

Standard Conditions applicable to Sex Establishments consisting of Sex Shops, Sex Cinemas or Sexual Entertainment Venues

Southampton City Council, in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 13 of Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 hereby make the following Regulations prescribing standard conditions applicable to licences for sex establishments.

Interpretation

In these Regulations the following expressions that is to say “Sex Establishment”, “Sex Shop”, “Sex Cinema”, “Sexual Entertainment Venue”, “Sex Article”, and “Vessel” shall have the meanings respectively assigned by Schedule 3 of the Act (and where amended by Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009).

In these Regulations the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them namely:

“the Act” means the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, as amended.

“the council” means Southampton City Council and/or any authorised officer acting on behalf of the Council.

“the premises” means any premises, vehicle, vessel or stall licensed under the Act.

“licence holder” means a person who is the holder of a sex establishment licence.

“permitted hours” means the hours during which the licensed premises are permitted to be open to the public.

“licence” means a licence granted pursuant to Schedule 3 of the Act.

Part One – General Conditions

1. Management of Premises

- 1.1. The Licence holder, or some responsible person nominated by him and approved in writing by the council for the purpose of managing the sex establishment (“the manager”), shall have personal responsibility for and be present on the premises at all times when the premises are open to the public.
- 1.2. In accordance with section 14 of the 1982 Act, the Licence holder shall display, on the licensed premises in a conspicuous position, a copy of the licence and/or any special conditions attached.
- 1.3. The name of the person responsible for the management of the sex establishment, whether the licence holder or manager, shall be displayed in a conspicuous position within the premises throughout the period during which he is responsible for the conduct of the premises.
- 1.4. The licence holder shall retain control over all parts of the licensed premises as set out on the approved premises plan and shall not let or part with possession of any part.
- 1.5. No person under the age of 18 shall be admitted to the premises and rigorous identity checks SHALL be made on any person who appears to be under the age of 18.
- 1.6. To ensure compliance of 5 above, the licence holder shall exhibit appropriate warning notices as to the minimum age requirements on both the exterior (frontage) door and also conspicuously on the appropriate inner lobby door.
- 1.7. No person under the age of 18 shall be employed to work at the premises in any capacity or shall be allowed to work at the premises on a self-employed basis.
- 1.8. Neither the Licence holder nor any employee or agent shall tout or solicit custom for the sex establishment immediately outside or in the vicinity of the licensed premises.
- 1.9. Where the Licence holder is a body corporate or an unincorporated body, any change of director, or other person responsible for the management of the body is to be notified in writing to the council within 14 days of any such change. In addition, the Licence holder shall provide any details as the council may require in respect of any new director, officer or manager upon request in writing from the council.

2. Conduct of the Premises

- 2.1. No change from one type of sex establishment to another shall be made without the written consent of the council.
- 2.2. No part of the premises shall be used by prostitutes for the purpose of solicitation or otherwise exercising their calling.

3. Premises Interior and Layout

- 3.1. The premises layout shall comply with deposited plans unless otherwise approved in writing by the council.
- 3.2. No alterations, additions or modifications to either the internal or external parts of the licensed premises shall be made without the prior written consent of the council.
- 3.3. External doors shall be closed at all times other than when persons are entering or leaving the premises. The external doors shall be fitted with a device to provide for their automatic closure and such devices shall be maintained in good working order.
- 3.4. The premises shall be fitted with an inner entrance lobby door or partition screen so that no part of the interior of the premises or any of the contents of the premises shall be visible when persons are entering or leaving the premises.

- 3.5. No access shall be permitted through the premises to any other premises adjoining or adjacent except in the case of emergency.
- 3.6. No part of the interior of the licensed premises shall be visible whatsoever to persons outside the premises.
- 3.7. No external advertising, words, signs, displays or illuminations shall be permitted unless previously approved by the council.
- 3.8. The external fabric, appearance and look of the licensed premises shall consist of materials and colours approved by the council in order to:
 - 3.8.1. Ensure that the frontage is of a discreet nature
 - 3.8.2. Ensure that it is appropriate to the character of the locality.

4. CCTV

- 4.1. A recording CCTV system shall be installed and fully operational whilst the venue is open to the public.
- 4.2. The recording equipment will be stored and operated in a secure environment with limited access, to avoid damage, theft, unauthorised viewing and to maintain the integrity of the system.
- 4.3. A record will be kept of any access made to information held on the system.
- 4.4. The system will be serviced at twelve monthly intervals and maintained to a standard that is acceptable to the police licensing department responsible for the area. A record of service and maintenance completed shall be held for a minimum of three years at the premises.
- 4.5. The system clock will be checked regularly for accuracy taking account of GMT and BST.
- 4.6. An additional recording CCTV camera shall be installed and fully operational whilst the venue is open to the public to cover the area outside the front of the premises.
- 4.7. The CCTV system will have sufficient storage capacity for 31 days of good evidential quality images.

