



Legislation Text

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Amending Chapter 427 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code pertaining to exercise only facilities.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1

Section 427.07 (13) of the Saint Paul Legislative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

(13) Exception to on duty staffing rule. An exercise only facility may operate without a staff member on the premises as required by paragraph (11) and (12) above under the following conditions:

a. The exercise only facility must be on the ground level of a commercial or traditional neighborhood zoned building, or on the skyway level with skyway access. The space within the building must be at least five hundred (500) square feet with at least seventy-five (75) square feet of external windows or windows facing the skyway that allow passers by, licensing officials, and police to see clearly into the building and allow members to easily see outside the facility. The facility shall have at least ten (10) cardiovascular exercise machines including but not limited to treadmills, elliptical trainers and stationary bicycles; and at least ten (10) strength training machines. If the exercise only facility is located within a mixed-use building, the facility must install mats or other sound reducing flooring in free weight areas.

(i) The exercise only facility shall contain only the following rooms:

1. One (1) large room containing all fitness equipment.
2. At least one (1) locker room/restroom for female patrons and at least one (1) locker room/restroom for male patrons.
3. No more than one (1) group fitness room in which all interior walls are made up of at least fifty (50) percent clear glass and a door made up of at least ninety (90) percent glass with no window treatment or obstruction to the view of the room in any way. The group fitness room must be sufficiently lit to allow an average person to see facial and other recognizable features on video surveillance recordings anytime a person is inside the room.
4. No more than one (1) office area in which all interior walls are made up of at least fifty (50) percent clear glass and a door made up of at least ninety (90) percent glass with no window treatment or other glass treatment that obstructs the view of the office in any way. The door to the office shall be locked at all times unless an employee is inside the office. Anytime any person is inside the office, the lights to the office shall be on.
5. No more than two (2) rooms containing tanning equipment as defined by section 380.03 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code. The tanning rooms shall be locked at all times unless a staff member is present inside the

facility and performing the duties required by Minn. Stat. § 325H. Members of the exercise only facility shall not have access to tanning equipment or rooms containing tanning equipment unless a staff member is present.

6. A janitor's closet as required under (3) of this section. Janitor's closets in exercise only facilities shall be locked at all times unless an employee or person hired by the exercise only facility is performing janitorial services. Members of the exercise only facility shall not have access to the janitor's closet at any time for any reason.

SECTION 2

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days following its passage, approval and publication.