

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING ADULT BOOKSTORES
CHEROKEE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

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Statutory reference:

Authority to regulate sexually oriented businesses, see G.S. §160A-181.1

§ 1.01 DEFINITIONS

The following words, terms and phrases shall have the specific meaning ascribed to them herein. All other words, terms and phrases shall have their chapter meaning of common usage in the English language:

ADULT BOOKSTORE. A bookstore:

- (1) Which receives a majority of its gross income during a calendar month from the sale of sexually oriented devices and/or the sale or rental of publications (including books, magazines, other periodicals, videotapes, compact discs, other photographic, electronic, magnetic, digital, or other imaging medium) which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis on matter

depicting, describing, or relating to specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas, as defined in this section; or

(2) Having as a preponderance (either in terms of the weight and importance of the material or in terms of greater volume of materials) of its publications (including books, magazines, other periodicals, videotapes, compact discs, other photographic, electronic, magnetic, digital, or other imaging medium) which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis on matter depicting, describing, or relating to specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas, as defined in this section. For purposes of this definition, preponderance means when publications (including books, magazines, other periodicals, videotapes, compact discs, other photographic, electronic, magnetic, digital, or other imaging medium) are given a predominant and far greater importance and emphasis in display or location in the establishment; or

(3) Which has an adult mini-motion picture theater located on the premises.

ADULT MINI-MOTION PICTURE THEATER. An enclosed building or an enclosed area within an adult bookstore with viewing booths designed to hold patrons which is used for presenting motion pictures, a preponderance of which are distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas as defined in this section, for observation by patrons therein.

EMPLOYEE. A person who performs any service on the premises of an adult bookstore on a full-time, part-time, contract basis, or independent basis, whether or not the person is denominated an employee, independent contractor, agent, or otherwise, and whether or not the said person is paid a salary, wage, or other compensation by the operator of said business. "Employee" does not include a person exclusively on the premises for repair or maintenance of the premises or equipment on the premises, or for the delivery of goods to the premises, nor does "employee" include a person exclusively on the premises as a patron or customer.

ESTABLISHMENT. Includes any of the following:

- (1) The opening or commencement of any adult book store as a new business;
- (2) The conversion of an existing business of any type to an adult book store;
- (3) The additions of any sexually oriented business to an adult book store; or
- (4) The relocation of any adult book store.

LICENSED DAY-CARE CENTER. A facility licensed by the state of North Carolina, whether situated within the city 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. A person in whose name a license has been issued, as well as the individual listed as an applicant on the application for a license.

ORDINANCE ADMINISTRATOR. The person charged with administering and enforcing this Ordinance.

PERSON. An individual, proprietorship, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity.

PREMISES. The real property upon which an adult book store is located, and all appurtenances thereto and buildings thereon, including, but not limited to, the adult book store, 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 § 1.05 of this chapter.

SEXUALLY ORIENTED DEVICES. Without limitation, any artificial or simulated specified anatomical area or their device or paraphernalia that is designed principally for specified sexual activities but shall not mean any contraceptive device.

SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS. Any business or enterprises that have as one of their principal business purposes or as a significant portion of their business an emphasis on matter and conduct depicting, describing, or related to anatomical areas and sexual activities as specified in N.C.G.S. 14-202.10. This term may be used interchangeably with “adult establishment”.

SPECIFIED ANATOMICAL AREAS.

(1) Less than completely and opaquely covered:

(a) Human genital, pubic region,

(b) Buttock, or

(c) Female breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola; or

(2) Human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state, even if completely and opaquely covered.

SPECIFIED SEXUAL ACTIVITIES.

(1) Human genitals in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal,

(2) Acts of human masturbation, sexual intercourse or sodomy; or

(3) Fondling or other erotic touching of human genitals, pubic regions, buttocks or female breasts.

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL OF A SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS.

