



CITY OF HOUSTON

Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department
Commercial Permitting & Enforcement Section

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TO OPERATE A DANCE HALL Short Form

(Print or Type)

Date: _____

Name: _____ E-Mail Address: _____
FIRST M.I. LAST

Residence: _____

Residence Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Address of Business: _____
STREET # STREET NAME SUITE / BLDG / UNIT ZIP CODE
(IF APPLICABLE)

Date of Birth: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____
MONTH DAY YEAR FT. IN. LBS.

Place of Birth: _____ Race: _____
CITY STATE

Residence (Last 10 Years): _____

I hereby certify that I am familiar with the ordinance provisions of the City of Houston, regulating Dance Hall therein:

Signature of Applicant

Texas Driver's License or I.D.

For Office Use Only

The applicant is in compliance with all laws and ordinances of the City of Houston regulating health and sanitation; all fire regulations and the building code of the City of Houston.

Chief of Police _____

Building Inspector (or designee) _____

Fire Marshall (or designee) _____

Director of Public Health (or designee), if required: _____

- Review by Health Department Required
- Review by Health Department Not Required



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SUMMARY OF DANCE HALL REGULATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Sec. 5-51. Minors in Class A halls.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any minor to enter or be in attendance in a Class A dance hall between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., unless the minor is in the visible presence of the minor's parent, spouse or legally appointed guardian who is 18 years of age or older.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for the licensee or operator of a dance hall to suffer, allow or permit a minor to enter or be in attendance in the dance hall between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., unless the minor is in the visible presence of the minor's parent, spouse or legally appointed guardian who is 18 years of age or older.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person who is not the parent, spouse or legally appointed guardian of a minor to represent himself as the parent, spouse or legally appointed guardian of the minor for the purpose of enabling the minor to enter or to be in attendance in a dance hall.

(Code 1968, § 36-39; Ord. No. 98-986, § 3, 11-4-98; Ord. No. 09-398, § 6, 5-13-09)

Sec. 5-52. Suffering or permitting illegal conduct.

It shall be unlawful for the operator of a public dance hall to permit or suffer any activity or conduct therein that is illegal, including without limitation, public intoxication, prostitution, promotion of prostitution, gambling, obscenity, disorderly conduct, or consumption of alcohol in a public place during hours prohibited by state law.

(Code 1968, § 36-40; Ord. No. 99-1085, § 3, 10-6-99)

Sec. 5-53. Sleeping rooms prohibited.

No dance hall shall have in any way connected with it any room or rooms equipped or fitted in any way as sleeping rooms which are open to or let to the patrons of such dance hall, or to the public, with or without a charge being made therefor, except hotels having more than 100 rooms, and except rooms used as living quarters for employees and club members only.

(Code 1968, § 36-41)

Sec. 5-56. Special regulations for teenage halls.

- (a) In addition to the other provisions of this article, a teenage dance hall shall be governed by the provisions of this section.
- (b) Teenage dance halls shall not remain open or operate between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 12:00 noon; provided, however, on the thirty-first day of December of each year, such dance halls may remain open and operate until 1:00 a.m. of the following day.
- (c) On nights preceding a regular school attendance day no person under the age of 17 years shall be permitted to dance after 8:00 p.m. unless such person is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. On nights preceding a school holiday or during school vacation periods, no person under the age of 15 years shall be permitted to dance after 8:00 p.m. unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. It shall be unlawful for any person who is not the parent or legal guardian of a minor to represent himself as the parent or legal guardian of such minor person for the purpose of enabling the minor to gain admission into a teenage dance hall. For purposes of this subsection, school attendance days and holidays shall be determined on the basis of the regular classroom attendance schedule for the public school district in which the dance hall is located.
- (d) It shall be the duty of the operator or licensee of a teenage dance hall to ascertain the correct legal age of all persons seeking admission to such facility, and such persons who do not meet the age requirements of this article shall be excluded from admission. All persons over the age of 20 years shall be refused admission to a teenage dance hall; provided however, a parent or legal guardian accompanying a minor shall be permitted admission to a teenage dance hall.
- (e) The sale, consumption or possession, on the premises, of beer, wine, or other alcoholic beverages shall be prohibited, and no one shall be admitted to a teenage dance hall who is under the influence of intoxicating beverages or shows any evidence thereof.
- (f) Patrons shall be admitted to a teenage dance hall only once in a twelve-hour period and shall not be granted readmission privileges under any circumstances or conditions.
- (g) The operator or licensee shall employ not less than two security officers for each 100 persons in attendance to patrol the premises of a teenage dance hall and adjoining areas and to prevent disorder.

(Code 1968, § 36-45; Ord. No. 09-398, § 7, 5-13-09)

Sec. 5-76. Taxi dancing with minors prohibited.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any licensee or operator of a public dance hall to suffer or permit a minor to engage in the activities commonly known as "taxi dancing," "dollar dancing" or "pony dancing," or the like, wherein any person accepts, agrees to accept or solicits any cash, benefit or other thing of monetary value for the privilege of dancing with a minor.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to offer, confer or agree to confer any cash, benefit or other thing of monetary value to any person for the privilege of dancing with a minor.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for the minor or any other person to solicit, accept or agree to accept any cash, benefit or other thing of monetary value from any person for the privilege of dancing with a minor.
- (d) The provisions of this section shall apply without regard to whether: (1) the minor is an employee, agent or contractor of the public dance hall or is merely present in the public dance hall; (2) the cash, benefit or other thing of monetary value is solicited or accepted by the licensee or operator, the minor or any other person; and (3) the cash, benefit or other thing of monetary value is solicited or accepted exclusively for the dancing privilege or for food, beverage or other services or merchandise with which the dancing privilege is also provided.
- (e) The license applicant's agreement to comply with this section shall constitute a condition of the issuance or renewal of a license under this article, and a statement reflecting this requirement shall be included on the application form.

(Code 1968, § 36-60; Ord. No. 98-986, § 4, 11-4-98)