

BILLIARD AND POOL TABLES AND BOWLING ALLEYS.

ARTICLE I.

BILLIARD COMMISSION, LICENSING AND REGULATION OF BILLIARD ROOMS.

329. Billiard commission created.] There is hereby created a commission to be known as the billiard commission of the city of Chicago. The said commission shall consist of the members of the athletic commission. The members of said billiard commission shall serve as such without compensation and shall not be entitled to receive any pay out of the city treasury for expense incurred in the performance of any duty as members of same. There is also created the office of secretary of the billiard commission. The secretary of the athletic commission shall be *ex-officio* secretary of said billiard commission. The salary of the secretary of such billiard commission shall be fixed by the city council.

330. Powers and duties of billiard commission.] It shall be the duty of the billiard commission under the supervision of the superintendent of police, to pass upon the qualifications of applicants for licenses and to make all necessary rules and regulations for the proper enforcement of the provisions of this article, subject to the approval of the superintendent of police.

331. Licensing of billiard rooms.] No person, society, club, firm or corporation shall open, conduct, maintain or operate a billiard room within the city, unless such person, society, club, firm or corporation shall have first been duly licensed for such purpose and shall have obtained a permit therefor; provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to private residences, schools, municipal institutions or charitable organizations.

Every person, society, club, firm or corporation desiring to open or maintain a billiard room must make application to the billiard commission for a license therefor, which application shall be filed with the secretary of the billiard commission at least ten days prior to the time of granting such license.

Every applicant for a license shall file with the billiard commission a written application upon blanks furnished by said commission stating the full name and address, including street and number, of the applicant, or if more than one person, or an association or firm, the full names of all parties financially interested, and the addresses of such persons, including street and number. If the applicant be a club, society or corporation, the application shall contain a complete list of the officers of such club, society or corporation, with the names and addresses, including street and number, and shall also give the state in which said club, society or corporation is organized, and the names of one or more persons whom the said club, society or corporation decides to designate as its manager or managers, person or persons in charge, with their addresses. The application shall also state the following:

(a) The premises where said billiard room is to be conducted, including the street and number.

(b) The age of the applicants or managers of the club, society or corporation.

(c) Whether the applicant or manager is a citizen of the United States.

(d) Whether the applicant has ever been engaged in operating a billiard room and when, where and how long in each place within five years then last past.

(e) The name of the owner of the premises in which said billiard room is located and the complete address of such owner. The application shall be signed by the applicant or applicants, or, in the case of a club, society or corporation, the application shall be signed by the manager or any of its officers, and all such applications shall be filed with the billiard commission.

332. Investigation to be made by commission.] The billiard commission shall cause an investigation to be made as to the character of the applicant or applicants, and of the officers of the club, society or corporation making such application, if the applicant is such; and of the person who is to have the general management of the business, and shall report the result of its investigation to the superintendent of police.

333. Granting of licenses.] If the billiard commission, upon investigation, shall find that any of the persons named in the application are not of good moral character or that any of said persons have previously been connected with any billiard room where the license has been revoked and has not been restored by the mayor, or where any of the provisions with reference to billiard rooms have been violated, or that the billiard room sought to be licensed does not comply in every way with the regulations, ordinances and laws applicable thereto, the said commission shall so report to the superintendent of police. The billiard commission is hereby authorized and empowered to establish reasonable rules and regulations for the investigation of all applicants, which said rules and regulations shall, before becoming effective, be approved by the superintendent of police. If upon such investigation the applicant is found to be qualified in accordance with the provisions of this section and the rules and regulations established thereunder, the billiard commission shall so report to the superintendent of police, and the superintendent of police may, in his discretion, recommend to the mayor the issuance of a license, and, upon the payment of the license fees hereinafter provided for, the mayor may, in his discretion, grant a license to the applicant.

334. