# ORDINANCE NO. <u>05-40</u>

# AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ESTABLISHING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS FOR SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES WITHIN BULLITT COUNTY.

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WHEREAS, sexually oriented businesses require special supervision from the public safety agencies of the County in order to protect and preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the patrons of such businesses as well as the citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Court finds that sexually oriented businesses, as a category of establishments, are frequently used for unlawful sexual activities, including prostitution and sexual liaisons of a casual nature; and

WHEREAS, there is convincing documented evidence that sexually oriented businesses, as a category of establishments, have deleterious secondary effects and are often associated with crime and adverse impacts on surrounding properties; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Court desires to minimize and control these adverse effects and thereby protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizenry; protect the citizens from crime; preserve the quality of life; preserve the character of surrounding neighborhoods and deter the spread of urban blight; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes its constitutional duty to interpret, construe, and amend its laws and ordinances to comply with constitutional requirements as they are announced; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of any ordinance, the County and the Fiscal Court accept as binding the applicability of general principles of criminal and civil law and procedure and the rights and obligations under the United States and Kentucky Constitutions, Kentucky Revised Statutes, and the Kentucky Rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure; and

WHEREAS, it is not the intent of this ordinance to suppress any speech activities protected by the U.S. Constitution or the Kentucky Constitution, but to enact an ordinance to further the content-neutral governmental interests of the County, to wit, the controlling of secondary effects of sexually oriented businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Fiscal Court of County of Bullitt, Commonwealth of Kentucky on the day of December, 2005, that the following ordinance be enacted:

## Section 1. Rationale and findings.

- (a) Purpose. It is the purpose of this ordinance to regulate sexually oriented businesses in order to promote the health, safety, moral, and general welfare of the citizens of the County, and to establish reasonable and uniform regulations to prevent the deleterious secondary effects of sexually oriented businesses within the County. The provisions of this ordinance have neither the purpose nor effect of imposing a limitation or restriction on the content or reasonable access to any communicative materials, including sexually oriented materials. Similarly, it is neither the intent nor effect of this ordinance to restrict or deny access by adults to sexually oriented materials protected by the First Amendment, or to deny access by the distributors and exhibitors of sexually oriented entertainment to their intended market. Neither is it the intent nor effect of this ordinance to condone or legitimize the distribution of obscene material.
- (b) Findings and Rationale. Based on evidence of the adverse secondary effects of adult uses made available to the Fiscal Court, and on findings, interpretations, and narrowing constructions incorporated in the cases of *City of Littleton v. Z.J. Gifts D-4, L.L.C.*, 124 S.Ct. 2219 (June 7, 2004); *City of Los Angeles v. Alameda Books, Inc.*, 535 U.S. 425 (2002); *Pap's A.M. v. City of Erie*, 529 U.S. 277 (2000); *City of Renton v. Playtime Theatres, Inc.*, 475 U.S. 41 (1986), *Young v. American Mini Theatres*, 426 U.S. 50 (1976), *Barnes v. Glen Theatre, Inc.*, 501 U.S. 560 (1991); *California v. LaRue*, 409 U.S. 109 (1972); and

DLS, Inc. v. City of Chattanooga, 107 F.3d 403 (6th Cir. 1997); Brandywine, Inc. v. City of Richmond, 359 F.3d 830 (6th Cir. 2004); Currence v. City of Cincinnati, 2002 U.S. App. LEXIS 1258; Broadway Books v. Roberts, 642 F.Supp. 486 (E.D. Tenn. 1986); Bright Lights, Inc. v. City of Newport, 830 F.Supp. 378 (E.D. Ky. 1993); Richland Bookmart v. Nichols, 137 F.3d 435 (6th Cir. 1998); Center for Fair Public Policy v. Maricopa County, 336 F.3d 1153 (9th Cir. 2003); Déjà vu v. Metro Government, 1999 U.S. App. LEXIS 535 (6th Cir. 1999); Bamon Corp. v. City of Dayton, 7923 F.2d 470 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1991); Triplett Grille, Inc. v. City of Akron, 40 F.3d 129 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1994); O'Connor v. City and County of Denver, 894 F.2d 1210 (10th Cir. 1990); Déjà vu of Nashville, Inc., et al. v. Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, 274 F.3d 377 (6th Cir. 2001); Z.J. Gifts D-2, L.L.C. v. City of Aurora, 136 F.3d 683 (10th Cir. 1998); ILQ Investments, Inc. v. City of Rochester, 25 F.3d 1413 (8th Cir. 1994); Threesome Entertainment v. Strittmather, 4 F.Supp.2d 710 (N.D. Ohio 1998); Bigg Wolf Discount Video Sales, Inc. v. Montgomery County, 256 F. Supp. 2d 385 (D. Md. 2003); Kentucky Restaurant Concepts, Inc. v. City of Louisville and Jefferson County, 209 F.Supp.2d 672 (W.D. Ky. 2002); Lady J. Lingerie, Inc. v. City of Jacksonville, 176 F.3d 1358 (11th Cir. 1999); Restaurant Ventures v. Lexington-Fayette Urban County Gov't, 60 S.W.3d 572 (Ct. App. Ky. 2001); World Wide Video of Washington, Inc. v. City of Spokane, 368 F.3d 1186 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2004); Ben's Bar, Inc. v. Village of Somerset, 316 F.3d 702 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2003); Ctr. for Fair Public Policy v. Maricopa County, 336 F.3d 1153 (9th Cir. 2003); Deja Vu of Cincinnati, L.L.C. v. Union Township Bd. Of Trustees, 411 F.3d 777 (6th Cir. 2005) (en banc); Kentucky Restaurant Concepts, Inc. et al. v. Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Gov't, Case No. 04-CI-01967 (Jefferson Circuit Court, Summary Judgment Order, Dec. 13, 2004);

