

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982****STANDARD CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO LICENCES ISSUED TO  
SEX ESTABLISHMENTS**

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## 1.0 DEFINITIONS

1.1 In these conditions save when the context otherwise requires the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

- a) “Sex Establishments”, “Sexual Entertainment Venues”, “Sex Cinema”, “Sex Shop” and “Sex Article” shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Third Schedule of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.
- b) “Premises” means a building or part of a building and any forecourt yard or place of storage used in connection with a building or part of a building which is the subject of licence for a sex establishment granted under the said Third Schedule.
- c) “Approval of the Council” or “Consent of the Council” means the approval or consent of the Council in writing.
- d) “The Council” means the City of York Council.
- e) “Film” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the Films Act 1960-1980.

## 2.0 GENERAL

2.1 In the event of a conflict between these conditions and any special conditions contained in a licence relating to a sex establishment the special conditions shall prevail.

2.2 The grant of a licence for a sex establishment shall not be deemed to convey any approval or consent which may be required under any enactment by law order or regulation other than the Third Schedule of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

## 3.0 TIMES OF OPENING

3.1 Except with the written consent of the council, the premises shall not remain open to the public outside the hours licensed.

## 4.0 CONDUCT AND MANAGEMENT OF SEX ESTABLISHMENTS

4.1 Where a Licensee is a body corporate or an un-incorporated body any change of Director, Company Secretary or other person responsible for the management of the body is to be notified in writing to the Council

within 14 days of such change. Such written details as the Council may require in respect of any new Director, Secretary or Manager are to be furnished within 14 days of a request in writing from the Council.

- 4.2 The Licensee or a responsible person nominated by him in writing for the purpose of managing the sex establishment in his absence and of whom details (including 2 photographs) have been supplied to and approved in writing by the Council shall be in charge of and upon the premises during the whole time they are open to the public. This condition shall be read in conjunction with condition 4.3 below.
- 4.3 The Licensee shall maintain a daily register in which he shall record the name and address of any person who is to be responsible for managing the sex establishments in his unavoidable absence, and the names and addresses of those employed in the sex establishment. The register is to be completed each day within 30 minutes of the sex establishments opening for business and is to be available for inspection by the Police and by authorised officers of the Council.
- 4.4 The name of the person responsible for the management of a sex establishment be he/she the Licensee or a Manager approved by the Council shall be prominently displayed within the sex establishment throughout the period during which he/she is responsible for its conduct.
- 4.5 The Licensee shall retain control over all portions of the premises and shall not let, licence or part with possession of any part of the premises.
- 4.6 The Licensee shall maintain good order in the premises.
- 4.7 No person under the age of 18 shall be admitted to the premises and no person under the age of 18 shall be employed in the business of a sex establishment.
- 4.8 A notice stating that persons under the age of 18 may not enter the premises shall be prominently displayed at the entrance.
- 4.8 The Licensee shall ensure that the public are not admitted to any part or parts of the premises other than those which have been approved by the Council.
- 4.9 No part of the premises shall be used by prostitutes (male or female) for the purposes of solicitation or of otherwise exercising their calling.

- 4.10 Neither the Licensee nor any employee or other person shall seek to obtain custom for the sex establishment by means of personal solicitation outside or in the vicinity of the premises.
- 4.11 The Licensee shall comply with all statutory provisions and any regulations made thereunder.
- 4.12 The Licensee shall ensure that during the hours the sex establishment is open for business every employee wears a badge of a type approved by the Council indicating his name and that he is an employee. In the case of Sexual Entertainment Venues other approved forms of identification maybe accepted.
- 4.13 A copy of the licence and of these conditions shall be exhibited in a prominent place within the premises where the public may see and read them. These displays shall be reproductions to the same scale as those issued by the Council. The copy of the licence required to be displayed as aforesaid shall be suitably framed and the copy of these conditions shall be retained in a clean and legible condition.

