

CHAPTER 114: GAME ROOMS

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Statutory reference:

Regulation and licensing of businesses, see G.S. § 160A-194

§ 114.01 DEFINITION.

For the purposes of this chapter the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

GAME ROOM. Any place of business that principally operates mechanical games or pay devices or tables for which charge is made either directly or indirectly. Examples of game rooms, by way of illustration and not limitation, are poolrooms, bowling alleys, billiard halls, amusement centers, video game rooms, and the like.

(`92 Code, § 61.01)

§ 114.02 LICENSES REQUIRED.

(A) Every operator of a game room shall be required to pay a privilege license tax in accordance with the privilege license ordinance contained in Chapter 110.

(B) In addition, every operator of a game room shall apply for and obtain a license from the Board to operate a game room. Application for such a license shall be made upon forms provided by the Town Clerk.

(C) An application fee of \$15 shall be paid to and collected by the Town Clerk when the application is submitted to cover the cost of administration of this chapter.

(D) It shall be unlawful to operate a game room within the town without a license as required by division (B) above.

(`92 Code, § 61.02) Penalty, see §10.99

§ 114.03 RESTRICTIONS.

The Board shall not issue a license to any applicant who:

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

(B) Is not a resident of North Carolina; or

(C) Is of immoral character; or

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

(`92 Code, § 61.03)

§ 114.04 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) Employ in carrying on the business any person who has been convicted of unlawfully selling alcoholic beverages or narcotic drugs.

(`92 Code, § 61.04) Penalty, see §10.99

§ 114.05 RULES FOR OPERATION.

The following rules shall be observed by all operators of game rooms within the town.

(A) All game rooms shall be closed from 11:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday and shall close at 12:00 midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. Game rooms are permitted to be open from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Sundays.

(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 game rooms shall be operated only on the ground floor of a building, and plate glass windows shall be 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 games are played and the rear wall of such room so that a clear view of the interior may be had from the street.

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

(F) There must be an adult (18 years of age or older) managing the business on the premises at all times during the hours of operation.

(`92 Code, § 61.05) (Am. Ord. passed 10-2-95) Penalty, see §10.99

§ 114.06 REMOVAL TO OTHER LOCATION.

The removal from one location to another of any business designated above shall be deemed as the granting of a new license, and the provisions of this chapter regarding new licenses shall apply in all respects to the removal of any game room, heretofore licensed and in operation from its present location where it was operating when its last license was issued to any other or different location with the town. An application for removal shall contain the address and location where the business is then being operated and also the address of the new location where applicant desires to remove same.

(`92 Code, § 61.06)

§ 114.07 REVOCATION OF LICENSE.

After giving the operator of a game room adequate notice and an opportunity to be heard, the Board may revoke the license of any game room operator who:

(A) Violates the provisions of §§114.04 or 114.05; or

(B) Is convicted of unlawfully selling alcoholic beverages or narcotic drugs.
(`92 Code, § 61.07)