and based upon reports concerning secondary effects occurring in and around sexually oriented businesses, including, but not limited to, Austin, Texas - 1986; Indianapolis, Indiana - 1984; Garden Grove, California - 1991; Houston, Texas - 1983, 1997; Phoenix, Arizona - 1979, 1995-98; Chattanooga, Tennessee - 1999-2003; Minneapolis, Minnesota - 1980; Los Angeles, California - 1977; Whittier, California - 1978; Spokane, Washington - 2001; St. Cloud, Minnesota - 1994; Littleton, Colorado - 2004; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - 1986; Dallas, Texas - 1997; Greensboro, North Carolina - 2003; Amarillo, Texas - 1977; New York, New York Times Square - 1994; and the Report of the Attorney General's Working Group On The Regulation Of Sexually Oriented Businesses, (June 6, 1989, State of Minnesota),

#### the Fiscal Court finds:

- (1) Sexually oriented businesses, as a category of commercial uses, are associated with a wide variety of adverse secondary effects including, but not limited to, personal and property crimes, prostitution, potential spread of disease, lewdness, public indecency, obscenity, illicit drug use and drug trafficking, negative impacts on surrounding properties, urban blight, litter, and sexual assault and exploitation.
- (2) Sexually oriented businesses should be separated from sensitive land uses to minimize the impact of their secondary effects upon such uses, and should be separated from other sexually oriented businesses, to minimize the secondary effects associated with such uses and to prevent an unnecessary concentration of sexually oriented businesses in one area.

(3) Each of the foregoing negative secondary effects constitutes a harm which the County has a substantial government interest in preventing and/or abating. This substantial government interest in preventing secondary effects, which is the County's rationale for this ordinance, exists independent of any comparative analysis between sexually oriented and non-sexually oriented businesses. Additionally, the County's interest in regulating sexually oriented businesses extends to preventing future secondary effects of either current or future sexually oriented businesses that may locate in the County. The County finds that the cases and documentation relied on in this ordinance are reasonably believed to be relevant to said secondary effects.

#### Section 2. Definitions.

For purposes of this ordinance, the words and phrases defined in the sections hereunder shall have the meanings therein respectively ascribed to them unless a different meaning is clearly indicated by the context.

"Adult Bookstore or Adult Video Store" means a commercial establishment which, as one of its principal purposes, offers for sale or rental for any form of consideration any one or more of the following: books, magazines, periodicals or other printed matter, or photographs, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, compact discs, digital video discs, slides, or other visual representations which are characterized by their emphasis upon the display of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."

A "principal purpose" means that the commercial establishment:

- (a) has a substantial portion of its displayed merchandise which consists of said items, or
- (b) has a substantial portion of the wholesale value of its displayed merchandise which consists of said items, or
- (c) has a substantial portion of the retail value of its displayed merchandise which consists of said items, or
- (d) derives a substantial portion of its revenues from the sale or rental, for any form of consideration of said items, or
- (e) maintains a substantial section of its interior business space for the sale or rental of said items; or
- (f) maintains an "adult arcade," which means any place to which the public is permitted or invited wherein coin-operated or slug-operated or electronically, electrically, or mechanically controlled still or motion picture machines, projectors, or other image-producing devices are regularly maintained to show images to five or fewer persons per machine at any one time, and where the images so displayed are characterized by their emphasis upon matter exhibiting "specified sexual activities" or specified "anatomical areas."

"Adult Cabaret" means a nightclub, bar, juice bar, restaurant, bottle club, or other commercial establishment, whether or not alcoholic beverages are served, which regularly features persons who appear semi-nude.

"Adult Motel" means a motel, hotel, or similar commercial establishment which:

- (a) offers accommodations to the public for any form of consideration; provides patrons with closed-circuit television transmissions, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, other photographic reproductions, or live performances which are characterized by the display of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas"; and which advertises the availability of such material by means of a sign visible from the public right-of-way, or by means of any on or off-premises advertising, including but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, pamphlets or leaflets, radio or television; or
  - (b) offers a sleeping room for rent for a period of time that is less than 10 hours; or
- (c) allows a tenant or occupant of a sleeping room to subrent the room for a period of time that is less than 10 hours.
- "Adult Motion Picture Theater" means a commercial establishment where films, motion pictures, videocassettes, slides, or similar photographic reproductions which are characterized by their emphasis upon the display of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas" are regularly shown to more than five persons for any form of consideration.

"Fiscal Court" means the Fiscal Court of Bullitt County, Kentucky.

