

CHAPTER 111: POOL ROOMS, BOWLING ALLEYS AND OTHER AMUSEMENTS

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§ 111.01 LICENSE REQUIRED.

Pursuant to the authority granted the town in G.S. 160A-181 to regulate places of amusement and entertainment, it shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or operate any pool or billiard table, bowling alley, other table, alley, pinball machine, or similar amusement for any game or play for which a charge is made, either directly or indirectly, unless the person shall first have secured a license from the Board to maintain or operate the amusement. The license shall expire on June 30 of each year and shall not be transferable.

§ 111.02 APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.

Applications for a license to maintain or operate amusements shall be made upon forms provided by the Town Clerk and shall contain all information necessary for the Board to act intelligently upon the applications.

§111.03 WHEN LICENSE REFUSED.

The Board shall not issue a license to any person:

- (A) Who has been convicted within the past two years of a felony; or
- (B) Who is not a citizen and resident of North Carolina; or
- (C) Who is a habitual user of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs.

§ 111.04 FORM AND CONTENT OF LICENSE.

Every license issued pursuant to this chapter shall specify the premises for which it is issued, the number of tables, alleys, or machines to be operated there under the name of the owner or operator, and the dates upon which the license shall begin and expire. The license shall be posted in a permanent place on the premises at all times.

§ 111.05 CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS TO BE OBSERVED BY LICENSEE AND EMPLOYEES.

Licensees under this chapter shall not and neither shall their employees:

- (A) Suffer or permit any gambling on the licensed premises at any time;
- (B) Suffer or permit the licensed premises to become disorderly or permit any profane, obscene, or indecent language thereon;
- (C) Suffer or permit any alcoholic beverage, as defined in G.S. 18B-101(4) or narcotic drugs to be sold or kept or consumed on the licensed premises;
- (D) Suffer or permit any person under age of 16 years to enter or remain on the licensed premise unless the person is accompanied by a parent or guardian;
- (E) Employ in the establishment any person who has been convicted within the past two years of a felony offense;
- (F) Suffer or permit any keeley board, keno board, or any other gambling board or device to be attached to or placed upon any tables.

§ 111.06 RULES FOR OPERATION.

The following rules shall be observed by all operators of pool rooms, bowling alleys, and other amusements required to be licensed by G.S. 111.01 hereof within the town.

- (A) All establishments shall close at 1:00 a.m. each morning Monday through Saturday, and no person other than the owner, operator, or employees shall be permitted on the premises from that hour until 7:00 a.m. the following morning; provided, that when Daylight Savings Time is in effect all establishments covered herein shall close at 2:00 a.m.
- (B) No play on any table, alley, or machine shall be allowed during the times when the premises are required by this chapter to remain closed.
- (C) All establishments shall be operated only on the ground floor of a building and an unobstructed transparent plate glass window or windows shall be located in those

parts of the building facing any street so that a clear view inside may be had from the street.

- (D) No screens, curtains, blinds, partitions, or other obstructions shall be placed between the entrance to the room where amusements or games are played and the rear wall of the room. A clear view from the interior premises from the entrance to the rear of the premises must be maintained at all times.

§ 111.07 LICENSEE RESPONSIBLE.

The acts and conduct of the agents and employees of the licensee in the conduct of business covered hereunder shall be deemed to be the acts and conduct of the licensee.

§ 111.08 REVOCATION OF LICENSES.

A second conviction of a licensee, or his agent or employee, for any violation of any provision of this chapter shall by operation of law constitute an automatic revocation of the license of the licensee. In addition, the Board may at any time, for cause, and after a hearing for which the licensee shall be given reasonable notice as the Board may direct, revoke any license issued pursuant to this chapter.