

ORDINANCE #10

TOWN OF HANOVER

ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen of Hanover, New Hampshire, ordain as follows:

LICENSING OF SHOWS AND DANCES

1. Declaration of Purpose:
2. Title: This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “Licensing of Shows and Dances Ordinance of the Town of Hanover.”
3. Authority: RSA 47:17 and RSA Chapter 286.

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4. Fees for licenses. The following fees shall be paid for licenses required by the provisions of any law relating to the licensing of shows and open-air meetings:
  - A. For each circus or show where feats of agility, horsemanship, sleight of hand or rope dancing are performed, and for menageries where wild beasts are exhibited, the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each day;
  - B. For all carnivals or similar exhibits where merry-go-rounds, ferris wheels, or other mechanical equipment is employed, the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each day;
  - C. For each troupe or company of minstrels or comedians, and for all other theatrical and dramatic exhibitions, and for each panorama, mirror, stereoscopic or moving pictures, with or without sound effects, or other views, the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) for each day exhibited or performed;
  - D. For each and all other exhibitions, wrestling contests, or other shows the Selectmen shall fix the sum to be paid for license fees as they deem best;
  - E. No fee shall be charged for a license to conduct an athletic contest between regularly organized teams;

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4. Fees for Licenses (continued)

- F. No license fee shall be charged for concerts, shows, exhibitions or performances where no admission is charged or which are for the benefit of any religious, social, education, charitable, civic, or fraternal organization, or for the benefit of the students, alumni, or members of such organizations, or which are primarily for educational or other charitable purposes. A license fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall nevertheless be paid as provided in this Ordinance for the conduct of a moving picture theater where admission is charged for more than seventy-five (75) shows per year;
- G. Any license granted without charge under the provisions of this Ordinance may include more than one place and may include more than one time, and the times may be expressed in general terms. Any license granted without charge may be revoked at the pleasure of the Selectmen;
- H. The Selectmen shall determine whether the fee for the license prescribed in this section will, for each event licensed under this section, be adequate to reimburse the Town of Hanover for the extra expense in protecting the health and safety of the public which can reasonably be attributed to the event to be licensed. When the license fee is found to be inadequate, the promoter of the event shall agree to reimburse the Town for the amount of such expense in excess of the license fee and shall furnish a bond for the payment of such amount in a form acceptable to the Selectmen.

5. Licenses for Permanent Theaters, etc. Operators of theaters or places of amusement of a permanent character may be licensed for a period of one year from the first day of January of each year for the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The license shall designate the location of the theater or place of amusement and shall not be transferable.

6. Transfer of License for Permanent Theaters, etc. The Selectmen may grant, without charge, a new license for a theater or place of amusement of a permanent character when the theater or place of amusement is moved to premises other than those designated in the original license and in the new license. The new license shall be for the balance of the term of the original license.

7. Revocation of Licenses. At any time after a license has been issued it may be revoked and canceled by the Selectmen for any violation of law or of any by-law of the Town of Hanover, or if any performance is conducted in a building which does not

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conform with the by-laws or regulations of the Selectmen or of the Town, or if the place licensed is used for criminal purposes. Before any license is revoked or canceled, the holder shall be entitled to a hearing by the Selectmen, and to five days previous written notice of the hearing, except that licenses of a temporary character may be revoked at any time by the Selectmen, in their discretion, without notice.

8. Entry by Selectmen, etc. Any of the Selectmen, a police officer, the Town Manager, or an agent of the Town may enter upon the premises licensed under this Ordinance at reasonable times to ascertain the manner in which the license is exercised and to preserve order.

9. Fines. Any person violating any of the provisions of sections 4 through 8 of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each day that any provisions is violated.

## Part II - Dances

10. License for Dances. Every person or organization holding a dance at any place in the Town of Hanover, except on premises occupied for family residence purposes shall prior thereto obtain written license for the dance from the Selectmen. The license shall specify the time, and place of the dance. Except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, the license shall not include more than one place, but it may include more than one time, and the times may be expressed in general terms and may be revoked at the pleasure of the Selectmen. Licenses for dances where no admission is charged or which are conducted for the benefit of any religious, social, educational, charitable, civic, or fraternal organization, or for the benefit of the students, alumni, or members of such organizations may include more than one place. Any license for the conduct of dances at more than one time or more than one place, or both may be on the condition that the licensee shall give the Chief of Police not less than three days notice of the time and place of any dance at which the attendance of one or more police officers is required by law.

11. Police Officers at Public Dances. No person shall conduct a public dance unless one or more police officers are in attendance. The person conducting the public dance shall pay for the services of the police officers.

12. Fees. The license fee for each dance shall be one dollar (\$1.00), which, together with the fees for the services of any police officers required at the dance, shall be paid in advance to the Town of Hanover. No license fee shall be charged for dances where no admission is charged or which are conducted for the benefit of any religious,  
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social, educational, charitable, civic, or fraternal organization, or for the benefit of the students, alumni, or members of such organizations.

13. Fines. Any person violating any of the provisions of sections 10 through 13 of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than ten dollars (\$10.00) for each day that any provision is violated.

Adopted June, 1980.

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