

Introduced by Commissioner Noel Rawls

AN ORDINANCE DEFINING AND REGULATING PUBLIC DANCES AND DANCE HALLS WITHIN THE CITY OF WARRENTON, OREGON; PROVIDING A LICENSE AND FIXING FEE THEREFORE; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, public dances and dance halls are being operated within the City of Warrenton, Oregon, without restriction or regulation, and conditions exist which are detrimental to the best interests of the people of the City of Warrenton, and it is desirable to regulate the operation of public dances and dance halls within said City;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WARRENTON DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. A public dance or dance hall as used in this Ordinance is defined to be any building, room, hall, pavilion, or other place within the City of Warrenton where the public is invited to engage in dancing. A public dance hall is a place of amusement and entertainment.

SECTION 2. No public dance shall be operated and no dancing shall be permitted at a public dance between the hours of 12:01 o'clock and ten o'clock a.m.

SECTION 3. All dance halls shall be equipped and no public dance should be held at a place which is not equipped with separate rest-rooms for men and women, which rest-rooms shall be kept and maintained in a clean, sanitary condition at all times.

SECTION 4. There shall be in constant attendance at all public dances at all times while dancing is in progress the person operating said dance or a competent attendant, whose duty it shall be to enforce and see that the patrons at said dance observe the various regulations and provisions of this Ordinance. That said person operating said dance or competent attendant shall be approved by the City Manager/as to his moral character and no dance shall be operated until said approval has been obtained.

SECTION 5. No person shall smoke or be permitted to smoke on the dance floor or in the room where the dancing is done, and smoking at public dances shall only be permitted in separate lobbies or anterooms provided for that purpose, which lobbies or anterooms to be used for smoking shall be equipped at all times with fire extinguishers of an approved type.

SECTION 6. It shall be a violation of this Ordinance for any person or persons to bring to or have in their possession intoxicating liquor, or for the operators of a public dance to permit any person or persons to have intoxicating liquors in their possession at a public dance, or for any person to use or permit to be used intoxicating liquor of any kind upon or near the premises where a public dance is being held.

SECTION 7. It shall be a violation of this Ordinance for any person to be drunk or under the influence of intoxicating liquor at a public dance, or for any person to be permitted to remain at a public dance by the operators thereof while drunk or under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

SECTION 8. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this Ordinance for any person to fight, scuffle, engage in riotous conduct, or use loud, profane, indecent or abusive language upon or near the premises where a public dance is being conducted.

SECTION 9. At all public dances it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to loiter in the halls and doorways or stairways adjoining or leading thereto, and free passageway shall be kept open and unobstructed at all times for the ready passage for persons to pass to and from said dance.

SECTION 10. It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct a public dance hall in the City of Warrenton without first securing a license from the Auditor and Police Judge and paying the fees prescribed herein.

SECTION 11. Amount of License. For the privilege of conducting or operating a public dance hall for one or more days during any fiscal year, an applicant shall pay an annual license fee of \$350.00. A special permit for one dance may be obtained for the sum of \$7.50 for each dance. (CRB)

SECTION 12. Time of Payment. The annual license fee shall be paid before January 2nd unless the applicant commences business subsequent to January 2nd, in which case the applicant shall secure the required license and pay the fees required herein before commencing business.

SECTION 13. License not Assignable. No license granted or issued under any of the provisions herein mentioned shall in any manner be assignable or transferrable, or shall authorize any person other than the person named therein to do business, or shall authorize any other business than is therein named or mentioned to be done or transacted, or shall authorize the operation or conduct of any business at any place other than that set out in said license without permission of the City Commissioners.

SECTION 14. Revocation of License. Any license granted pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance may be revoked by the City Commissioners after due cause having first been shown and a hearing had thereon before the City Commissioners, and no person, firm or corporation shall conduct a public dance hall after any such license shall have been revoked by the City Commissioners.

SECTION 15. Any person violating any of the terms of this Ordinance shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not less than \$10.00 or more than \$100.00 or by imprisonment in the City jail for not less than five days or more than fifty days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 16. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same hereby are repealed.

SECTION 17. Inasmuch as dances are now being held and operated in the City of Warrenton without any regulation by said City, and conditions exist which are detrimental to the peace, health, and safety of the people of the City of Warrenton, and it is necessary that an Ordinance be immediately passed governing and controlling the holding and conducting of public dances, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage by the Commissioners and approval by the Mayor.

Passed by the City Commissioners of the City of Warrenton
this 1st day of December, 1947.

Approved by the Mayor of the City of Warrenton this 1st
day of December, 1947.

L. M. Wilson

Mayor

ATTEST:

J. R. Baldwin

Auditor and Police Judge