

CHAPTER 7

BUSINESS CODE

ARTICLE I - ADMINISTRATION

7-1-1 APPLICATIONS.

(A) Applications for all licenses and permits required by this Chapter shall be made in writing to the Municipal Clerk in the absence of provision to the contrary.

(B) Each application shall contain:

- (1) the name of the applicant;
- (2) the permit or license desired;
- (3) the location to be used, if any;
- (4) Zoning district, if any;
- (5) the time covered; and
- (6) the fee to be paid.

(C) Each application shall also contain the number the Certificates of Registration required under the Retailer's Occupation Tax Act, Service Occupation Tax Act, and/or Use Tax Act, if applicable. Each application shall contain such additional information as may be needed for the proper guidance of the municipal officials in the issuing of the license or permit applied for.

7-1-2 PERSONS SUBJECT TO LICENSE. Whenever a license or permit is required in this Code or in any municipal ordinance for the maintenance, operation, or conduct of any business or establishment, or for doing business or engaging in any activity or occupation, any person, firm, or corporation shall be subject to the requirement if by himself or itself, or through an agent, employee or partner, he or it is held forth as being engaged in the business, activity or occupation, or if he or it solicits patronage therefor actively or passively; or if he or it performs or attempts to perform any part of such business, activity or occupation in this municipality.

7-1-3 FORM OF LICENSE. Every license shall be signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk under the corporate seal, and no license shall be valid until signed and countersigned as aforesaid, nor shall any person be deemed to be licensed until the same shall have been issued to him in due form.

7-1-4 INVESTIGATIONS.

(A) Upon the receipt of an application for a license or permit, where an investigation or inspection is required by ordinance before the issuance of such permit or license, or where an inspection or investigation shall be deemed reasonably necessary or appropriate, the Clerk, within **forty-eight (48) hours** shall refer the application to the appropriate official(s) for the making of such investigation or inspection,

(B) The official(s) to whom the application has been referred shall make a report thereon, favorable or otherwise **within ten (10) days** after receiving such application or a copy thereof.

(C) The Chief of Police or the County Health Department shall make or cause to be made an inspection regarding such permits and licenses as relate to the care and handling of food, the prevention of nuisances and the spread of disease, and the protection of health. **[If a Zoning Code is in effect, the Zoning Administrator shall make or cause to be made any inspections which relate to compliance with the Zoning Code and other related regulations.]** All other investigations, except where otherwise provided, shall be made by the Chief of Police or by some other officer designated by the Mayor.

(D) Upon receipt of all related investigative reports, the Clerk shall forward such reports, together with the application, to the Mayor for evaluation and determination.

(E) If it shall appear to the Mayor that the matters and circumstances relating to an application require further information before a proper determination can be made, such application shall be returned to the Clerk for the inclusion of such additional information as may be specified necessary and appropriate.

(F) If, after due consideration of the information contained with the application and the related investigative reports, the Mayor shall determine that the matters concerning the application are unsatisfactory, he may disapprove such application, indicating the reasons therefor. Thereupon, the Clerk shall be directed to promptly notify the applicant that his application is disapproved and that no license or permit will be issued.

(G) If, after due consideration of the information contained within the application and the related investigative reports, the Mayor shall determine that the application is satisfactory, he shall approve the application. Thereupon, the Clerk shall be directed to promptly notify the applicant that his application is approved and the license or permit may be issued.

7-1-5 FEES. In the absence of provision to the contrary, all fees and charges for licenses or permits shall be paid in advance at the time application therefor is made to the Clerk in the amounts prescribed by the corporate authorities. When an applicant has not engaged in the business or activity until after the expiration of the current license year, the license fee shall be prorated by quarters and the fee paid for each quarter or fraction thereof during which the business or activity has been or will be conducted. Except as otherwise provided, all license and permit fees shall become a part of the corporate fund. In no event shall any rebate or refund be made of any license or permit fee, or part thereof, by reason of

death or departure of the licensee or permittee; nor shall any rebate or refund be made by reason of non-use of the license or discontinuance of the operation or conduct of the licensed establishment, business or activity.

7-1-6 **TERMINATION OF LICENSES.** All annual licenses shall be operative and the license year for this municipality shall commence on **May 1st of each year** and shall terminate on **April 30th** of the following year, where no provision to the contrary is made.