Includes any of the following:

- (1) The sale, lease, or sublease of the business;
- (2) The transfer of securities that form a controlling interest in the business, whether by sale, exchange, or similar means; or
- (3) The establishment of a trust, gift, or other similar legal device that transfers the ownership or control of the business, except for the transfer by bequest or other operation of law.

§ 1.02 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(A) Effective date. This chapter shall take effect and be in force from and after 12:01 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2015.

(B) Amendment. The Board of Commissioners may from time to time amend the terms of this chapter after a public hearing.

(C) Administrative review. Administrative review of any violation issued by the Ordinance Administrator under this chapter may be appealed to the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners within ten working days of the decision rendered by the Ordinance Administrator. The appeal must be in writing and state the reasons for such appeal. A request for a variance must be submitted to the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners in writing.

(D) Administrator. The County Manager of Cherokee County or his/her designee is designated as a public official of the county and shall administer and enforce this chapter.

(E) Any adult bookstore in existence and doing business on the date this Ordinance is approved shall become subject to the provisions of this Ordinance if and when said adult bookstore enlarges the size of its floor plan by 25% or more or the existing adult bookstore is relocated. If ownership of an existing adult bookstore is transferred or conveyed within one (1) year of the date this Ordinance is approved, this Ordinance shall not apply to the subsequent owner(s) of said existing adult bookstore. However, after the initial transfer or conveyance of ownership of the existing adult bookstore, this Ordinance shall apply to any subsequent transfer or conveyance of ownership or any relocation of the existing adult bookstore regardless of when the transfer or conveyance of ownership or relocation takes place.

(F) Statutory Reference. This chapter is enacted in part pursuant to the authority contained in N.C.G.S. 160A-181.1, "Regulation of Sexually Oriented Businesses".

§ 1.03 PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Chapter shall be to set forth the regulatory and licensing requirements for adult bookstores located within Cherokee County. Adult bookstores, because of their very nature, are recognized as having serious objectionable operational characteristics. Studies and

experiences that are relevant to North Carolina have shown that lower property values and increased crime rates tend to accompany and are brought about by adult bookstores. The Cherokee County Board of County Commissioners finds that regulation of these uses is necessary to ensure that these adverse secondary effects do not contribute to the blighting of surrounding neighborhoods and to regulate acts, omissions or conditions detrimental to the health, safety or welfare and the peace and dignity of the County. Regulation to achieve these purposes can be accomplished by the procedures set forth hereinafter.

The provisions of this Chapter have neither the purpose nor effect of imposing a limitation or restriction on the content of any communicative materials, including sexually oriented materials. Similarly, it is not the intent nor effect of this Chapter 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. This Chapter represents a balancing of the legitimate ends of the community by imposing an incidental, content neutral place, time and manner regulation of sexually oriented businesses, without limiting alternative avenues of communication and at the same time, requiring the business to carry its share of financing administrative and enforcement activities.

§ 1.04 JURISDICTION OF ORDINANCE.

The provisions of this Chapter shall be applicable to all unincorporated areas of Cherokee County, but shall not be applicable to and shall not be enforced within the corporate limits of jurisdiction of any municipality in the County.

§ 1.05 APPLICATION FOR LICENSES.

(A) Business license.

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or maintain an adult bookstore in the County unless the owner or operator thereof has obtained a business license to operate an adult bookstore from the County. It shall also be unlawful for any person to operate such business after such license has been revoked or suspended by the County or has expired.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any entertainer to knowingly perform any work, service or entertainment directly related to the operation of an unlicensed adult bookstore within the County.

(3) It shall be prima facie evidence that any adult bookstore that fails to have posted, in the manner required by this Chapter, an adult bookstore business license, has not obtained such a license. In addition, it shall be prima facie evidence that any entertainer who performs any service or entertainment in an adult bookstore in which an adult e bookstore license is not posted, in the manner required by this Chapter, had knowledge that such business was not licensed.

(B) License Classification and Fees.