"Characterized by" means describing the essential character or quality of an item. As applied in this ordinance, no business shall be classified as a sexually oriented business by virtue of showing, selling, or renting materials rated NC-17 or R by the Motion Picture Association of America.

"County" means Bullitt County, Kentucky.

"Employ, Employee, and Employment" describe and pertain to any person who performs any service on the premises of a sexually oriented business, on a full time, part time, or contract basis, whether or not the person is denominated an employee, independent contractor, agent, or otherwise. Employee does not include a person exclusively on the premises for repair or maintenance of the premises or for the delivery of goods to the premises.

"Establish or Establishment" shall mean and include any of the following:

- (a) The opening or commencement of any sexually oriented business as a new business;
- (b) The conversion of an existing business, whether or not a sexually oriented business, to any sexually oriented business; or

(c) The addition of any sexually oriented business to any other existing sexually oriented business.

"Hearing Officer" shall mean an attorney, not an employee of Bullitt County, who is licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

"Influential Interest" means any of the following: (1) the actual power to operate the sexually oriented business or control the operation, management or policies of the sexually oriented business or legal entity which operates the sexually oriented business, (2) ownership of a financial interest of thirty percent (30%) or more of a business or of any class of voting securities of a business, or (3) holding an office (e.g., president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, managing member, managing director, etc.) in a legal entity which operates the sexually oriented business.

"Judge/Executive" means the Bullitt County Judge/Executive or his designee.

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"Licensed Day-Care Center" means a facility licensed by the State of Kentucky, whether situated within the County or not, that provides care, training, education, custody, treatment or supervision for more than twelve (12) children under fourteen (14) years of age, where such children are not related by blood, marriage or adoption to the owner or operator of the facility, for less than twenty-four (24) hours a day, regardless of whether or not the facility is operated for a profit or charges for the services it offers.

"Licensee" shall mean a person in whose name a license to operate a sexually oriented business has been issued, as well as the individual or individuals listed as an applicant on the application for a sexually oriented business license. In case of an "employee," it shall mean the person in whose name the sexually oriented business employee license has been issued.

"Nudity or a State of Nudity" means the showing of the human male or female genitals, pubic area, vulva, anus, anal cleft or cleavage with less than a fully opaque covering, or the showing of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any part of the nipple and areola.

"Operate or Cause to Operate" shall mean to cause to function or to put or keep in a state of doing business. "Operator" means any person on the premises of a sexually oriented business who causes the business to function or who puts or keeps in operation the business or who is authorized to manage the business or exercise overall operational control of the business premises. A person may be found to be operating or causing to be operated a sexually oriented business whether or not that person is an owner, part owner, or licensee of the business.

"Person" shall mean individual, proprietorship, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity.

"Premises" means the real property upon which the sexually oriented business is located, and all appurtenances thereto and buildings thereon, including, but not limited to, the sexually oriented business, the grounds, private walkways, and parking lots and/or parking garages adjacent

thereto, under the ownership, control, or supervision of the licensee, as described in the application for a business license pursuant to Section 4 of this ordinance.

"Regularly" means and refers to the consistent and repeated doing of the act so described.

"Semi-Nude or State of Semi-Nudity" means the showing of the female breast below a horizontal line across the top of the areola and extending across the width of the breast at that point, or the showing of the male or female buttocks. This definition shall include the lower portion of the human female breast, but shall not include any portion of the cleavage of the human female breasts exhibited by a dress, blouse, shirt, leotard, bikini, or similar wearing apparel provided the areola is not exposed in whole or in part.

"Semi-Nude Model Studio" means a place where persons regularly appear in a state of seminudity for money or any form of consideration in order to be observed, sketched, drawn, painted, sculptured, photographed, or similarly depicted by other persons.

This definition does not apply to any place where persons appearing in a state of semi-nudity did so in a modeling class operated:

- (a) By a college, junior college, or university supported entirely or partly by taxation;
- (b) By a private college or university which maintains and operates educational programs in which credits are transferable to college, junior college, or university supported entirely or partly by taxation; or:

### (c) In a structure:

- (1) Which has no sign visible from the exterior of the structure and no other advertising that indicates a semi-nude person is available for viewing; and
- (2) Where, in order to participate in a class a student must enroll at least three days in advance of the class.

"Sexual Device" means any three (3) dimensional object designed and marketed for stimulation of the male or female human genital organ or anus or for sadomasochistic use or abuse of oneself or others and shall include devices such as dildos, vibrators, penis pumps, and physical representations of the human genital organs. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to include devices primarily intended for protection against sexually transmitted diseases or for preventing pregnancy.

"Sexual Device Shop" means a commercial establishment that regularly features sexual devices. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to include any pharmacy, drug store, medical clinic, or any establishment primarily dedicated to providing medical or healthcare products or services, nor shall this definition be construed to include commercial establishments which do not restrict access to any portion of their premises by reason of age.

"Sexual Encounter Center" shall mean a business or commercial enterprise that, as one of its principal business purposes, purports to offer for any form of consideration, physical contact in the form of wrestling or tumbling between persons of the opposite sex when one or more of the persons is semi-nude.

"Sexually Oriented Business" means an "adult bookstore or adult video store," an "adult cabaret," an "adult motel," an "adult motion picture theater," a "semi-nude model studio," "sexual device shop," or a "sexual encounter center."