5. CCTV Access

- 5.1. Police and authorised officers of the council shall have access to data from the systems quickly and easily and therefore provision will be made for the licensee or a member of staff to have access to the secure area and also be able to operate the equipment and to supply footage in a format which can be easily viewed by police or council officers.
- 5.2. All operators will receive training from the installer when equipment is installed and this training will be cascaded down to new members of staff.
- 5.3. An operator's manual will be available to assist in replaying and exporting data.
- 5.4. The premises shall not be operated pursuant to the grant of a licence until such time as the CCTV System has been approved by the Police. The CCTV must be maintained in a satisfactory working condition and subject to police approval in order to remain operating under the licence.

6. General

- 6.1. The Licence holder shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure public safety on the premises and shall comply with any reasonable request made by the council.
- 6.2. The council may substitute, delete, vary or amend these conditions at any time.

Part Three – Additional Conditions for Premises Operating as Sexual Entertainment Venues

10. External Appearance of the Premises and Public Displays of Information

- 10.1. The exterior of the premises shall not contain any displays or depictions of the human form, or any imagery that suggests or indicates relevant entertainment takes place at the premises, or other language stating the nature of such activities, including use of the word “nude”. The condition does not prevent the use of the words “Licensed Sexual Entertainment Venue” on a single plate in characters no higher than 10 cm at the entrance to the premises.
- 10.2. Any external displays or advertising may only be displayed with the prior approval of the Council.
- 10.3. The prices for entrance and any compulsory purchases within the venue shall be clearly displayed on the exterior of the premises.
- 10.4. All charges for products and services shall be displayed in prominent areas within the premises, and at each customer table and in the bar area.
- 10.5. Rules for customers shall be displayed in prominent areas within the premises, and at each customer table and in the bar area.
- 10.6. No charge shall be applied unless the customer has been made aware of the tariff of charge by the performer in advance of the performance.
- 10.7. Performers may not stand in any lobby, reception or foyer areas or outside the premises entrance for the purposes of greeting customers or encouraging customers to enter the venue.
- 10.8. The use of cruising cars by the premises to solicit for custom and/or transport people to or from the premises is prohibited.
- 10.9. The use of flyers and similar promotional material for the premises is prohibited.

11. Control of Entry to the Premises

- 11.1. The Challenge 25 proof of age scheme shall be operated at the premises whereby any person suspected of being under 25 years of age shall be required to produce identification proving they are over 18 years of age. The only acceptable forms of identification are recognised photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence or passport.

OR at the discretion of the Licensing Authority in individual circumstances the following condition may be applied:

- 11.2. All persons entering the premises must supply verifiable identification details that are passed through a digital scanning and recording system such as Club Scan, Idvista or similar computerised system.
- 11.3. The premises shall maintain a Refusals log whereby any occasion a person is refused entry shall be recorded and available upon request by the Police or an authorised officer of the council.
- 11.4. All individuals employed on the premises to conduct a security activity (within the meaning of paragraph 2(1) (a) of Schedule 2 to the Private Security Act 2001) must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority.
- 11.5. Any person who appears to be drunk / intoxicated or under the influence of illegal drugs shall not be permitted entrance to the premises.
- 11.6. A policy of random searches of persons entering the premises shall be operated.

- 11.7. Any person found to be in possession of illegal drugs upon entry shall be prevented entry and, where possible, restrained until the Police can take such person into custody. Any persons found using illegal drugs on the premises shall be removed from the premises or, where possible, restrained until the Police can take such person into custody.
- 11.8. The licensed premises shall be so arranged by screening or obscuring windows, doors and other openings so that the interior of the licensed premises shall not be visible to persons outside the building.
- 11.9. The premises shall subscribe to an approved radio system and radios shall be operational at all times the premises is open to the public.

12. Conduct of Performers and Rules relating to performances of sexual entertainment

- 12.1. There shall be a written code of conduct for performers that has been agreed in writing by the Licence holder, the council and the Police.
- 12.2. All performers shall be required to certify their agreement to comply with the code and a record shall be kept on the premises and be made available upon request by the Police or an authorised officer of the council. The code shall include the basic criteria as set out in Appendix B to this policy.
- 12.3. No changes shall be made to the Dancer's Code of Conduct without the prior written consent of the council and the Police.
- 12.4. The Dancer's Code of Conduct must include a statement that any dancer who does not comply with the Code of Conduct will face disciplinary proceedings.
- 12.5. All management and staff (including security staff) must be aware of and familiar with the content of the Dancer's Code of Conduct and shall ensure it is complied with at all times.
- 12.6. A copy of the Dancer's Code of Conduct shall be prominently displayed in each area of the premises where the public have access, which shall include toilet areas as well as in any area used as a changing/dressing room for dancers.