The Clerk shall notify all licensees of this municipality of the time of expiration of the license held by the licensee (if an annual), **three (3) weeks** prior to the date of such expiration. Provided, however, that a failure to make such notification or the failure of the licensee to receive it shall not excuse the licensee from the obligation to obtain a new licensee or a renewal thereof, nor shall it be a defense in an action based upon operation without a license.

7-1-7 **BUILDING AND PREMISES.** No license shall be issued for the conduct of any business, and no permit shall be issued for any purpose or activity, if the premises and building to be used for the purpose do not fully comply with all applicable ordinances and regulations of this municipality and the State of Illinois. No such license or permit shall be issued for the conduct of any business or performance of any act which would involve a violation of this Code and/or other applicable regulations of this municipality. **(See Chapter 40 - Zoning Code)**

7-1-8 **CHANGE OF LOCATION.** The location of any licensed business or occupation, or the location of any permitted act may be changed, provided that **ten (10) days** notice thereof is given to the Clerk, in the absence of any provision to the contrary; provided further, however, that all applicable ordinances and regulations of this municipality shall be complied with. **(See Chapter 40 - Zoning Code)**

7-1-9 **LOCATION.** No license for the operation of a business or establishment in this municipality shall be construed to permit the operation of a licensed business or establishment in more than **one (1) location** in this municipality; a separate license shall be required for each location of a licensed establishment. For the purpose of this Code, the existence of a single location shall be evidenced by the fact that all buildings containing the principal or accessory uses shall be connected or shall be located on the same lot or parcel; shall be operated and managed by the same person or owner; and shall be an establishment with the same classification.

7-1-10 NUISANCES PROHIBITED.

7-1-10.1 GENERALLY. No business or establishment, whether licensed or not, shall be so conducted or operated as to constitute a nuisance in fact, and no building, vehicle or structure, yard, lot, premises or part thereof shall be used, kept, maintained, or operated in connection with any business or establishment so as to occasion any nuisance or so as to be dangerous to life or detrimental to health.

[ED. NOTE: The County Health Department should be consulted.]

7-1-10.2 UNSAFE OR UNHEALTHFUL BUSINESS.

(A) No building or structure utilized, constructed or maintained in connection with any business or occupation shall evidence an unsanitary, unsafe or dangerous condition.

(B) No substance, matter or thing of any kind whatsoever, which would be dangerous or detrimental to health, shall be allowed to exist in connection with any business or occupation, or be used in any work or labor performed in this municipality.

7-1-10.3 REFUSE DISPOSAL.

(A) **Refuse Containers.** The standard refuse container required by this Code shall be a receptacle of not less than **twenty (20)**, nor more than **thirty-two (32) gallons capacity**, constructed of impervious material and sturdy construction with a tight-fitting cover, and equipped with handles properly placed to facilitate handling.

(B) **Duty-to Provide Refuse Containers.** The occupant of every building, structure or premises used or maintained in connection with any business or occupation shall provide and maintain in good condition and repair a sufficient number of refuse containers for the temporary storage of all refuse accumulating between collections.

All refuse which is placed for collection service outside any building or structure must be kept in standard refuse containers.

(C) **Refuse Removal.** It shall be the duty of the occupant of every building, structure or premises used or maintained in connection with any business or occupation to cause to be removed, at his own cost and expense, at least once each week, all refuse produced therein.

(D) **Removal of Restaurant Garbage.** Every person owning or controlling any hotel, restaurant, cafe, or retail food establishment where more than **thirty-two (32) gallons** of refuse, is normally produced weekly shall cause all garbage to be placed in sanitary refuse containers and shall cause all substances deposited in such containers to be removed daily from his premises and to be disposed of at his own expense.

7-1-11 RESERVED.

7-1-12 INSPECTIONS.

(A) Whenever inspections of the premises for or in connection with the operation of a licensed business or occupation are provided for or required by ordinance or are reasonably necessary to assure compliance with the provisions of any ordinance or regulation of this municipality, or to detect violations thereof, it shall be the duty of the licensee or the person in charge of the premises to admit thereto, for the purpose of making the inspection, any officer or employee of this municipality who is duly authorized to make such inspection at any reasonable time that such admission or entry is requested.