"Specified Anatomical Areas" means and includes:

- (a) Less than completely and opaquely covered: human genitals, pubic region; buttock; and female breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola; and
- (b) Human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state, even if completely and opaquely covered.

"Specified Criminal Activity" means:

- (a) K.R.S. §§ 510.040, 510.050, or 510.060 (rape in the first, second, or third degree); K.R.S. §§ 510.070, 510.080, or 510.090 (sodomy in the first, second, or third degree); K.R.S. §§ 510.110, 510.120, or 510.130 (sexual abuse in the first, second, or third degree); K.R.S. § 510.140 (sexual misconduct); §§ 510.148, 1510.150 (indecent exposure); K.R.S. § 517.050 (falsifying business records); K.R.S. §§ 529.020, 529.030, 529.040, or 529.050 (prostitution, promoting prostitution in the first, second, or third degree); K.R.S. §§ 529.070, (permitting prostitution); K.R.S. §§ 531.020, 531.030, 531.040 (distributing obscene matter, distributing obscene matter to minors, using minors to distribute obscene matter); K.R.S. 218A.140, et seq. (offenses relating to controlled substances); any offense listed in K.R.S. § 531.300 through § 531.370 (sexual exploitation of minors offenses); engaging in organized crime (K.R.S. § 506.120) relating to a sexually oriented business; criminal attempt, conspiracy or solicitation to commit any of the foregoing offenses or offenses in other jurisdictions that, if the acts would have constituted any of the foregoing offenses if the acts had been committed in Kentucky; for which:
- (1) less than two years have elapsed since the date of conviction or the date of release from confinement or probation imposed for the conviction, whichever is the later date, if the conviction is of a misdemeanor offense;
- (2) less than five years have elapsed since the date of conviction or the date of release from confinement or probation for the conviction, whichever is the later date, if the conviction is of a felony offense; or
- (3) less than five years have elapsed since the date of the last conviction or the date of release from confinement for the last conviction, whichever is the later date, if the convictions are of two or more misdemeanor offenses or combination of misdemeanor offenses occurring within any 24-month period.

(b) The fact that a conviction is being appealed shall have no effect on the disqualification of the applicant, provided that any conviction reversed, overturned, or vacated on appeal shall not be considered a "specified criminal activity" for purposes of this ordinance.

"Specified Sexual Activity" means any of the following:

- (a) intercourse, oral copulation, masturbation or sodomy; or
- (b) excretory functions as a part of or in connection with any of the activities described in (a) above.

"Substantial" means at lease thirty-five percent (35%) of the item(s) so modified.

"Transfer of Ownership or Control" of a sexually oriented business shall mean any of the following:

- (a) The sale, lease, or sublease of the business;
  - (b) The transfer of securities which constitute an influential interest in the business, whether by sale, exchange, or similar means; or
  - (c) The establishment of a trust, gift, or other similar legal device which transfers the ownership or control of the business, except for transfer by bequest or other operation of law upon the death of the person possessing the ownership or control.

"Truck Stop" means a facility, usually by a highway, that caters to truckers and includes fuel pumps and a restaurant or a convenience store with food items.

"Viewing Room" shall mean the room, booth, or area where a patron of sexually oriented business would ordinarily be positioned while watching a film, videocassette, or other video reproduction.

## Section 3. Classification.

The classifications for sexually oriented businesses shall be as follows:

- (a) Adult bookstore or adult video store;
- (b) Adult cabaret;
- (c) Adult motel;
- (d) Adult motion picture theater;
- (e) Semi-nude model studio;
- (f) Sexual device shop;
- (g) Sexual encounter center.

# Section 4. License required.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a sexually oriented business in Bullitt County without a valid sexually oriented business license.

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- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to be an "employee," as defined in this ordinance, of a sexually oriented business in Bullitt County without a valid sexually oriented business employee license.
- (c) An applicant for a sexually oriented business license or a sexually oriented business employee license shall file in person at the office of the Bullitt County Judge/Executive a completed application made on a form provided by the Judge/Executive. The application shall be signed as required by subsection (e) herein and shall be notarized. An application shall be considered complete when it contains, for each person required to sign the application, the information and/or items required in Paragraphs 1 through 7 below, accompanied by the appropriate fee identified in Section 6:
- (1) The applicant's full true name and any other names used by the applicants in the preceding five (5) years.
  - (2) Current business address or another mailing address of the applicant.
- (3) Written proof of age, in the form of a driver's license or a copy of a birth certificate accompanied by a picture identification document issued by a governmental agency.
- (4) If the application is for a sexually oriented business license, the business name, location, legal description, mailing address and phone number of the sexually oriented business.
- (5) If the application is for a sexually oriented business license, the name and business address of the statutory agent or other agent authorized to receive service of process.
- (6) A statement of whether an applicant has been convicted of or has pled guilty or nolo contendere to a specified criminal activity as defined in this ordinance, and if so, each specified criminal activity involved, including the date, place, and jurisdiction of each as well as the dates of conviction and release from confinement, where applicable.
- (7) A statement of whether any sexually oriented business in which an applicant has had an influential interest, has, in the previous five (5) years (and at a time during which the applicant had the influential interest):
  - (i) been declared by a court of law to be a nuisance; or
  - (ii) been subject to a court order of closure or padlocking.

