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Sec. 405.01. License required; definition; certain exceptions.

(a) *License.* No person shall operate a public dance or rental hall in Saint Paul without a license. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no license shall be required under this chapter (i) if the person proposing to operate the dance or rental hall already has an on-sale intoxicating liquor, restaurant, hotel or motel, or entertainment license for the premises at which the dance or rent activities would take place, or (ii) if the dance or rental activities for which a license would be required would take place on the campus or in the facilities of a bona fide elementary or secondary school, vocational or trade school, college or university, or like educational institution.

(b) *Definitions.* "Public dance hall" shall mean and include any room, place or space open to general public patronage in which is carried on dancing wherein the public may participate, whether or not a charge for admission for dancing is made, and a public dance is hereby defined to be one which is or may be attended by the public generally, whether or not a charge for admission for dancing is made.

"Rental hall" shall mean and include any building, room, premises, facility, or portion thereof, which is available for use by any person or persons upon the payment of a fee.

(Code 1956, §§ 405.01, 404.01, 404.08; C.F. No. 95-673, § 1, 7-26-95)

Sec. 405.02. Fee.

The fee shall be set by ordinance according to section 310.09(b) of the Legislative Code.

(Code 1956, § 405.05; Ord. No. 16883, 2-11-82; C.F. No. 95-673, § 2, 7-26-95)

Sec. 405.03. Licensing requirements.

(a) *Application.* In addition to other required information, the applicant shall submit in the application the street number of the building and the floor area wherein it is proposed to conduct said dance or rental hall; the occupation of the applicant for the year next preceding the making of his application; whether or not the applicant has previously conducted a dance or rental hall, and, if so, when and where; whether or not the applicant has ever been convicted of violation of Chapter 570, Laws of 1913, relating to public dance halls, and if convicted, when and where; whether said dance hall or the stairs or passageway leading thereto adjoins any place having so-called "private apartments" or "private rooms" furnished

for other than legitimate purposes, and whether said dance hall has direct communication with any room in which intoxicating liquors are sold or given away.

- (b) *Investigation of premises.* The proposed licensed premises shall be investigated by the director of the department of safety and inspections to determine whether the premises complies with all the requirements and other regulations of the building code.

(Code 1956, § 405.02; C.F. No. 95-673, § 3, 7-26-95; C.F. No. 07-149, § 146, 3-28-07)

Sec. 405.04. Regulations; restrictions.

- (a) *Reports to police.* It is hereby made the duty of every owner or manager of a public dance or rental hall to report to the central police station all dances or concerts to be held in said dance or rental hall at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the holding thereof. The licensee shall cooperate with the police in providing information to the police about the event and the arrangements for it for the purpose of facilitating such security, traffic, and parking measures as may reasonably be required by the police, and shall comply with such requirements.
- (b) *Not to admit certain persons.* No person to whom a license has been issued shall permit to be or to remain in any public dance or rental hall any intoxicated person, any prostitute, any person of known immorality, or any unmarried person under the age of sixteen (16) years unless such person is accompanied by a parent or guardian, nor any unmarried person more than sixteen (16) and under the age of eighteen (18) years unless such is accompanied by a parent or guardian or presents the written consent of his parent or guardian to license holder.
- (c) *Intoxicating liquor prohibited.* It is unlawful to sell any intoxicating liquor at or in connection with any public dance, and no such dance shall be held or conducted in any room or hall opening into or connected with any place where intoxicating liquors are sold or dispensed.
- (d) *Hours.* No public dance shall be held or conducted between the hours of 12:00 a.m. (midnight) and 6:00 a.m. of any day; provided, that no public dance shall be held or conducted on Sunday during the hours preceding 12:00 noon thereof.

(Code 1956, §§ 404.02, 404.04, 404.05, 404.07; C.F. No. 95-673, § 4, 7-26-95)

FOOTNOTE(S):

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Cross reference— Curfew for minors, Ch. 230; provisions regulating liquor and beer, Title XXIV; disorderly houses, Ch. 271; solicitation to vice, Ch. 272; noise regulations, Ch. 293. [\(Back\)](#)