(B) Whenever an analysis of any commodity or material is reasonably necessary to assure compliance with the provisions of any ordinance or regulation, or to detect violations thereof, it shall be the duty of the licensee or the person in charge of the premises to give to any duly authorized officer or employee of this municipality requesting the same, sufficient samples of such material or commodity for such analysis upon official request.

(C) In addition to any other penalty which may be provided, the Mayor may revoke the license of any owner or operator of a licensed business in this municipality who refuses to permit any duly authorized officer or employee to make such inspection or to take adequate sample(s) of said commodity, or who interferes with such officer or employee while in the performance of his duties; provided, however, that no license shall be subject to revocation for such cause unless such officer or employee has been refused permission to enter upon the premises in the name of this municipality after having first presented a warrant authorizing such entry.

7-1-13 SUSPENSION, REVOCATION OF LICENSE OR PERMIT.

7-1-13.1 NUISANCE. When the conduct or operation of any business or establishment, whether or not licensed, shall constitute a nuisance in fact and a clear and present danger to the public health, safety or general welfare, the Mayor shall be authorized to summarily order the cessation of business, the closing of the premises, and the suspension of any license or permit for a period not to exceed **ten (10) days.**

7-1-13.2 HEARING. Within **eight (8) days** after he has so acted, the Mayor shall call a hearing for the purpose of determining whether or not the license or permit should be revoked.

7-1-13.3 REVOCATION. Licenses and permits issued in this municipality, unless otherwise provided, may be revoked by the Mayor after notice and hearing as provided in **Subsections 7-1-13.4 and 7-1-13.5** of this Section for any of the following causes:

(A) Any fraud, misrepresentation or false statement contained in the application for the license or permit;

- (B) Any violation by the licensee or permittee of Code provisions relating to the license or permit, the subject matter of the license or permit, or the premises occupied;
- (C) Conviction of the licensee or permittee of any felony or of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;
- (D) Failure of the licensee or permittee to pay any fine or penalty owed to this municipality;
- (E) Refusal to permit an inspection or sampling, or any interference with a duly authorized officer or employee in the performance of his duties in making such inspections, as provided in **Section 7-1-12**.

Such revocation, if ordered, shall not preclude prosecution and imposition of any other penalties provided for the violation of other applicable Code regulations of this municipality.

7-1-13.4 HEARING NOTICE. Notice of the hearing for revocation of a license or permit shall be given in writing setting forth specifically the grounds of the complaint and the time and place of the hearing. Such notice shall be sent by certified mail [return receipt requested] to the licensee or permittee at his last known address at least **five (5) days** prior to the date set for the hearing.

7-1-13.5 COUNSEL. At the hearing, the attorney for the municipality shall present the complaint and shall represent the municipality. The licensee or permittee shall be permitted counsel and shall have the right to submit evidence and cross-examine witnesses. The Mayor shall preside and shall render the decision.

7-1-14 APPEAL. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Mayor regarding the denial of an application for a business license as provided in **Section 7-1-4** or in connection with the revocation of a license or permit as provided in **Section 7-1-13** shall have the right to appeal to the Village Board. Such appeal shall be taken by filing with the Clerk, within **ten (10) days** after notice of a denial of an application or a revocation of a license or permit, a written statement under oath setting forth specifically the grounds for appeal. The Mayor shall thereupon set the time and place for a hearing on such appeal and notice of such hearing shall be given to the applicant or licensee or permittee in the same manner as provided in **Section 7-1-13** hereof. The decision of the Village Board on such appeal shall be final.

7-1-15 LICENSE TO BE POSTED. It shall be the duty of every person conducting a licensed business in this municipality to keep his license posted in a prominent place on the premises used for such business at all times.

ARTICLE II - SOLICITORS

7-2-1 **DEFINITIONS.** For the purpose of this Chapter, the following words as used herein shall be construed to have the meanings herein ascribed thereto, to-wit:

“REGISTERED SOLICITOR” shall mean and include any person who has obtained a valid **Certificate of Registration** as hereinafter provided, and which certificate is in the possession of the solicitor on his or her person while engaged in soliciting.

“RESIDENCE” shall mean and include every separate living unit occupied for residential purposes by **one (1)** or more persons, contained within any type of building or structure.