The information provided pursuant to Paragraphs 1 through 7 of this subsection shall be supplemented in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Judge/Executive within

- ten (10) working days of a change of circumstances which would render the information originally submitted false or incomplete.
- (d) An application for a sexually oriented business license shall be accompanied by a legal description of the property where the business is located and a sketch or diagram showing the configuration of the premises, including a statement of total floor space occupied by the business. The sketch or diagram need not be professionally prepared but shall be drawn to a designated scale or drawn with marked dimensions of the interior of the premises to an accuracy of plus or minus six (6) inches. Applicants who are required to comply with Sections 14 and 18 of this ordinance shall submit a diagram indicating that the interior configuration meets the requirements of those sections.
- (e) If a person who wishes to operate a sexually oriented business is an individual, he shall sign the application for a license as applicant. If a person who wishes to operate a sexually oriented business is other than an individual, each person with an influential interest in the business shall sign the application for a license as applicant. Each applicant must be qualified under Section 5 and each applicant shall be considered a licensee if a license is granted.
- (f) The information provided by an applicant in connection with an application for a license under this ordinance shall be deemed private and shall be maintained by the office of the Judge/Executive on a confidential basis, and such information may be disclosed only as may be required, and only to the extent required, by order of the Attorney General or by court order.

#### Section 5. Issuance of license.

- (a) Upon the filing of a completed application under Section 4(c) for a sexually oriented business license, the Bullitt County Judge/Executive shall, if the application on its face shows that the applicant meets the requirements of this section, issue a Temporary License to the applicant, which Temporary License shall expire upon the final decision of the County to deny or grant an annual license. Within twenty (20) days of the filing date of a completed sexually oriented business license application, the Judge/Executive shall issue a license to the applicant or issue to the applicant a letter of intent to deny the application. The Judge/Executive shall issue a license unless:
  - (1) An applicant is less than eighteen (18) years of age.
- (2) An applicant has failed to provide information as required by Section 4 for issuance of a license or has falsely answered a question or request for information on the application form.
  - (3) The license application fee required by this ordinance has not been paid.
- (4) The sexually oriented business, as defined herein, is not in compliance with the interior configuration requirements of this ordinance or is not in compliance with locational requirements of this ordinance.

- (5) Any sexually oriented business in which the applicant has had an influential interest, has, in the previous five (5) years (and at a time during which the applicant had the influential interest):
  - (i) been declared by a court of law to be a nuisance; or
  - (ii) been subject to an order of closure or padlocking.
- (6) An applicant has been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to a specified criminal activity, as defined in this ordinance.
- (b) Upon the filing of a completed application under Section 4(c) for a sexually oriented business employee license, the Bullitt County Judge/Executive shall, if the application on its face shows that the applicant meets the requirements of this subsection, issue a Temporary License to the applicant, which Temporary License shall expire upon the final decision of the County to deny or grant an annual license. Within twenty (20) days of the filing date of a completed sexually oriented business employee license application, the Judge/Executive shall either issue a license or issue a written notice of intent to deny a license to the applicant. The Judge/Executive shall approve the issuance of a license unless:
  - (1) The applicant is less than eighteen (18) years of age.
- (2) The applicant has failed to provide information as required by Section 4 for issuance of a license or has falsely answered a question or request for information on the application form.
  - (3) The license application fee required by this Ordinance has not been paid.
- (4) Any sexually oriented business in which the applicant has had an influential interest, has, in the previous five (5) years (and at a time during which the applicant had the influential interest):
  - (i) been declared by a court of law to be a nuisance; or
  - (ii) been subject to an order of closure or padlocking.
- (5) The applicant has been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to a specified criminal activity, as defined in this ordinance.
- (c) The license, if granted, shall state on its face the name of the person or persons to whom it is granted, the number of the license issued to the licensee(s), the expiration date, and, if the license is for a sexually oriented business, the address of the sexually oriented business. The sexually oriented business license shall be posted in a conspicuous place at or near the entrance to the sexually oriented business so that it may be read at any time. A sexually oriented business employee shall keep the employee's license on his or her person or on the premises where the licensee is then working or performing.

#### Section 6. Fees.

(a) The initial license and annual renewal fees for sexually oriented business licenses and sexually oriented business employee licenses shall be as follows: one hundred dollars (\$100) for the initial fee for a sexually oriented business license and fifty dollars (\$50) for annual renewal; fifty dollars (\$50) for the initial sexually oriented business employee license and twenty-five dollars (\$25) for annual renewal.

### Section 7. Inspection.

- (a) Sexually oriented businesses and sexually oriented business employees shall permit the County or its agents to inspect the portions of the sexually oriented business premises where patrons are permitted, for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the specific regulations of this Ordinance, during those times when the sexually oriented business is occupied by patrons or is open to the public. This section shall be narrowly construed by the County to authorize reasonable inspections of the licensed premises pursuant to this ordinance, but not to authorize a harassing or excessive pattern of inspections.
- (b) The provisions of this Section do not apply to areas of an adult motel which are currently being rented by a customer for use as a permanent or temporary habitation.