(1) The term of all business licenses required under this Chapter shall be for a period of 12 months, commencing on the date of issuance of the license. This application for a license shall be accompanied by payment in full of the fees referred to in this Chapter and established by the Board of Commissioners. Payment shall be made by certified or cashier's check or money order. No application shall be considered complete until all such fees are paid.

(2) All business licenses shall be issued for a specific location and/or person and shall be nonrefundable and nontransferable.

(3) The business license fees shall be as set by the Board of Commissioners from time to time and be recorded in the County Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes at which they are set.

(4) A fee in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) shall be paid at the time the application for license is filed or with any application for renewal.

§ 1.06 APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

(A) Adult bookstore business license. All persons desiring to secure a license to conduct, operate or maintain an adult bookstore under the provisions of this Chapter shall make a verified application to the Ordinance Administrator. All applications shall be submitted in the name of the person proposing to conduct, operate or maintain the adult bookstore. All applications shall be submitted on a form supplied by the enforcement officer and shall require the following information:

(1) The applicant's full name and any aliases or other names by which the applicant is known or which the applicant has used at any time, and the residence addresses for the past two years, the business and home telephone numbers, occupation, date and place of birth, social security number, driver's license number, and a recent photograph of the applicant.

(2) (a) The name of the adult bookstore, a description of the adult entertainment to be performed on the licensed premises, the name of the owner of the premises where the adult bookstore will be located, the business address and Cherokee County parcel identification number on which the business resides.

(b) If the persons identified as the fee owner(s) of the tract of land in item (a) is/are not also the owner(s) of the bookstore, then the lease, purchase contract, purchase option contract, lease option contract or other document(s) evidencing the legally enforceable right of the owners or proposed owners of the adult bookstore to have or obtain the use and possession of the tract or portion thereof that is to be used for the purpose of the operation of an adult bookstore.

(c) A current certificate and straight-line drawing prepared within thirty (30) days prior to application by a licensed/registered/public land surveyor or civil engineer depicting the property lines and the structure(s) containing any existing sexually oriented business within 2,640 feet of the property to be certified; the property lines of an established religious institution/church/place of worship/synagogue, a school, a public library, a licensed day care center, a private residence, a private residence or structure used as a home school, an entertainment business that is oriented

primarily towards children, a public park, playground, or recreation area within 2,640 feet of the property to be certified. For purposes of this Section, a use shall be considered existing or established if it is in existence the time an application is submitted.

(d) Any of the criteria above shall not be required for a renewal application if the applicant states that the documents previously furnished the Ordinance Administrator with the original application or previous renewals thereof remain correct and current.

(3) The names, residence addresses for the past two years, social security numbers and dates of births of all partners, if the applicant is a partnership; and if the applicant is a corporation, the same information for all corporate officers, directors, and individuals having a ten (10) percent or greater interest in the corporation.

(4) A statement from the applicant, or from each partner, or from each corporate officer, director, or ten (10) percent shareholder that each such person has not been convicted or, released from confinement for conviction of, or diverted from prosecution on:

(a) A felony criminal act within five years immediately preceding the application, or

(b) A misdemeanor criminal act within two years immediately preceding the application where such felony or misdemeanor criminal act involved sexual offenses, prostitution, promotion of prostitution, sexual abuse of a child, pornography or related offenses as defined in the laws of North Carolina or any other comparable violation of the laws of this state or the laws of any other state.

(5) If the applicant is a corporation, a current certificate of existence issued by the North Carolina Secretary of State.

(6) A statement signed under oath that the applicant has personal knowledge of the information contained in the application and that the information contained therein is true and correct and that the applicant has read the provisions of this Chapter regulating adult bookstores.

(7) All applicants shall submit to fingerprinting by the Cherokee County Sheriff's designated fingerprint technician. The fingerprint cards shall be submitted to the S.B.I. for processing. Returned fingerprint cards and criminal histories shall be kept on file in the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office.