“SOLICITING” shall mean and include any **one (1)** or more of the following activities:

(A) Seeking to obtain orders for the purchase of goods, wares, merchandise, foodstuffs, services of any kind, character or description whatsoever, for any kind of consideration whatsoever or;

(B) Seeking to obtain prospective customers for application or purchase of insurance of any type, kind or character or;

(C) Seeking to obtain subscriptions to books, magazines, periodicals, newspapers and every other type or kind of publication or;

(D) Seeking to obtain gifts or contributions of money, clothing or any other valuable thing for the support or benefit of any charitable or non-profit association, organization, corporation or project.

7-2-2 **CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION.** Every person desiring to engage in soliciting as herein defined from persons within this municipality is hereby required to make written application for a Certificate of Registration as hereinafter provided. All resident charitable, non-profit organizations in this municipality which have been in existence for **six (6) months or longer** shall be exempt from the provisions of this Article.

7-2-3 **APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION.** Applications for a Certificate of Registration shall be made upon a form provided by the Chief of Police of this municipality and filed with such Chief. The applicant shall truthfully state in full the information requested on the application, to-wit:

(A) Name and address of present place of residence and length of residence at such address; also, business address if other than residence address; also, Social Security Number.

(B) Address of place of residence during the past **three (3) years** if other than present address.

(C) Age of applicant and marital status; and if married, the name of spouse.

- (D) Physical description of the applicant.
- (E) Name and address of the person, firm or corporation or association with whom the applicant is employed or represents; and the length of time of such employment or representation.
- (F) Name and address of employer during the past **three (3) years** if other than the present employer.
- (G) Description sufficient for identification of the subject matter of the soliciting in which the applicant will engage.
- (H) Period of time for which the Certificate is applied.
- (I) The date or approximate date of the latest previous application for a Certificate under this Chapter, if any.
- (J) Has a Certificate of Registration issued to the applicant under this Chapter ever been revoked?
- (K) Has the applicant ever been convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this Code or the regulations of any other Illinois municipality regulating soliciting?
- (L) Has the applicant ever been convicted of the commission of a felony under the laws of the State of Illinois or any other State or Federal law of the United States?
- (M) The last **three (3) municipalities** where the applicant carried on business immediately preceding the date of application in this municipality and the address from which such business was conducted in those municipalities.
- (N) Also, such additional information as the Chief of Police may deem necessary to process the application.

All statements made by the applicant upon the application or in connection therewith shall be under oath.

The Chief of Police shall cause to be kept in his office an accurate record of every application received and acted upon, together with all other information and data pertaining thereto and all Certificates of Registration issued under the provisions of this Chapter and of the denial of applications.

Applications for Certificates issued shall be numbered in consecutive order as filed, and every Certificate issued and any renewal thereof shall be identified with the duplicate number of the application upon which it was issued.

No Certificate of Registration shall be issued to any person who has been convicted of the commission of a felony under the laws of the State of Illinois or any other State or Federal law of the United States within **five (5) years** of the date of the application; nor to any person who has been convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter, nor to any person whose Certificate of Registration issued hereunder has previously been revoked as herein provided.

7-2-4 **ISSUANCE AND REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATE.** The Chief of Police, after consideration of the application and all information obtained relative thereto, shall deny the application if the applicant does not possess the qualifications for such Certificate as

herein required, and that the issuance of a Certificate of Registration to the applicant would not be in accord with the intent and purpose of this Code. Endorsement shall be made by the Chief of Police upon the application of the denial of the application. When the applicant is found to be fully qualified, the Certificate of Registration shall be issued forthwith.

Any Certificate of Registration issued hereunder shall be revoked by the Chief of Police if the holder of the Certificate is convicted of a violation of any provision of this Chapter, or has made a false material statement in the application or otherwise becomes disqualified for the issuance of a Certificate of Registration under the terms of this Chapter. Immediately upon such revocation, written notice thereof shall be given by the Chief of Police to the holder of the Certificate in person or by certified [return receipt requested] U. S. Mail, addressed to his or her residence address set forth in the application. Immediately upon the giving of such notice, the Certificate of Registration shall become null and void.

The Certificate of Registration shall state the expiration date thereof.