#### Section 8. Expiration of license.

- (a) Each license shall remain valid for a period of one calendar year from the date of issuance unless otherwise suspended or revoked. Such license may be renewed only by making application and payment of a fee as provided in Section 4 and Section 6.
- (b) Application for renewal should be made pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 4 at least ninety (90) days before the expiration date, and when made less than ninety (90) days before the expiration date, the expiration of the license will not be affected.

#### Section 9. Suspension.

- (a) The County shall issue a written letter of intent to suspend a sexually oriented business license for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days if the sexually oriented business licensee has knowingly violated this ordinance or has knowingly allowed an employee to violate this Ordinance.
- (b) The County shall issue a written letter of intent to suspend a sexually oriented business employee license for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days if the employee has knowingly violated this Ordinance.

#### Section 10. Revocation.

- (a) The County shall issue a letter of intent to revoke a sexually oriented business license or a sexually oriented business employee license, as applicable, if the licensee knowingly violates this ordinance or has knowingly allowed an employee to violate this ordinance and the licensee's license has been suspended within the previous twelve-month (12-mo.) period.
- (b) The County shall issue written intent to revoke a sexually oriented business license or a sexually oriented business employee license, as applicable, if:
- (1) The licensee has knowingly given false information in the application for the sexually oriented business license.
- (2) The licensee has knowingly or recklessly engaged in or allowed possession, use, or sale of controlled substances on the premises;
- (3) The licensee has knowingly or recklessly engaged in or allowed prostitution on the premises;
- (4) The licensee knowingly or recklessly operated the sexually oriented business during a period of time when the license was finally suspended or revoked; or
- (5) The licensee has knowingly or recklessly engaged in or allowed any specified sexual activity to occur in or on the licensed premises.
- (c) The fact that any conviction relevant to the foregoing offenses is being appealed shall have no effect on the revocation of the license, provided that, if any conviction which serves as a basis of a license revocation is overturned or reversed on appeal, that conviction shall be treated as null and of no effect for revocation purposes.
- (d) When, after the notice and hearing procedure described in Section 11, the Fiscal Court revokes a license, the revocation shall continue for two (2) years and the licensee shall not be issued a sexually oriented business license or sexually oriented business employee license for two (2) years from the date revocation becomes effective.

# Section 11. Hearing; denial, revocation, and suspension; appeal.

(a) When the Judge/Executive issues a written notice of intent to deny, suspend, or revoke a license, the Judge/Executive shall immediately send such notice, which shall include the specific grounds under this ordinance for such action, to the applicant or licensee (respondent) by personal delivery or certified mail. The notice shall be directed to the most current business address or other mailing address on file with the Judge/Executive for the respondent. The notice shall specify a date, not less than ten (10) days nor more than twenty (20) days after the date the notice is issued, on which the Hearing Officer shall conduct a hearing on the Judge/Executive's intent to deny, suspend, or revoke the license.

At the hearing, the respondent shall have the opportunity to be represented by counsel, present evidence and witnesses on his or her behalf, and cross-examine any of the Judge/Executive's

witnesses. The Judge/Executive shall also be represented by counsel, and shall bear the burden of proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, the grounds for denying, suspending, or revoking the license. The hearing shall take no longer than two (2) days, unless extended at the request of the respondent to meet the requirements of due process and proper administration of justice. The Hearing Officer shall issue a written decision, including specific reasons for the decision pursuant to this ordinance, to the respondent within five (5) days after the hearing.

If the decision is to deny, suspend, or revoke the license, the decision shall not become effective until the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day after it is rendered, and the decision shall include a statement advising the respondent of the right to appeal or challenge such decision, by any available procedure, to a court of competent jurisdiction within thirty (30) days after the decision is rendered. If the Hearing Officer's decision finds that no grounds exist for denial, suspension, or revocation of the license, the Fiscal Court shall, contemporaneously with the issuance of the decision, order the Judge/Executive to immediately withdraw the intent to deny, suspend, or revoke the license and to notify the respondent in writing by certified mail of such action. If the respondent is not yet licensed, the Judge/Executive shall contemporaneously therewith issue the license to the applicant.

(b) If any court action challenging the Hearing Officer's decision is initiated, the County shall prepare and transmit to the court a transcript of the hearing within fifteen (15) days after receiving written notice of the filing of the court action. The County shall consent to expedited briefing and/or disposition of the action, shall comply with any expedited schedule set by the court, and shall facilitate prompt judicial review of the proceedings. The following shall apply to any sexually oriented business that is in operation as of the effective date of this ordinance: Upon the filing of any court action to appeal, challenge, restrain, or otherwise enjoin the County's enforcement of the denial, suspension, or revocation, the County shall immediately issue the respondent a Provisional License. The Provisional License shall allow the respondent to continue operation of the sexually oriented business or to continue employment as a sexually oriented business employee and will expire upon the court's entry of a judgment on the respondent's appeal or other action to restrain, challenge, or otherwise enjoin the County's enforcement.

## Section 12. Non-transferability of license.

A licensee shall not transfer his or her license to another, nor shall a licensee operate a sexually oriented business under the authority of a license at any place other than the address designated on the sexually oriented business license.