13. Code of Conduct for Customers

- 13.1. There shall be a written Code of Conduct for Customers that has been agreed in writing by the Licence holder, the council and the Police.
- 13.2. The code shall include the basic criteria as set out in Appendix C to this policy.
- 13.3. The Code of Conduct for Customers shall be displayed in prominent positions throughout the licensed premises so that it is visible to all patrons.
- 13.4. No changes shall be made to the Code of Conduct for Customers without the prior written consent of the council and the Police.
- 13.5. The Code of Conduct shall include a statement that any customers who fail to comply with the Code of Conduct will be required to leave the premises.
- 13.6. All management and staff (including security staff) must be aware of and familiar with the content of the Code of Conduct for Customers and shall ensure it is complied with at all times.
- 13.7. On any occasion whereby a customer breaches the Code of Conduct, such details shall be recorded in the incident log.
- 13.8. Any customer breaching the rules of the Code of Conduct shall be asked to leave the premises. Any customer who has previously been asked to leave the premises and again breaches the Code of Conduct shall be banned from the premises.

14. Disciplinary Procedure for Performers

- 14.1. The Licence holder shall ensure that a written disciplinary procedure is in force so as to

take appropriate action against performers who breach the Code of Conduct and that a copy of the procedure is provided to each performer who works at the premises.

- 14.2. All performers shall sign an acknowledgement that they have received a written copy of the disciplinary procedure and have read and understood its contents.
- 14.3. Any disciplinary procedure shall NOT make any provision for financial penalties against performers who breach the disciplinary procedure. Any sanctions shall be limited to verbal or written warnings, suspension or revocation of the performer's right to dance at the premises.

15. The Protection of Performers and the Prevention of Crime on the Premises

- 15.1. Performers shall be provided with secure and private changing facilities.
- 15.2. All entrances to private areas to which members of the public are not permitted access shall have clear signage stating that access is restricted.
- 15.3. Any exterior smoking area for use by performers shall be kept secure and separate to any public smoking area.
- 15.4. The Licence holder shall implement a written policy to ensure the safety of performers when leaving the premises following any period of work.
- 15.5. Private booths must not be fully enclosed. There must be a clear sight-line from outside the booth so that any performance of sexual entertainment can be directly monitored.
- 15.6. There must be a minimum of one member of security staff present on any floor where a performance of sexual entertainment is taking place.
- 15.7. Any private booths shall be fitted with a panic button or security alarm.

16. Record Keeping and Management

- 16.1. All performers shall be required to provide valid identification prior to first employment at the premises. Acceptable forms of identification are recognised photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence, passport or national ID card.
- 16.2. All performers and staff shall be eligible to work in the UK and proof of eligibility records shall be kept on the premises. Management shall ensure that such records are regularly checked to ensure compliance.
- 16.3. Employment records for performers and staff shall be kept for a minimum of 6 months following the cessation of their employment.
- 16.4. Accurate payment and remuneration records shall be maintained and shall be made available upon request to the Police or an authorised officer of the Council. All fees and charges for performers shall be stated in writing and prominently displayed within the changing area.
- 16.5. No films may be shown at the premises unless they have been passed by the British Board of Film Classification. No films classified as R18 shall be shown on the premises.

17. Dress Code

- 17.1. The premises shall operate a dress code for customers to the satisfaction of the Police.

Sexual Entertainment Venues – Code of Conduct for Dancers

The Dancer's Code of Conduct shall include the following conditions as a minimum standard:

- There shall be no intentional physical contact between performers and customers at any time, before, during or after the performance, with the exception of leading a customer by the hand to, or from, an area permitted for performances of sexual entertainment in advance of, or following, a performance.
- The performer may not simulate any sexual act during a performance.
- Performers must not use any inappropriate, lewd, suggestive or sexually graphic language in any public or performance areas of the premises.
- Performers must not touch the breasts or genitalia of another performer, at any time as part of a performance.
- There shall be no use of sex articles (as defined by paragraph 4(3) of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982) at any time.
- There shall be no nudity by performers in public areas of the premises, unless the Council has agreed in writing that area may be used for performances of sexual entertainment.
- Performers must fully dress (i.e. no nudity) at the end of each performance.
- Performances of sexual entertainment may only take place in designated areas of the premises as agreed in writing by the Council.
- There shall be no photography permitted by customers on the premises.
- Customers must remain seated for the duration of a performance.
- Performers shall not arrange to meet, or have further contact with, customers outside of the premises.
- Dancers shall not perform if under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- All dancers shall comply with this Code of Conduct. Any failure to adhere to the rules set out in Code shall result in the dancer becoming subject to the consideration of disciplinary action as set out in the Disciplinary Procedure.

Sexual Entertainment Venues – Code of Conduct for Customers

The Customer's Code of Conduct shall include the following conditions as a minimum standard:

- Customers may not touch dancers during a performance.
- Customers may not make lewd or offensive comments to performers.
- Customers must not harass or intimidate performers.
- Customers must not ask dancers to perform any sexual favour.
- Customers may not perform acts of masturbation or indulge in other sexual behaviour.
- Any customer failing to comply with this Code of Conduct will be asked to leave the premises and may face a time-limited or permanent ban from attending the premises.