7-2-5 **POLICY ON SOLICITING.** It is declared to be the policy of this municipality that the occupant or occupants of the residences in this municipality shall make the determination of whether solicitors shall be or shall not be invited to their respective residences. If no determination is made as is provided in Section 7-2-7 hereof, then in that event, registration is not required

7-2-6 **NOTICE REGULATING SOLICITING.** Every person desiring to secure the protection intended to be provided by the regulations pertaining to soliciting contained in this Article shall comply with the following directions:

(A) Notice of the determination by the occupant of giving invitation to solicitors or the refusal of invitation to solicitors to any residence shall be given in the manner provided in paragraph (B) of this section.

(B) A weatherproof card, approximately **three inches by four inches (3" x 4")** in size shall be exhibited upon or near the main entrance door to the residence indicating the determination by the occupant and containing the applicable words, as follows:

“ONLY REGISTERED SOLICITORS INVITED”

OR

“NO SOLICITORS INVITED”

(C) The letters shall be at least **one-third inch (1/3")** in height. For the purpose of uniformity, the cards shall be provided by the Chief of Police to persons requesting the same, at the cost thereof.

(D) Such card so exhibited shall constitute sufficient notice to any solicitor of the determination by the occupant of the residence of the information contained thereon.

7-2-7 **COMPLIANCE BY SOLICITORS.** It is the duty of every solicitor upon going onto any premises in this municipality upon which a residence as herein defined is located to first examine the notice provided for in **Section 7-2-6** if any is attached and be governed by the statement contained on the notice.

If the notice states **“ONLY REGISTERED SOLICITORS INVITED,”** then the solicitor not possessing a valid Certificate of Registration as herein provided for shall immediately and peacefully depart from the premises; and if the notice states, **“NO SOLICITORS INVITED,”** then the solicitor, whether registered or not shall immediately and peacefully depart from the premises.

Any solicitor who has gained entrance to any residence, whether invited or not, shall immediately and peacefully depart from the premises when requested to do so by the occupant.

7-2-8 **UNINVITED SOLICITING PROHIBITED.** It is declared to be unlawful and shall constitute a nuisance for any person to go upon any premises and ring the doorbell upon or near any door, or create any sound in any other manner calculated to attract the attention of the occupant of such residence for the purpose of securing an audience with the occupant thereof and engage in soliciting as herein defined, in defiance of the notice exhibited at the residence in accordance with the provisions of **Section 7-2-6** .

7-2-9 **TIME LIMIT ON SOLICITING.** It is hereby declared to be unlawful and shall constitute a nuisance for any person, whether registered under this Chapter or not, to go upon any premises and ring the doorbell upon or near any door of a residence located thereon, or rap or knock upon any door or create any sound in any other manner calculated to attract the attention of the occupant of such residence for the purpose of securing an audience with the occupant thereof and engage in soliciting as herein defined, prior to **10:00 A.M. or after 5:00 P.M.** of any weekday or at any time on a Sunday or on a State or National holiday.

7-2-10 **SOLICITATIONS ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS.** Charitable organizations shall be allowed to solicit upon public highways under the following terms and conditions:

(A) The charitable organization must be one that is registered with the Attorney General for the State of Illinois as a charitable organization as provided by **"An Act to Regulate Solicitation and Collection of Funds for Charitable Purposes, Providing for Violations Thereof, and Making an Appropriation Therefor," approved July 26, 1963,** as amended.

(B) Solicit only at intersections where all traffic from all directions is required to come to a full stop.

(C) Be engaged in a state-wide fund-raising activity.

(D) Be liable for any injury to any person or property during the solicitation which is causally related to an act of ordinary negligence of the soliciting agent.

- (E) Any person so engaged in such solicitation shall be at least **sixteen (16) years of age** and shall wear a high visibility vest.
- (F) Solicit only during daylight hours.
- (G) Any one charitable organization shall be limited to conducting no more than **two (2)** solicitations per calendar year.

(See 626 ILCS Sec. 5/11-1006)

7-2-11 FEES. Upon making an application for a Certificate, the applicant shall pay a license fee, which shall be as follows:

- (A) **Daily License:** \$10.00 per person per day.
- (B) **Annual License:** \$50.00 per person per year.

(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/11-42-5)

ARTICLE III - PEDDLERS

7-3-1 **LICENSE REQUIRED.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to engage in the business of hawker or peddler of any merchandise, article or thing without having first secured a license therefor.