## Section 13. Hours of operation.

No sexually oriented business shall be or remain open for business between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. on any day.

Section 14. Regulations pertaining to exhibition of sexually explicit films or videos.

- (a) A person who operates or causes to be operated a sexually oriented business, other than an adult motel, which exhibits on the premises in a viewing room of less than two hundred fifty (250) square feet of floor space, a film, video cassette, or other video reproduction characterized by an emphasis on the display of specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas shall comply with the following requirements:
- (1) Each application for a sexually oriented business license shall contain a diagram of the premises showing the location of all operator's stations, viewing rooms, overhead lighting fixtures, video cameras and monitors installed for monitoring purposes and restrooms, and shall designate all portions of the premises in which patrons will not be permitted. Restrooms shall not contain video reproduction equipment. The diagram shall also designate the place at which the permit, if granted, will be conspicuously posted. A professionally prepared diagram in the nature of an engineer's or architect's blueprint shall not be required; however, each diagram shall be oriented to the north or to some designated street or object and shall be drawn to a designated scale or with marked dimensions sufficient to show the various internal dimensions of all areas of the interior of the premises to an accuracy of plus or minus six inches. The Judge/Executive may waive the foregoing diagram for renewal applications if the applicant adopts a diagram that was previously submitted and certifies that the configuration of the premises has not been altered since it was prepared.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the operator, and of any employees present on the premises, to ensure that no patron is permitted access to any area of the premises which has been designated as an area in which patrons will not be permitted in the application filed pursuant to Paragraph 1 of this subsection.
- (3) The interior premises shall be equipped with overhead lighting fixtures of sufficient intensity to illuminate every place to which patrons are permitted access at an illumination of not less than five (5.0) foot candles as measured at the floor level. It shall be the duty of the operator, and of any employees present on the premises, to ensure that the illumination described above is maintained at all times that the premises is occupied by patrons or open for business.
- (4) It shall be the duty of the operator, and of any employees present on the premises, to ensure that no specified sexual activity, as defined in this ordinance, occurs in or on the licensed premises.
- (5) It shall be the duty of the operator to post conspicuous signs in well-lighted entry areas of the business stating all of the following:
  - (i) That the occupancy of viewing rooms is limited to one person.
  - (ii) That specified sexual activity on the premises is prohibited.
  - (iii) That the making of openings between viewing rooms is prohibited.
  - (iv) That violators will be required to leave the premises.
- (v) That violations of Subparagraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph constitute violations of this ordinance.

- (6) It shall be the duty of the operator to enforce the regulations articulated in (5)(i) through (iv) above.
- (7) The interior of the premises shall be configured in such a manner that there is an unobstructed view from a operator's station of every area of the premises, including the interior of each viewing room but excluding restrooms, to which any patron is permitted access for any purpose. An operator's station shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet of floor area. If the premises has two (2) or more operator's stations designated, then the interior of the premises shall be configured in such a manner that there is an unobstructed view of each area of the premises to which any patron is permitted access for any purpose from at least one of the operator's stations. The view required in this paragraph must be by direct line of sight from the operator's station. It is the duty of the operator to ensure that at least one employee is on duty and situated in each operator's station at all times that any patron is on the premises. It shall be the duty of the operator, and it shall also be the duty of any employees present on the premises, to ensure that the view area specified in this paragraph remains unobstructed by any doors, curtains, walls, merchandise, display racks or other materials or enclosures at all times that any patron is present on the premises.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for a person having a duty under this section to knowingly fail to fulfill that duty.

# Section 15. Loitering, exterior lighting, visibility, and monitoring requirements.

- (a) It shall be the duty of the operator of a sexually oriented business to: (a) post conspicuous signs stating that no loitering for the purpose of engaging in sexual activity is permitted on such property; (b) designate one or more employees to monitor the activities of persons on such property by visually inspecting such property at least once every ninety (90) minutes or inspecting such property by use of video cameras and monitors; and (c) provide lighting of the exterior premises to provide for visual inspection or video monitoring to prohibit loitering. If used, video cameras and monitors shall operate continuously at all times that the premises are open for business. The monitors shall be installed within an operator's station.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for a person having a duty under this section to knowingly fail to fulfill that duty.
- (c) No sexually oriented business shall erect a fence, wall, or other barrier that prevents any portion of the parking lot(s) for the establishment from being visible from a public right of way.

# Section 16. Penalties and enforcement.

(a) A person who knowingly violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment not to exceed one (1) year, or both fine and imprisonment, for each offense. Each day a violation is committed, or permitted to continue, shall constitute a separate offense and shall be fined as such.

(b) The County Attorney is hereby authorized to institute proceedings necessary for the enforcement of this ordinance to prosecute, restrain, or correct violations hereof. Such proceedings, including injunction, shall be brought in the name of the County, provided, however, that nothing in this section and no action taken hereunder, shall be held to exclude such criminal or administrative proceedings as may be authorized by other provisions of this ordinance, or any of the laws or ordinances in force in the County or to exempt anyone violating this code or any part of the said laws from any penalty which may be incurred.

