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ORDINANCE

REGULATION THE LOCATION OF BUSINESSES OFFERING EXOTIC ENTERTAINMENT

An ordinance regulating the location of a business offering exotic entertainment and related activities to promote the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the citizens of Barbour County, West Virginia.

WHEREAS, West Virginia code Chapter 7, Article 1, Section 3jj, grants authority to the County Commission to enact ordinances restricting the location of businesses offering exotic entertainment, and

WHEREAS, there is convincing evidence that adult entertainment businesses because of their very nature have a deleterious effect on both the existing businesses around them and surrounding residential areas adjacent to them, causing increase crime and the depreciation of property value, and

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

WHEREAS, the Barbour County Commission 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 property values and character of surrounding neighborhoods and deter the spread of urban blight; and

WHEREAS, it is not the intent of this Ordinance to suppress any speech related activities protected by the First Amendment but to enact a content neutral Ordinance which addresses the secondary effects of adult entertainment businesses, and

WHEREAS, it is not the intent of the Barbour County Commission to condone or legitimize the distribution of obscene material nor effect the imposition of limitations or restrictions on the content of any communicative materials protected by the First Amendment and the Barbour County Commission 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 he unincorporated areas of Barbour County;

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"specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas" and still be categorized as adult bookstore or adult video store. Such other business purposes will not serve to exempt such commercial establishments from being categorized as an adult bookstore or adult video store so long as its principle business purposes is the offering for sale or rental for consideration the specified materials which depict or describe "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas". A principle business purpose need not be a primary use of an establishment so long as it is a significant use based upon the visible inventory or commercial activity of the establishment.

3. "Adult cabaret" means a nightclub bar, restaurant or other similar commercial establishment that regularly features:
  - a. Persons that appear in a state of nudity or semi-nudity; or
  - b. Live performances that are characterized by the exposure of "specified anatomical areas" or by "specified sexual activities"; or
  - c. Films, motion pictures, video cassettes or photographic reproductions that are characterized by the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas"; or
  - d. Persons engaged in lewd, lascivious, or erotic dancing or performances that are intended for the sexual interest or titillation of an audience or customers.
4. "Adult motion picture theater" means a commercial establishment where for any form of consideration, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides or similar photograph reproductions are regularly shown that are characterized by the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas".

(D) "Establishment" means and includes any of the following:

1. The opening or commencement of any business offering exotic entertainment as a new business;
2. The conversion of an existing business whether or not a business offering exotic entertainment, to a business offering exotic entertainment;
3. The relocation of any business offering exotic entertainment.

- (A) Adult bookstore or adult video stores
- (B) Adult cabaret
- (C) Adult motion pictures theaters

This Ordinance shall apply only to those businesses, which offer exotic entertainment as defined in Section 1.

Section 3: Location Permit Required. After the effective date of this Ordinance:

- (A) It shall be unlawful for any person to establish a business offering exotic entertainment without first obtaining a valid location permit issued by the Administrator.
- (B) Applications for a permit must be made to the office of the Administrator by the intended operator of the enterprise. Applications must be submitted by hand delivery to the office of the Administrator during regular working hours. Application forms shall be available through the office of the Administrator.

The intended operator shall be required to give the following information on the application form:

1. The name, street address and mailing address of the intended operator.
  2. The name, street address and mailing address of each individual who has a 10% or greater interest in the respective business.
  3. The name under which the establishment is to be operated and a general description of the services to be provided.
  4. The Telephone number of the establishment.
  5. The address and legal description of the tract of land upon which the establishment is to be located.
  6. The date on which the establishment intends to commence operations as a business offering exotic entertainment at the location for which the permit is sought.
- (C) If the person who wishes to operate a business offering exotic entertainment is an individual, he or she must sign the application for a permit. If the person who wishes to operate a business offering exotic entertainment is other than an individual each individual who has a 10% or greater interest in the business must sign the application for a permit.
  - (D) Upon submission of the application to the Administrator for approval. The application shall be accompanied by:
    1. Payment of the application fee in full.
    2. If the establishment is a West Virginia corporation, a certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation.

- (2) Any applicant is overdue in his or her payment to the City, County, State of West Virginia or the United States government for taxes, fines or penalties assessed against him or imposed upon him in relation to a business offering exotic entertainment.
- (3) An applicant has failed to provide information reasonably necessary for issuance of the permit or has falsely answered a question on the application form.
- (4) The permit fee as required by this Ordinance has not been paid.
- (5) The applicant has failed to file a completed site plan.
- (6) The applicant or business offering exotic entertainment is in violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance.

#### Section 6: Location Permit Fee

The location permit fee for a business offering exotic entertainment is Three hundred Fifty Dollars (\$: 350.00) This fee is to be used for the costs of the administration and enforcement of this Ordinance.

#### Section 7: Expiration of Permit and/or License

Each permit issued pursuant to Section 4 shall expire one (1) year from the date of issuance. A business offering exotic entertainment must apply annually for a location permit. A renewal application shall not be required to include Section 3, Item E, unless the business proposes to change locations or expand at the existing location.