7-3-2 **DEFINITION.** “Peddle” shall mean the selling, bartering, or exchanging or the offering for sale, barter or exchange of any tangible personal property upon or along the streets, highways, or public places of this municipality or from house-to-house, whether at one place thereon or from place-to-place, from any wagon, truck, pushcart, or other vehicle or from movable receptacles of any kind, but shall not include the delivery of any item previously ordered or the sale of items along delivery routes where the purchaser has previously requested the seller to stop and exhibit his items. Nor shall ‘peddle’ be taken to include the solicitation of orders by sample where the goods are not delivered at the time the order is taken.

7-3-3 **APPLICATIONS.** A person desiring a license may obtain the same by making application with the Clerk and providing the following information:

- (A) Name and physical description of applicant.
- (B) Permanent home and address and local address if operating from such an address.
- (C) A brief description of the business and of the goods to be sold.
- (D) Name and address of the employer, if any.
- (E) The length of time for which the right to do business is desired.
- (F) Evidence that the agent is acting on behalf of the corporation he represents.
- (G) Statement of the applicant's criminal record other than a traffic record.
- (H) The last **three (3) municipalities** where the applicant carried on business immediately preceding the date of application to this municipality and the address from which such business was conducted in those municipalities.

7-3-4 **INVESTIGATION OF APPLICANTS.** Upon receipt of each application, it shall be referred to the Chief of Police, who shall investigate the business and moral character of the applicant. If the facts show the applicant unfit to receive the license, then it shall be denied.

7-3-5 HOURS. It is hereby declared to be unlawful and shall constitute a nuisance for any person, whether registered under this Code or not, to engage in peddling as herein defined prior to **10:00 A.M.** or after **5:00 P.M.** of any weekday or at any time on a Sunday or on a State or National holiday.

7-3-6 FRAUD. No licensed peddler or hawker shall be guilty of any fraud, cheating or misrepresentation, whether through himself or through an employee while acting as a peddler in this municipality, or shall barter, sell or peddle any goods or merchandise or wares other than those specified in his application for a license.

7-3-7 PHOTOGRAPHS. **Two (2) photographs** of the applicant and such of its employees as will be used in the peddling or merchandising, taken within **sixty (60) days immediately** prior to the filing of the application, which pictures shall be **two inches by two inches (2' x 2')**, showing the head and shoulders of the applicant or its agent(s) and/or employee(s) in a clear and distinguishing manner.

7-3-8 UNWANTED PEDDLING. Nothing contained in this Chapter, nor the issuance of any license hereunder shall entitle the licensee to go in or upon any private residence for the purpose of peddling if such licensee, his agents or employees are directed to depart from said private residence by the owner or person in charge thereof.

7-3-9 PEDDLERS AS NUISANCE. The practice of going in and upon private residences, business establishments or offices in the municipality by solicitors, peddlers, hawkers, itinerant merchants and transient vendors of merchandise without having been requested or invited to do so by the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of said private residences and business establishments or offices for the purpose of disposing of and/or peddling or hawking of merchandise is hereby declared to be a nuisance and is punishable as a violation of this Code. No person shall peddle in a public square.

7-3-10 DUTY OF POLICE TO ABATE. The Police Department of this municipality is hereby required and directed to suppress the same and to abate any such nuisance as described in **Section 7-3-9.**

7-3-11 EXCLUSIONARY PROVISION. The provisions of this Article shall not apply to persons employed or representing an established merchant, business firm, or corporation located and regularly doing business in the municipality or to farmers selling any food items raised or produced by themselves and/or to permanently established residents who are voters in the municipality or anyone duly licensed.

7-3-12 FEES. The license fees per person to be charged for licenses to peddle in this municipality, each payable in advance, are hereby fixed and established as follows:

- (A) **Daily License:** **\$10.00 per person per day**

- (B) **Annual License:** **\$50.00 per person per year**

(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/11-42-5)

ARTICLE IV - COIN-OPERATED MACHINES

7-4-1 **DEFINITIONS.** Definitions of terms as used in this Article, unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, are as follows:

“COIN-OPERATED AMUSEMENT DEVICE” means any amusement machine or device operated by means of the insertion of a coin, token, or currency for the purpose of amusement or skill and for the playing of which a fee is charged. The term includes, but is not limited to juke boxes, electronic video games, pin-ball machines or other similar games. The term does not include vending machines in which there are not incorporated gaming or amusement features.