# Section 17. Applicability of ordinance to existing businesses.

All existing sexually oriented businesses and sexually oriented business employees are hereby granted a *De Facto* Temporary License to continue operation or employment for a period of ninety (90) days following the effective date of this ordinance. By the end of said ninety (90) days, all sexually oriented businesses and sexually oriented business employees must conform to and abide by the requirements of this ordinance, provided that, a sexually oriented business that is in all respects lawfully existing and operating prior to the effective date of this ordinance shall not be required to abide by the location restrictions in Section 21 of this ordinance.

# Section 18. Conduct regulations.

It is unlawful for a sexually oriented business to knowingly violate the following regulations or to knowingly allow an employee or any other person to violate the following regulations.

- (a) It shall be a violation of this ordinance for a patron, employee, or any other person to knowingly or intentionally, in a sexually oriented business, appear in a state of nudity, regardless of whether such public nudity is expressive in nature.
- (b) It shall be a violation of this ordinance for a person to knowingly or intentionally, in a sexually oriented business, appear in a semi-nude condition unless the person is an employee who, while semi-nude, remains at least six (6) feet from any patron or customer and on a stage at least eighteen (18) inches from the floor in a room of at least one thousand (1,000) square feet.
- (c) It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any employee who regularly appears seminude in a sexually oriented business to knowingly or intentionally touch a customer while on the premises of a sexually oriented business.
- (d) It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any person to possess, sell, or consume alcoholic beverages on the premises of a sexually oriented business. A sexually oriented business licensed to sell alcoholic beverages on the premises on the effective date of this ordinance shall not be required to comply with this requirement until expiration of its current annual alcoholic beverage license.

A sign in a form to be prescribed by the Judge/Executive, and summarizing the provisions of Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this Section, shall be posted near the entrance of the sexually oriented business in such a manner as to be clearly visible to patrons upon entry.

# Section 19. Scienter required to prove violation or business licensee liability.

This ordinance does not impose strict liability. Unless a culpable mental state is otherwise specified herein, a showing of a knowing or reckless mental state is necessary to establish a violation of a provision of this ordinance. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, for the purposes of this ordinance, an act by an employee that constitutes grounds for suspension or revocation of that employee's license shall be imputed to the sexually oriented business licensee for purposes of finding a violation of this ordinance, or for purposes of license denial, suspension, or revocation, only if an officer, director, or general partner, or a person who managed, supervised, or controlled the operation of the business premises, knowingly or recklessly allowed such act to occur on the premises. It shall be a defense to liability that the person to whom liability is imputed was powerless to prevent the act.

# Section 20. Failure of County to meet deadline not to risk applicant/licensee rights.

In the event that a County official is required to take an act or do a thing pursuant to this ordinance within a prescribed time, and fails to take such act or do such thing within the time prescribed, said failure shall not prevent the exercise of constitutional rights of an applicant or licensee. If the act required of the County official under this ordinance, and not completed in the time prescribed, includes approval of a condition necessary for approval by the County of an applicant or licensee's application for sexually oriented business license or a sexually oriented business employee's license (including a renewal), the condition shall be deemed met the day after the deadline for the County's action has passed.

# Section 21. Location of sexually oriented businesses.

- (a) Sexually oriented businesses shall not be required to obtain a conditional use permit or special use permit.
- (b) The public entrance to a sexually oriented business in Bullitt County shall not be located within:
- (1) One thousand (1,000) feet of any parcel containing a public or private elementary, middle, or secondary school;
  - (2) One thousand (1,000) feet of any parcel containing a house of worship;
- (3) One thousand (1,000) feet of any parcel containing a public park or park-like area of open space under the control of a governmental agency;
- (4) One thousand (1,000) feet of any parcel containing an area zoned R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, or any area used for residential purposes;
- (5) One thousand (1,000) feet of any parcel containing another sexually oriented business;

- (6) One thousand (1,000) feet of any parcel containing an establishment licensed to serve or sell alcohol beverages; or
  - (7) One thousand (1,000) feet of any parcel containing a truck stop.
- (c) For the purpose of this section, measurements shall be made in a straight line in all directions without regard to intervening structures or objects, from the closest part of any structure, including signs and roof overhangs, used in conjunction with the sexually oriented business to the closest point on a property boundary or right-of-way associated with any of the land use(s) identified in subsection (a)(1)-(a)(6) above.

# Section 22. Severability.

This ordinance and each section and provision of said ordinance hereunder, are hereby declared to be independent divisions and subdivisions and, not withstanding any other evidence of legislative intent, it is hereby declared to be the controlling legislative intent that if any provisions of said ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remaining sections or provisions and the application of such sections and provisions to any person or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby, and it is hereby declared that such sections and provisions would have been passed independently of such section or provision so known to be invalid. Should any procedural aspect of this ordinance be invalidated, such invalidation shall not affect the enforceability of the substantive aspects of this ordinance.

# Section 23. Conflicting code provisions repealed.

Ordinance 92-3 is hereby repealed. Any provision(s) in any other Bullitt County ordinance(s) specifically in conflict with any provision in this ordinance is hereby deemed inoperative and repealed.

#### Section 24. Effective date.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

#### Section 25. Regulated area.

This Ordinance shall be in effect and shall regulate sexually oriented businesses throughout Bullitt County, including the municipal areas of each city within the County pursuant to K.R.S. 67.083(7).

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