A fee in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be paid to the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department by all applicants to help defray the costs and expenses of fingerprinting said applicant. The fee shall only be made by personal check, business check, money order, certified bank check, or bank money order. Personal checks, or business checks must be drawn on banks having a local branch in Cherokee County. Any dishonored check shall result in the application being denied.

(8) A statement signed under oath that the applicant(s) consents to investigation of his/her background by the County to include fingerprinting and that the applicant(s) agrees to furnish

within ten days at his/her expense, a criminal history from the Clerk of Court of any county in which the applicant has resided during the five (5) preceding years.

Failure to provide the information and documentation required by this subsection shall constitute an incomplete application and it shall not be processed until complete.

(B) Application processing. Upon receipt of a complete application for an adult bookstore license, the Ordinance Administrator shall immediately commence investigation of the application as follows:

(1) In the case of an application for a license for an adult bookstore, the Ordinance Administrator shall:

(a) Transmit a copy of the application to the County Manager, the Board of County Commissioners, and the Director of the Inspections Department.

(b) The Director of the Inspections Department shall report to the Ordinance Administrator and the County Manager no later than 15 working days after the receipt of the application by the Ordinance Administrator whether or not a proposed adult bookstore complies with the requirements of this Chapter and all applicable building, fire, health or similar State or local code(s). In the event that the Director of the Inspections Department fail to report to the Ordinance Administrator within this time period, the Ordinance Administrator shall proceed with processing the application.

(c) The County Sheriff shall report to the Ordinance Administrator no later than 15 working days after the receipt of the application by the County Sheriff the results of his/her investigation of the applicant. In the event that the County Sheriff fails to report to the Ordinance Administrator within this time period, the Ordinance Administrator shall proceed with processing the application.

(d) Upon completion of his/her investigation, payment of the applicable license fee, and upon receipt of the report of the Director of the Inspections Department and the County Sheriff (or upon expiration of the time periods referenced above without receiving a report), the Ordinance Administrator shall determine whether or not a license shall be issued. In no event shall the time period for determination by the Ordinance Administrator exceed 45 working days from the date the application is received by the Ordinance Administrator, unless consented to by the applicant.

(C) Reasons for disapproval. The Ordinance Administrator must deny the license application for one or more of the following reasons:

(1) The license application is incomplete so as to not contain all information required by this Chapter.

(2) The applicant (including any partners, corporate officers, directors, and shareholders where applicable), has been convicted of a crime in the local, state or federal court systems for any violations listed in this section.

(3) The applicant (including any partners, corporate officers, directors, and shareholders where applicable), has made false or fraudulent statements in the application, evidence of which is disclosed by a County background investigation or by any other lawful means.

(4) The application for an adult bookstore does not meet the requirements of this Chapter.

(D) Notice of approval or disapproval.

(1) Upon a determination by the Ordinance Administrator of the disapproval or approval of the application, the Ordinance Administrator shall notify the applicant by personal delivery or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address of the applicant as shown on the application. In the event that the application is disapproved, the notification shall state the basis for such disapproval.

(2) In the event an application is disapproved, the applicant shall have 30 days from the receipt of the notice of disapproval to appeal that determination in writing and citing reasons for such appeal to the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners.

(E) Changes to application. All applicants shall notify the Ordinance Administrator of any changes to the application within five working days of the date the change occurs.

§ 1.07 PROHIBITED ACTS AND CONDUCT.

(A) No person under the age of 21 years shall be permitted on the premises of any adult bookstore as patron or as an employee.

(B) No person under the age of 21 years shall be granted a business license to own or operate an adult bookstore business.

(C) No owner, operator, manager, employee, independent contractor, nor any customer or patron shall expose any specified anatomical areas while on the premises of the adult bookstore.

(D) No owner, operator, manager or employee shall mix, dispense, serve or sell any alcoholic beverage in an adult bookstore unless the adult bookstore has first obtained any and all necessary and required State and/or local permits and licenses for mixing, dispensing, serving or sale of alcoholic beverages.