## **5.0 USES**

- 5.1 No change of use of any portion of the premises from that approved by the Council shall be made until the consent of the Council has been obtained thereto.
- 5.2 No change between the uses of a sex shop, sex cinema or sexual entertainment venue shall be effected without the consent of the Council.
- 5.3 Neither sex articles nor other things intended for use in connection with, or for the purpose of stimulating or encouraging sexual activity or acts of force or restraint which are associated with sexual activity shall be displayed, sold, hired, exchanged, loaned or demonstrated in a sex cinema.
- 5.4 A sex shop shall be conducted primarily for the purpose of the sale or hire of goods by retail.

## **6.0 GOODS AVAILABLE IN SEX ESTABLISHMENTS**

- 6.1 All sex articles and other things displayed for sale, hire, exchange or loan within a sex shop shall be clearly marked to show to persons who are inside the shop the respective prices being charged.
- 6.2 All printed matter offered for sale, hire, exchange or loan shall be available for inspection prior to purchase and a notice to this effect is to be prominently displayed within the sex establishment.
- 6.3 The Licensee shall, without charge, display and make available in the Licensed Sex Establishment, such free literature on infections, safer sex, local services and other related sexual health issues as may be published by York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust or successor organisation and any other providers as maybe. Such literature is to be displayed in a prominent position approved by the Council adjacent to all cash points in the Licensed Sex Establishment.

## **7.0 APPEARANCE, CONDITION AND LAYOUT OF THE PREMISES**

- 7.1 The Licence Holder shall comply with requirements relating to external appearance of the licensed premises as the Council may consider reasonably necessary. The Licensee shall give prior notice to the Council of any proposed change to the external appearance of the

premises and shall support the prior notice by the submission of detailed drawings to show the proposed changes.

- 7.2 Without prejudice to the generality of condition 7.1 above, no display, advertisement, word, letter, model, sign, placard, board, notice, device, representation, drawing, writing, or any matter or thing (whether illuminated or not) shall be exhibited so as to be visible from outside the premises unless the prior approval of the Council has been received in writing.
- 7.3 The entrance doors to the premises shall be of a material or covered with a material which will render the interior of the premises invisible to passers by.
- 7.4 Windows and openings to the premises other than the entrances shall be obscured in a manner and with such material as may be approved by the Council. Plans and drawings showing the proposed scheme shall be submitted to the Council for prior approval. This condition shall not be construed as lessening the obligation of the Licensee under condition 7.3 hereof.
- 7.5 Lighting in all parts of the premises as approved by the Council shall be in operation continuously during the whole of time that the sex establishment is open to the public.
- 7.6 The number, size and position of all doors or openings provided for the purposes of the ingress and egress of the public shall be approved by the Council and shall comply with the following requirements:
  - a) Access to the premises may only be through 2 or more doors placed consecutively, so arranged that when a person enters or leaves the premises the interior of the premises is not recognisable to persons outside the premises.
  - b) All such doors or openings approved by the Council shall be clearly indicated on the inside by the word "Exit".
  - c) Doors and openings which lead to parts of the premises to which the public are not permitted to have access shall have notices placed over them marked "Private".
  - d) Save in the case of emergency no access shall be permitted through the premises to any unlicensed premises adjoining or adjacent.

- 7.7 The external doors to the sex establishment shall be fitted with a device to provide for their automatic closure and such devices shall be maintained in good working order.
- 7.8 No fastening of any description shall be fitted upon any booth or cubicle within the sex establishment nor shall more than 1 person (including employee be present in any such booth or cubicle at any time).
- 7.9 Alterations or additions either internal or external and whether permanent or temporary to the structure, lighting or layout of the premises shall not be made except with the prior approval of the Council.
- 7.10 All parts of the premises shall be kept in a clean and wholesome condition to the satisfaction of the Council.

## **8.0 ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS FOR SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUES**

- 8.1 The premise will be conducted in a decent, sober and orderly manner at all times. Steps will be taken to ensure that none of the following takes place:
- a. indecent behaviour including sexual intercourse
  - b. the offer of any sexual or other indecent service for reward
  - c. unlawful possession and/or supply of drugs controlled by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.
  - d. any acts of violence against persons or property and/or the attempt or threat of such act likely to cause a breach of the peace.
- 8.2 No one under the age of 18 shall be permitted to enter the premises (or remain on the premises) whilst entertainment of an adult nature is being provided.
- 8.3 All performers shall be over 18 years of age.
- 8.3 Notices to be displayed within the premises and at the entrance informing customers of the "House Rules" that affect them and a warning that "adult entertainment" is provided within the premises.
- 8.4 Written information shall be given to the dancers/entertainers advising them of the house rules for performers and customers and possible consequences of failure to comply.