“OPERATOR” is hereby defined to be any person, firm, corporation, partnership, association or club who sets up for operation by another or leases or distributes for the purpose of operation by another, any device(s) herein defined, whether such setting up for operation, leasing or distributing be for a fixed charge or rental, or on the basis of a division of the income from such device or otherwise.

“PROPRIETOR” is hereby defined to be any person, firm, corporation, partnership, association or a club who, as the owner, lessee or proprietor has under his or its control any establishment, place or premises in or on which such device is placed or kept for use or play or on exhibition for the purpose of use or play.

7-4-2 **LICENSE REQUIRED.** No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the business of an operator of coin-operated amusement devices within the corporate limits of this municipality without having first obtained the proper license therefor.

7-4-3 **APPLICATION.** Application for license shall be verified by oath or affidavit and contain the following information:

(A) The name, age and address of the applicant in the case of an individual and, in the case of a co-partnership, of the persons entitled to share in the profits thereof; and in the case of a corporation, the date of incorporation, the objects for which it was organized, the names and addresses of the officers and directors; and if a majority in interest of the stock of such corporation is owned by one person or his nominee(s), the name and address of such person(s).

(B) The citizenship of the applicant, his place of birth; or if a naturalized citizen, the time and place of his naturalization.

(C) The address of the place where the applicant proposes to operate.

(D) A statement whether the applicant has made a similar application for a similar license on premises other than those described in the application and the disposition of such other application.

(E) A statement that the applicant has never been convicted of a felony and is not disqualified to receive the license under this section.

7-4-4 **PROHIBITED LICENSEES.** No license under this section shall be issued to:

(A) Any person who is not a citizen of the United States.

(B) Any person who is not of good character and reputation in the community.

(C) Any person who has been convicted of a felony under the laws of Illinois; or of being the keeper of a house of ill-fame; or of pandering or other crime or misdemeanor opposed to decency or morality.

(D) Any person whose license issued under this Chapter has been revoked for cause.

(E) Any partnership, unless all of the members of the partnership are qualified to obtain such license.

(F) Any corporation if any officer, manager or director thereof, or any stockholder or stockholders owning in the aggregate more than **five percent (5%)** of the stock of such corporation, would not be eligible to receive a license for any reason other than citizenship or residency within this municipality.

(G) Any person whose place of business is conducted by a manager or agent unless the manager or agent is of legal age and possesses the same qualifications required of the licensee.

(H) Any person who does not own the premises for which a license is sought, or does not have a lease therefor for the full period for which the license is to be issued.

7-4-5 **FEES.** The annual fee for such license shall be **Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per year** or part thereof for each coin-operated amusement device set up for operation, leased or distributed to a proprietor.

(A) All operator's license fees shall be payable annually in advance and in no case shall any portion of said license fee be refunded to the licensee.

(B) The license period shall be for the fiscal year of the municipality, and all applications for renewal shall be made to the Clerk not more than **thirty (30) days, but no less than fifteen (15) days** prior to the expiration of such license.

7-4-6 **NON-ASSIGNABILITY OF LICENSE.** The location of a license may be changed only upon the written permission of the Mayor. Any license issued hereunder shall be non-assignable and non-transferable.

7-4-7 PLACEMENT; GAMBLING PROHIBITED.

(A) All licensed devices shall, at all times, be kept and placed in plain view of any person or persons who may frequent or be in any place of business where such devices are kept or used.

(B) Nothing in this Article shall be construed to authorize, permit or license any gambling device of any nature whatsoever.

(C) **Prizes and Awards Prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person receiving a license pursuant to this Article to give or award a cash prize or equivalent to any person playing any of the tables, devices or machines enumerated hereinabove under tournament, league or any other individual or competitive play.

7-4-8 DISPLAY OF LICENSE. Every licensee shall frame and hang his license in a conspicuous place in the licensed premises.

7-4-9 RIGHT OF ENTRY. The Chief of Police has the power to and shall inspect any place, building or premises in which any licensed device or devices are operated or set up for operation at such times and intervals as he may deem necessary for the proper enforcement of this Article.

(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/11-55-1)