(E) No owner, operator, manager or other person in charge of the premises of an adult entertainment premises shall knowingly allow or permit any person under the age of 21 years to be in or upon the premises or knowingly allow or permit a violation of this Ordinance.

§ 1.08 INSPECTIONS.

(A) To insure compliance with this Ordinance, every adult bookstore shall be subject to be inspected by a County building inspector or other County officer charged with enforcing this Ordinance during normal business hours. No inspection shall be conducted so as to unreasonably interfere with the lawful business operations of the adult bookstore. No inspection shall be conducted so as to unreasonably interfere with the lawful customers of the adult bookstore.

(B) To insure compliance with the applicable laws of the State of North Carolina, every adult bookstore shall be subject to be inspected by a State or County law enforcement officer or the County Ordinance Administrator or his designee. No inspection shall be conducted so as to unreasonably interfere with the lawful business operations of the adult bookstore. No inspection shall be conducted so as to unreasonably interfere with the lawful customers of the adult bookstore.

(C) Every person, corporation or partnership licensed under this Chapter as an adult bookstore shall post such license in a conspicuous place and manner of the adult establishment bookstore.

(D) Any other business license required for the conducting of business or the sale of any item or merchandise in the adult bookstore shall be posted in a conspicuous place and manner of the adult establishment bookstore.

§ 1.09 SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES.

(A) The Ordinance Administrator shall conduct a hearing to determine whether or not a license should be suspended or revoked, with the hearing conducted within ten working days of his/her knowledge that:

(1) The owner or operator of an adult bookstore or the holder of a license as an entertainer has violated, or knowingly allowed or permitted the violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter; or

(2) There have been recurrent violations of provisions of this Chapter that have occurred under such circumstances that the owner or operator of an adult bookstore knew or should have known that such violations were committed; or

(3) The license was obtained through false statements in the application for such license or renewal thereof; or

(4) The license has been materially altered or defaced or is being or was used by a person other than the license holder or at a location other than that identified on the license or for a use or type other than that for which the license was issued; or

(5) The licensee failed to make a complete disclosure of all information in the application for such license, or renewal thereof; or

(6) The owner or operator, or any partner, or any corporate officer or director holding an adult bookstore license has become disqualified from having a license by a conviction as provided in this Chapter; or

(7) The holder of an entertainer license has become disqualified from having a license by a conviction as provided in this Chapter.

(B) At the hearing, the licensee shall have an opportunity to be heard, to present evidence and to be represented by an attorney. Based on the evidence produced at the hearing, the Ordinance Administrator shall take, within five working days after the hearing, any of the following actions:

(1) Suspend the license for up to 90 days; or

(2) Revoke the license; or

(3) Place the license holder on administrative probation for a period of up to one year, on the conditions that no further violations of this Chapter occur during the period of probation; or

(4) Take no action.

(C) The Ordinance Administrator shall provide written notice of his/her decision to the applicant by certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice shall be sent immediately after the Ordinance Administrator determines what action to take, as described above.

(D) In the event of suspension or revocation of the license or the placement on administrative probation, the licensee shall have the right to appeal that determination to the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners within 30 days of receipt of the notice of suspension, revocation or probation.

§ 1.10 LICENSE RENEWAL

(A) A license may be renewed by making application to the Ordinance Administrator on application forms provided for that purpose. Any license issued under this Chapter shall expire as of the end of the 12 month period from the date of its issuance, and renewal applications for such licenses shall be submitted no sooner than 45 days prior to expiration and not later than the county business day immediately preceding the date of expiration of the license.

(B) Upon timely and proper application for renewal and the payment in full of the license fee, the Ordinance Administrator shall issue to the applicant a receipt showing the date of the renewal application and granting to the applicant a temporary extension of the license for a period of 45 days or until the application for renewal is approved or disapproved. Any license issued under the provisions of this Chapter may be renewed by issuance of a new license for an additional 12 month period. All applications for renewal of license shall be processed in the manner provided for the issuance of the initial license.