#### Section 8: Revocation

The Administrator shall revoke a permit if he determines that

- (A) a permittee gave false or misleading information in the materials submitted during the application process;
- (B) a permittee or an employee has knowingly allowed possession, use or sale of a controlled substance (as defined by West Virginia State Law) on the premises;
- (C) a permittee or an employee has knowingly allowed prostitution on the premises;

(E) a boundary of any primarily residential area

or within two thousand (2,000) feet of:

(F) another business offering exotic entertainment or other sexually oriented business

(G) a private club or bar serving alcoholic beverages

(H) Restaurant or business while is oriented primarily toward children or family entertainment.  
For purposes of this article measurements shall be made in a straight line without regard to intervening structures or objects, from the nearest portion of the building or structure used as a part of the premises where a business offering exotic entertainment is conducted, to the nearest property line of a premises of a church, synagogue, regular place of worship, or public or private elementary or secondary school or to the nearest boundary of an affected public park, primary residential area, residential lot or licensed daycare center.

A business offering exotic entertainment may not be contained in the same building where alcoholic beverages are sold or allowed to be consumed.

#### Section 11: Exterior Portions of Businesses Offering Exotic Entertainment

- (A) It shall be unlawful for an owner or operator of a business to allow the merchandise or activities of the establishment to be visible from a point outside of the establishment.
- (B) It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of a business offering exotic entertainment to allow the exterior portion of the business to have flashing lights or any words, lettering, photographs, silhouettes, drawings, or pictorial representations of any manner except to the extent permitted by the provisions of this article
- (C) It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of a business to allow exterior portions of the establishment to be painted any color other than a single achromatic color. This provision shall not apply to a business offering exotic entertainment if the following conditions are met:
1. The establishment is part of a commercial multi-unit center; and
  2. The exterior portions of each individual unit in the commercial multi-unit center, including the exterior portions of the business, are painted the same color as one another or are painted in such a way as to be a

Section 14: Exemptions

It is a defense to prosecution under this Article that a person appearing in a state of nudity did so in a modeling class operated:

- (A) By a proprietary school licensed by the State of West Virginia, a college, junior college, or university supported entirely or partly by taxation;
- (B) By a private college or university that maintains and operates educational programs where credits are transferrable to a college, junior college or university supported entirely or partly by taxation; or
- (C) That such person appeared in a theatrical performance of socially redeeming quality or generally accepted Broadway type production.

Section 15: Injunction

Any person who operates or causes to be operated a business offering exotic entertainment without a valid permit or otherwise violates this Ordinance is subject to a suit for injunction before the Circuit Court of BARBOUR County as well as prosecution for criminal violations before the Magistrate Court of the BARBOUR County as provided herein, as well subject to all suspension and revocation powers of the Administrator for non-compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 16: Severability

If any section, sub-section, or clause of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of any remaining sections, sub-sections and clauses shall not be affected thereby.

Section 17: Penalty

Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall in addition to any other actions which may be taken by the Administrator, or the County Commission hereunder, shall be fined not more than three thousand (\$3,000) or imprisoned not more than thirty (30) days or both. Furthermore any offense against or in violation of this ordinance will be subject to the maximum penalty under state law.

Section 18: Judicial Review

Any person adversely affected by any provisions of this Ordinance is entitled to seek direct judicial review before the Circuit Court of BARBOUR County with regard as to

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Section 19

Parking

- Section 19.1 Statement of Intent
- Section 19.2 Parking Requirements
- Section 19.3 Parking Space
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- Section 19.5 Lighting

Section 19.1 Statement of Intent. It is the purpose of this section of the Ordinance to ensure that every Adults Only Establishment maintains sufficient space on site to meet its parking needs and to accommodate vehicular traffic that it generates.

Section 19.2 Parking Requirements. Every Adult Only Establishment shall provide and maintain on the site thereof one (1) parking space for every three (3) seats or for every one hundred (100) square feet of the gross floor area of the Improvement in which the Adult Only Establishment operates or proposes to operate, whichever is greater.

Section 19.3 Parking Spaces. For purposes of this section of the Ordinance, a parking space shall have dimensions of no less than nine (9) feet wide and no less than eighteen (18) feet long, exclusive of access drives or aisles; and shall be paved and delineated with stripes.

Section 19.4 Traffic. No parking lot serving and Adult Only Establishment shall be designed, constructed or maintained in such a manner as to cause motor vehicle drivers to reverse or back into a public or private road, alley, street or highway.

Section 19.5 Lighting. The parking area shall have sufficient illumination for the safety of its patrons.

Adopted April 4, 2005

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, County of Barbour, To-Wit:  
I, Connie L. Kaulman, Clerk of the County Commission  
of said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing, with  
Certificate hereto annexed, was this day produced to me in my  
office and duty admitted to record.

Witness my hand, *Connie L. Kaulman*, Clerk

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