house lighting.

Further, **Article V, Section 5.01, Subsection (F)**, is hereby amended so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- F. A person commits an offense if the person employs at a Sexually Oriented Cabaret any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years. An offense under this Subsection (F) shall be enforceable as provided by Texas Labor Code §§ 51.016 and 51.031, as amended, as well as Texas Penal Code § 43.251, as amended.

Further, **Article V, Section 5.02, Additional Regulations for Escort Agencies, Subsection (A)**, is hereby amended so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- A. A person commits an offense if the person employs at an Escort Agency any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years. An offense under this Subsection (A) shall be enforceable as provided by Texas Labor Code §§ 51.016 and 51.031, as amended, for an Escort Agency that qualifies as a "Sexually oriented business" under Texas Labor Code § 51.016, as amended, and Texas Local Government Code § 243.002, as amended. An offense under this Subsection (A) shall be enforceable as provided by Texas Penal Code § 43.251, as amended, if the

employment qualifies as “Sexually oriented commercial activity” or if the place of business permits, requests, or requires the individual to work nude or topless.

Further, **Article V, Section 5.03, Additional Regulations for Nude Model Businesses, Subsection (A)**, is hereby amended so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- A. A person commits an offense if the person employs at a Nude Model Business any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years. An offense under this Subsection (A) shall be enforceable as provided by Texas Labor Code §§ 51.016 and 51.031, as amended, as well as Texas Penal Code § 43.251, as amended.

Further, **Article V, Section 5.03, Subsection (E)**, is hereby amended so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- E. A licensee or employee commits an offense if the person permits any customer access to an area of the premises not visible from the manager's station by direct line of sight or not visible by a walk-through of the premises without entering a private, exclusive, closed, curtained, or otherwise screened area, excluding restrooms. The view required in this subsection shall be by direct line of sight. The view shall be deemed insufficient if clear visibility of such line of sight must be attained by utilizing flashlights or spotlights in addition to overhead house lighting.

Further, **Article V, Section 5.04, Additional Regulations for Sexually Oriented Theaters and Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theaters, Subsection (A)**, is hereby amended so that said subsection shall be and read as follows:

- A. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly allows a person under the age of eighteen (18) years to appear in a state of nudity in or on the premises of a Sexually Oriented Theater or Sexually Oriented Motion Picture Theater. An offense under this Subsection (A) shall be enforceable as provided by Texas Business and Commerce Code §§ 102.0031 and 102.005, as amended.

Further, **Article VI, Miscellaneous, Section 6.02, Prohibition Against Children in a Sexually Oriented Business**, is hereby amended so that said section shall be and read as follows:

**Section 6.02 Prohibition Against Children in a Sexually Oriented Business**

A licensee, operator or employee commits an offense if the licensee, operator or employee knowingly allows a person under the age of eighteen (18) years on the premises of a Sexually Oriented Business. An offense under this Section shall be

enforceable as provided by Texas Business and Commerce Code §§ 102.0031 and 102.005, as amended.

Further, **Article VII, Enforcement, Section 7.01, Violation a Misdemeanor**, is hereby amended so that the title and section shall be and read as follows:

**Section 7.01 Violation and Penalty**

- A. Any licensee, operator, employee, person, corporation, association, or entity who violates any of the provisions of this Chapter commits an offense that is considered a class C misdemeanor and each day the violation continues shall be a separate offense.
- B. If the definition of an offense under this Chapter does not prescribe a culpable mental state, then a culpable mental state is not required. Such offense shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$500.00). Although not required, if a culpable mental state is in fact alleged in the charge of the offense and the offense governs fire safety, zoning, or public health and sanitation, including dumping of refuse, such offense shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$2,000.00).
- C. If the definition of an offense under this Chapter prescribes a culpable mental state and the offense governs fire safety, zoning, or public health and sanitation, including dumping of refuse, then a culpable mental state is required, and the offense shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$2,000.00).

Further, **Article VII, Section 7.02, Notice of Violation**, is hereby amended so that said section shall be and read as follows:

**Section 7.02 Notice of Violation**

The City shall send to a Sexually Oriented Business written notice of each citation issued to an operator or employee of the business for an alleged violation of Sections 6.03 or 6.04, or any provision of Article V of this Chapter. The notice will be sent within three (3) business days of the issuance of the citation to the operator or employee. The notice will be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the business address of the Sexually Oriented Business as it appears on its license application, to the attention of the licensee, as it appears on the license application. A failure of the City to provide such notice is not a violation of this Chapter. It is not a defense to a citation issued to an employee or operator for an alleged violation of Sections 6.03 or 6.04, or any provision of Article V of this Chapter, that notice of the issuance of that citation was not given to the Sexually Oriented Business in accordance with this Section.

2.

Any person, firm, corporation, agent or employee thereof who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined an amount not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$2,000.00) for each offense. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

3.

This ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Arlington; and this ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any of such other ordinances except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other ordinance or ordinances are hereby repealed.

4.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

5.

All of the regulations provided in this ordinance are hereby declared to be governmental and for the health, safety and welfare of the general public. Any member of the City Council or any City official or employee charged with the enforcement of this ordinance, acting for the City of Arlington in the discharge of his/her duties, shall not thereby render himself/herself personally liable; and he/she is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that might accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his/her said duties.

6.

Any violation of this ordinance can be enjoined by a suit filed in the name of the City of Arlington in a court of competent jurisdiction, and this remedy shall be in addition to any penal provision in this ordinance or in the Code of the City of Arlington.

7.

The caption and penalty of this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Arlington, Texas, in compliance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 15, of the City Charter. Further, this ordinance may be published in pamphlet form and shall be admissible in such form in any court, as provided by law.

8.

This ordinance shall become effective upon second publication.

The License and Amortization Appeal Board is hereby abolished, pursuant to the Administration Chapter § 3.01(A) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Arlington. All current and holdover members of the Board as of the date of the enactment of this Ordinance are hereby removed, pursuant to the Charter of the City of Arlington Article VI § 3.

PRESENTED AND GIVEN FIRST READING on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas; and GIVEN SECOND READING, passed and approved on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022, by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas.



JIM R. ROGGS, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
ALEX BUSKEN, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
TERIS SOLIS, City Attorney

BY: 