(C) The terms and conditions of this section LICENSE RENEWAL shall not apply to any adult bookstore in existence and doing business on the date this Ordinance is approved or if ownership of the existing adult bookstore is transferred or conveyed within one (1) year of the date this Ordinance is approved. However, after the initial transfer or conveyance of ownership of the existing adult bookstore, this Ordinance shall apply to any subsequent transfer or conveyance of ownership or any relocation of the existing adult bookstore regardless of when the transfer or conveyance of ownership or relocation takes place.

§ 1.11 TRANSFER OF LICENSE.

A licensee shall not transfer his/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 in the application.

§ 1.12 LOCATION RESTRICTIONS.

Adult bookstores and/or adult mini-motion picture theaters are permitted in Cherokee County provided that:

(A) Adult bookstores and/or adult mini-motion picture theaters may not be located or operated within 2,640 feet of:

- (1) A church, synagogue or house (regular place) of worship;
- (2) A public, charter or private elementary or secondary school, or a structure, i.e. private homes or other buildings, in which children are home-schooled;
- (3) A public library;
- (4) A single-family, two family or multi-family dwelling;
- (5) A public park or playground;
- (6) A licensed day-care center;
- (7) An entertainment business that is oriented primarily towards children;
- (8) Another adult bookstore or a sexually oriented business as defined in the County's Ordinance Regulating Adult Entertainment Establishments.

(B) For the purpose of this Chapter, measurement shall be made in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures or objects, from the nearest portion of the building or structure used as part of the premises where a sexually oriented business is conducted, to the nearest property line of the premises of any use listed in § 1.12(A).

(C) If any commercial business which does not qualify as an adult bookstore as defined herein and which has not previously operated an adult section in said business, installs or adds an adult book section to said business, the new adult book section shall be set off and set apart from the remaining portion of the commercial business so that access may be limited to persons over 21 years.

(D) Any new or existing adult book section in any commercial business which does not qualify as an adult bookstore as defined herein shall be constructed or configured in such a way or manner that the contents of the adult book section is not visible to the public.

§1.13 NON-CONFORMING USE.

Any non-conforming use existing at the time of adoption of this Chapter may not be enlarged, expanded or altered in any way without complying with the provisions of this Chapter.

§1.14 AGE RESTRICTIONS.

(A) No person who is less than 21 years of age or younger shall be allowed or permitted to enter or remain inside the premises of an adult bookstore.

(B) No person who is less than 21 years of age or younger shall be allowed or permitted to buy or purchase any materials, books, videos, films or other merchandise from an adult bookstore in person or by electronic communication.

§ 1.15 REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO ADULT BOOKSTORES, THE EXHIBITION OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT FILMS, VIDEOS, AND LIVE PERFORMANCES IN ADULT BOOKSTORES.

