

ORDINANCE C-5A-65

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSING AND REGULATION  
OF BILLIARD ROOMS WITHIN THE CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the safety and welfare of the City to regulate the operation of billiard rooms within the corporate limits of Grove City; and

WHEREAS, prior ordinances are inadequate in definition and regulation of said Billiard Rooms.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Council of the City of Grove City, State of Ohio, that

§551.01 SECTION 1. Definitions.

(a) "Billiards" as used in this ordinance shall mean any of the several games played on a table surrounded by an elastic ledge or cushions, with balls which are impelled by a cue, and shall include all forms of the game known as pool, except that form of pool known as skill pool heretofore defined as one of several types of skill games.

(b) "Billiard room" shall mean any public place wherein the game of billiards is permitted to be played.

§551.02 SECTION 2. License required.

No person, society, partnership, club, firm or corporation shall open, conduct maintain or operate a billiard room within the City unless such person, society, club, firm or corporation shall have first been duly licensed by the City for such purpose and shall have obtained a permit therefor; provided, however, the provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to private residences and schools.

§551.03 SECTION 3. Application; fees.

Every person, society, club, firm or corporation desiring to open or maintain a billiard room must make application to the Mayor for a permit therefor, which application shall be in the form prescribed in this section. The application shall be filed at least thirty (30) days prior to the issuance of said license and shall be accompanied by the payment of fees therefor as follows:

(a) For a license to open, conduct, maintain or operate a billiard room, \$10.00 for the first table, and \$5.00 for each additional table.

Provided, however, that no fee or fees required by the provisions hereof shall be required of organizations not operating such billiard rooms for profit. All monies received by way of license fees shall be paid into the General Fund of the City.

§551.04 SECTION 4. Requirements of applicants.

(1) No license shall be granted to any person hereunder unless said person is:

- (a) A citizen of the United States.
- (b) A resident of the City of Grove City.
- (c) Of the age of 21 years or over.
- (d) Of good moral character.

(2) No license shall be granted to any person known to associate with persons of bad moral character.

(3) No license shall be granted to a person who has been convicted of a felony within five years prior to application, or who, if convicted and sentenced to prison has not been released from prison within five years prior to application.

(4) No license shall be granted to a person who has been convicted of gambling offenses, sex crimes or crimes involving moral turpitude, whether felony or misdemeanor; and if sentenced to any place of detention for such offense has not been released at least five years prior to application.

(5) No license shall be granted to a person who has been convicted of a sex offense, whether the same shall have been a felony or a misdemeanor.

The applicant shall furnish such information as the licensing authority shall in his discretion specify to carry out the provisions of this ordinance.

The making of any false statements in the application required in this ordinance shall be sufficient grounds for the revocation of any license authorized in this ordinance and shall further subject the person or persons making such false statements to the penalties set forth herein.

§551.05 SECTION 5. Posting license.

Every license issued hereunder to any person, society, club, firm or corporation for the opening, conducting, maintaining, or operating of a billiard room shall be posted in the wall of the billiard room where it may be clearly seen at all times.

SECTION 6. Transfer of license or permit.

(a) No license or permit issued hereunder shall be transferable from one person to another during the pendency of a prosecution for the violation of any provisions of this ordinance. In the event of a transfer of a license hereunder, the transferee shall qualify as required by and in every respect comply with the terms of the provisions of this ordinance. Any such transfer shall be subject to approval of the Mayor.

§551.07 SECTION 7. Term of license; pro rata fee.

All licenses issued hereunder shall be in force and effect from January 1 to December 31 of the year in which issued. Licenses obtained on or after July 1 of any given year shall be issued for one-half of the annual fee for such license.

§551.08 SECTION 8. Hours of operation.

All licensed billiard rooms may be open and in operation during and only during the hours from 7:00 a.m. to midnight.

§551.09 SECTION 9. Minors under eighteen.

It shall be unlawful for any person to play billiards or be permitted to remain in a billiard room for any purpose who has not reached the age of eighteen (18) years, and it shall be unlawful for any person to represent himself to have reached the age of eighteen (18) years in order to obtain admission to such billiard room or to be permitted to remain therein when such person is in fact under the age of eighteen (18) years.

§551.10 SECTION 10. License revocation.

Any license granted or issued under the terms of this ordinance may be revoked at any time by the Mayor on satisfactory proof:

(a) That gambling or other violation of the laws or ordinances of this City or State is suffered or permitted to take place on the premises of said billiard room;

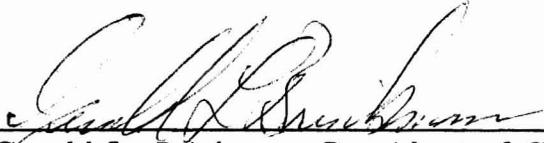
(b) Of Facts or circumstances for which an application for a license could have been denied or rejected under the provisions of this ordinance.

§551.99 SECTION 11. Penalties.

Any person, society, club, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two hundred (\$200.00) or imprisoned for not more than sixty days, or both. For a second or subsequent offense under the provisions hereof, any such person, society, club, firm or corporation shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not more than six months or both such fine and imprisonment. In addition to any such fine and imprisonment, any violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be sufficient grounds for the revocation of any license authorized hereunder.

\*Emergency Clause inserted per meeting of March 1, 1965

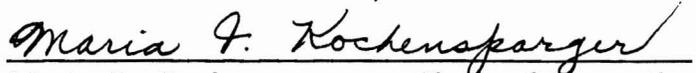
SUBMITTED March 1, 1965

  
Gerald L. Brinkman, President of Council

PASSED March 1, 1965

  
Anton C. Patzer, Mayor

EFFECTIVE March 1, 1965

  
Maria T. Kochensparger, Clerk of Council