

CHAPTER 112: GAME ROOMS AND POOL HALLS

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 112.01 DEFINITION.

A GAME ROOM, for the purpose of this chapter, shall be any place of business that operates three or more mechanical games or pay devices or tables for which charge is made either directly or indirectly.

(⁹⁰ Code, § 5-26) (Ord. passed 10-12-82)

§ 112.02 LICENSE.

(A) Every operator of a game room shall apply for and obtain a license from the City Council to operate a game room. Application for such a license shall be made upon forms provided by the City Clerk.

(B) It shall be unlawful to operate a game room within the city without a license as required by this section.

(⁹⁰ Code, § 5-27) (Ord. passed 10-12-82) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 112.03 FEE.

An application fee shall be paid to and collected by the City Clerk when the application is submitted to cover the cost of administration of this chapter.

(⁹⁰ Code, § 5-28) (Ord. passed 10-12-82)

§ 112.04 RESTRICTIONS.

The City Council shall not issue a license to any applicant who:

(A) Has been convicted of unlawfully selling intoxicating liquors or narcotic drugs;

(B) Is an habitual user of alcoholic beverages or narcotic drugs.

(⁹⁰ Code, § 5-29) (Ord. passed 10-12-82)

§ 112.05 PROHIBITED CONDUCT.

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

(A) Suffer or permit any gambling on the licensed premises at any time; nor the sale or use of any racing, football or other parlay cards or gambling boards or devices;

(B) Suffer or permit the licensed premises to become disorderly or permit any profane, obscene or indecent language thereon;

(C) Continue to employ any person who has been convicted of unlawfully selling alcoholic beverages or narcotic drugs during the time in which such person has been employed with the business.

(^90 Code, § 5-30) (Ord. passed 10-12-82) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 112.06 RULES FOR OPERATION OF GAME ROOMS.

The following rules shall be observed by all operators of game rooms within the city:

(A) All game rooms shall observe the hours of operation as set by the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control laws and shall be subject to changes in hours of operation as set by the ABC Board. Current hours of operation are as follows:

Eastern Standard Time:

Opening Time - 7:30 a.m. (1:00 p.m. Sunday)

Closing Time - 1:30 a.m.

Daylight Savings Time:

Opening Time - 7:00 a.m. (1:00 p.m. Sunday)

Closing Time - 2:30 a.m.

(B) No play on any game shall be allowed during the times when game rooms are required by this chapter to remain closed.

(C) All buildings shall conform to the State Building Code, and the operator shall acquire a certificate of compliance before operations shall begin.

(D) No loud offensive noises shall be allowed to emanate beyond the licensed premises.

(E) There must be an adult 18 years of age or older managing the business during hours of operation.

(^90 Code, § 5-31) (Ord. passed 10-12-82) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 112.07 REVOCATION OF LICENSE.

(A) After giving the operator of a game room adequate notice and an opportunity to be heard, as provided in this section, the City Council may revoke the license of any game room operator who:

(1) Violates the provisions of §§ 112.05 or 112.06; or

(2) Is convicted of unlawfully selling alcoholic beverages or narcotic drugs.

(B) Adequate notice shall mean the mailing of a certified letter, return receipt requested, no less than 15 days before the hearing date, or personal service upon such operator at the place of business no less than 12 days before the hearing. The hearing shall be at any regular or special meeting of the City Council. (^90 Code, § 5-32) (Ord. passed 10-12-82)

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§ 112.20 APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.

Every application for a license to operate a pool and/or billiard room shall be in writing and shall be in the following form:

Roxboro, N.C.

(date)

To the Mayor and City Council
City of Roxboro
Roxboro, North Carolina

"I (we), do hereby make application for license to operate a pool and/or billiard room in the City of Roxboro at the following location:

Accompanying this application is a duly certified bank check or cash in the amount required as a privilege license fee for the current fiscal year for (number of) tables, that being the number that I (we) expect to operate at said location.

If said license be granted, I (we) agree to observe all ordinances, rules, and regulations of the city in respect to the operation of pool and/or billiard rooms, and I (we) expressly agree and consent to all provisions contained in the ordinances of said city with respect to granting and revoking a privilege license, and I (we) waive any claim for refund of any part of the money paid by me (us) for license in case the said license should be revoked under the provisions of ordinances passed by the city either heretofore or hereafter."

(90 Code, § 5-51)

§ 112.21 LOCATION.

No pool or billiard room or table shall be operated at any location in the city except as specified in the application for license unless the City Council shall, by specific order, permit the same.

(90 Code, § 5-53) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 112.22 SUNDAY OPERATION; HOURS ON OTHER DAYS.

No pool or billiard room shall be kept open for business on Sunday or between the hours of 11:45 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of any other day.

(90 Code, § 5-54) Penalty, see § 10.99

Statutory reference:

Authority to ordain, see G.S. § 160A-191

§ 112.23 MINORS NOT PERMITTED TO PLAY.

No minor under the age of 18 years shall be permitted to play on any table in any pool and/or billiard room operated as a private enterprise in the city; provided however, that this section shall not apply to establishments not serving alcoholic beverages.

(90 Code, § 5-55) Penalty, see § 10.99

Statutory reference:

Permitting minors to enter pool rooms, see G.S.

§ 14-317

§ 112.24 VIOLATION.

If any person shall violate any provision of this subchapter, he or she shall forfeit the current year's privilege license tax paid by him or her and, if such person is the owner of the pool or billiard room and shall be in charge thereof as the owner, his or her license shall be liable to revocation. The forfeiture and revocation shall be in addition to the misdemeanor penalty for such violation.

(^90 Code, § 5-52) Penalty, see § 10.99