(A) A person who operates or causes to be operated a adult bookstore which exhibits on the premises in a viewing room of less than one hundred fifty (150) square feet of floor space, a film, video cassette, other video reproduction, or live performance that depicts specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas, shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) Upon application for a adult bookstore license, the application shall be accompanied by a diagram of the premises showing a plan thereof specifying the location of one or more manager's stations and the location of all overhead lighting fixtures and designating any portion of the premises in which patrons will not be permitted. A manager's station may not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet of floor area. The diagram shall also designate the place at which the business license will be conspicuously posted, if granted. A professionally prepared diagram in the nature of an engineer's or architect's blueprint shall not be required; however, each diagram should be oriented to the North or to some designed street or object and should 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 (6) inches. The Ordinance Administrator 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) The application shall be sworn to be true and correct by the applicant.
- (3) No alteration in the configuration or location of a manager's station may be made without the prior approval of the Ordinance Administrator or his designee.
- (4) It is the duty of the owners and operator of the premises to ensure that at least one employee is on duty and situated in each manager's station at all times that any patron is present inside the premises.
- (5) The interior of the premises shall be configured in such a manner that there is an unobstructed view from a manager's station of the entire area of the premises to which any patron is permitted access for any purpose excluding restrooms. Restrooms may not contain video reproduction equipment. If the premises has two or more manager's stations designed, then the interior of the premises shall be configured in such a manner that there is an unobstructed view of the entire area of the premises to which any patron is permitted access for any purpose from at least one of the manager's stations. The view required in this subsection must be by direct line of sight from the manager's station.
- (6) It shall be the duty of the owners and operator, and it shall also be the duty of any agents and employees present in the premises, to ensure that the view area specified in § 1.17(5) remains unobstructed by any doors, walls, merchandise, display racks or other materials at all times and to ensure that no patron is permitted access to any area of the premises that has been designated as an area in which patrons will not be permitted in the application filed pursuant to § 1.17(1).
- (7) No viewing room or station may be occupied or used by more than one person at any time.
- (8) The 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-candle as measured at the floor level.
- (9) It shall be the duty of the owners and operator, and it shall also be the duty of any agents and employees present in the premises, to ensure that the illumination described above is maintained at all times that any patron is present in the premises.
- (10) No licensee shall allow an opening of any kind to exist between viewing rooms or booths.
- (11) No person shall make or attempt to make an opening of any kind between viewing booths or rooms.
- (12) The operator of the adult bookstore shall, during each business day, inspect the walls between the viewing booths to determine if any openings or holes exist.
- (13) The operator of the adult bookstore shall cause all floor coverings in viewing booths to be nonporous, easily cleanable surfaces, with no rugs or carpeting.
- (14) The operator of the adult bookstore shall cause all wall surfaces and ceiling surfaces in viewing booths to be constructed of, or permanently covered by, nonporous, easily cleanable

material. No wood, plywood, composition board or other porous material shall be used within forty-eight (48) inches of the floor.

(15) Any person employed in an adult bookstore must be 21 years of age or older.

(B) A person having a duty under § 1.16(1) through § 1.16(14) is in violation of this Ordinance if he/she knowingly fails to fulfill that duty.

§ 1.16 EXTERIOR PORTIONS OF ADULT BOOKSTORE.

(A) It shall be unlawful for an owner or operator of a adult bookstore to allow the merchandise or activities of the bookstore to be visible from a point outside the bookstore.

(B) It shall be unlawful for the owner of operator of an adult bookstore to allow the exterior portion of the adult bookstore to have flashing lights, or any words, lettering, photographs, silhouettes, drawings, or pictorial representations of any manner except to the extent permitted by the provisions of this Chapter.

(C) It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of an adult bookstore to allow exterior portions of the bookstore to be painted any color other than a single achromatic color. This provision shall not apply to a adult bookstore if the following conditions are met:

(1) The bookstore is a part of a commercial multi-unit center; and

(2) The exterior portions of each individual unit in the commercial multi-unit center, including the exterior portions of the business, are painted the same color as one another or are painted in such a way so as to be a component of the overall architectural style or pattern of the commercial multi-unit center.

(D) Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to require the painting of an otherwise unpainted exterior portion of an adult bookstore.

(E) A violations of any provision of this Section shall constitute a violation of this Chapter.

§ 1.17 SIGNAGE.

(A) It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator an any adult bookstore or any other person to erect, construct, or maintain any sign for the adult bookstore other than the one (1) primary sign and one (1) attached sign, as provided herein.

(B) Primary signs shall have no more than two (2) display surfaces. Each such display surface shall:

(1) not contain any flashing lights;

(2) be a flat plane, rectangular in shape;

(3) not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area; and

(4) not exceed twenty (20) feet in height.

(C) Primary signs shall contain no photographs, silhouettes, drawings, or pictorial representations in any manner, and may contain only the name of the enterprise.