- 8.5 Adult entertainment shall not take place in a location that could be viewed from outside the premises.
- 8.6 Advertising of adult entertainment either on the premises or otherwise shall not include any photographs or images which indicate that entertainment involving nudity or sexual performance takes place on the premises.
- 8.7 CCTV for both monitoring and recording shall be installed, maintained and operated in accordance with Data Protection guidelines and will cover all areas where dancing takes place. All cameras shall continually record whilst the premises are open to the public and recordings shall be kept for a period of 28 days with times and dates indicated. These recordings shall be kept secure and shall be made available to an authorised officer of the Local Authority or a Police Officer on request.
- 8.8 Performers shall be provided with separate dressing/changing rooms which shall be located so as to be separate and set apart from the public facilities. No person other than performers and authorised staff will be allowed in or near the dressing/changing room. Safe and controlled access to the dressing/changing room will be maintained at all times.
- 8.9 There shall be at least one female member of staff authorised to be responsible for the safety and welfare of the performers.
- 8.10 SIA (Security Industry Authority) registered door supervisors shall be positioned at all entrances to the premises throughout the performance and shall be present in the room/area in which the performance takes place.
- 8.11 Dance entertainment shall be given only by performers/entertainers who are engaged exclusively for that purpose. Audience participation shall not be permitted.
- 8.12 Dance entertainment shall only be performed in the areas of the club as marked on the plans deposited with the Licensing Authority and with the Authority's approval. These areas can only be changed with the approval of the Licensing Authority.



- 8.13 If performers are invited to have a drink with a customer, the performer will remain fully clothed during this period. Performers will not be paid commission on the sale of beverages.
- 8.14 On leaving the premise performers will be escorted to their transport by a door supervisor.
- 8.15 Adult entertainment shall not take place before 9.00 pm.
- 8.16 The premises licence holder shall ensure that the house rules for both customers and performers are strictly adhered to.

## **ANNEX 1**

### **House Rules (Customers)**

1. Dancers may only dance to seated customers.
2. Customers must remain clothed at all times.
3. Dancers must not be touched by the customer while they are dancing except for the placing of gratuities into the hand or garter of the dancer at the beginning or conclusion of the performance.
4. No person shall take any video recordings or photographs by any means of the authorised adult entertainment.
5. No persons other than performers and authorised staff shall be permitted in the dressing/changing rooms.
6. Dancers shall re-dress at the conclusion of the performance.
7. Customers who fail to comply with these rules shall be removed from the premise by the management or security staff
8. No customers shall be admitted to the premises or allowed to remain on the premises if they appear to be intoxicated or unruly.
9. The duty manager and security staff will ensure that all customers and performers adhere to the house rules.

## **ANNEX 2**

### **House Rules (Performers)**

1. All performers shall be over 18 years of age. Prior to engagement all performers will provide documentation that they are aged 18 years or over. Checks will be made to make sure the necessary legal work permits to work in the United Kingdom are in place. Should performers be employed from agencies the same checks will be carried out. Management shall keep written record of these checks which shall be available to authorised officers of the council and the Police.
2. No performer shall be allowed to work, if under the judgement of the management, they appear to be intoxicated or under the influence of illegal substances.
3. No performance shall involve the use of sex articles (as defined in the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982).
4. Performers shall not use any props or clothing in the act which portrays them as a minor.
5. Garters worn for the collection of gratuities shall be situated no higher than mid thigh.
6. Dancers shall re-dress at the conclusion of the performance and are to remain clothed (minimum bikini top and bottoms) at all times except when giving a performance.
7. Performances of adult nature must be restricted to the designated areas.
8. All staff and performers are forbidden to give personal details including real name and address or other contact details of any other performer or staff member to a customer. Performers are strongly advised not to pass their own personal details to customers.
9. The duty manager and security staff will ensure that all customers and performers comply with the house rules.