(D) Each letter forming a word on a primary sign shall be of solid color, and each such letter shall be the same print-type, size and color. The background behind such lettering on display surface of a primary sign shall be of a uniform and solid color.

(E) Attached signs shall have only one (1) display surface. Such display surface shall:

(1) be a flat plane, rectangular in shape;

(2) not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area;

(3) not exceed four (4) feet in height and eight (8) feet in width; and

(4) be directly affixed or attached to any wall or door of the enterprise.

(F) The provisions of § 1.17(B)(1) and § 1.17(C) and § 1.17(D) shall also apply to secondary signs.

(G) Adult entertainment businesses shall be permitted to advertise using any type of sign off the premises where the adult entertainment business is located.

(H) Any new or existing adult book section in any commercial business which does not qualify as an adult bookstore shall be identified as "the adult book section" and shall have a sign posted which states that no one under the age of 21 years shall be admitted to "the adult book section".

§ 1.18 HOURS OF OPERATION.

No adult bookstore may remain open at any time between the hours of one o'clock (1:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) a.m. on weekdays and Saturdays, and one o'clock (1:00) a.m. and twelve o'clock (12:00) p.m. on Sundays.

§ 1.19 NOTICES.

(A) Any notice required or permitted to be given by the Ordinance Administrator or any other County office, division, department or other agency under this Chapter to any applicant, operator or owner of a adult bookstore may be given either by personal delivery or by certified United States mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed to the most recent address as specified in the application for the license, or any notice of address change that has been received by the Ordinance Administrator. Notices mailed as above shall be deemed given upon their

deposit in the United States mail. In the event that any notice given by mail is returned by the postal service, the Ordinance Administrator or his designee shall cause it to be posted at the principal entrance to the bookstore.

(B) Any notice required or permitted to be given to the Ordinance Administrator by any person under this Chapter shall not be deemed given until and unless it is received in the office of the Ordinance Administrator.

(C) It shall be the duty of each owner who is designated on the license application and each operator to furnish notice to the Ordinance Administrator in writing of any change of residence or mailing address.

§ 1.20 INJUNCTION.

A person who operates or causes to be operated an adult bookstore without a valid business license or in violation of this Chapter is subject to a suit for injunction as well as prosecution for criminal violations. Each day an adult bookstore so operates is a separate offense or violation.

§ 1.21 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

(A) Public entrances to adult bookstores and adult mini-motion picture theaters as defined in Section 1.01 shall be located only in the immediate front of the establishment and must be visible from a paved county road and/or the parking lot associated with the business. Allowing entry of patrons through fire exits, emergency exits or through any entry point not visible from a paved county road and/or parking lot is prohibited. This shall not preclude or prohibit emergency exits as required by applicable law and fire code.

(B) Adult bookstores and adult mini-motion picture theaters are required to have adequate parking for patrons in front of and/or on the sides of building. Patrons shall not be permitted to park behind business premises.

(C) Loitering and congregating behind an adult bookstore or an adult mini-motion picture theaters outside of public view is strictly prohibited.

§ 1.22 COMPATIBILITY WITH THE ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ORDINANCE. Nothing herein shall be deemed or interrupted to conflict with the provisions of the County's Ordinance Regulating Adult Entertainment Establishments. Any conflict between this Ordinance and the County's Ordinance Regulating Adult Entertainment Establishments shall be resolved in favor of the County's Ordinance Regulating Adult Entertainment Establishments.

§ 1.23 CONFLICTING ORDINANCES REPEALED.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances, other than the County's Ordinance Regulating Adult Entertainment Establishments, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

§ 1.24 EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this Ordinance in Cherokee County shall be 12:01 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2015.

This Ordinance is enacted, this the 21st day of September, 2015



C.B. McKinnon, Chairman
Cherokee County Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:



Maria Hass, Clerk
Cherokee County Board of County Commissioners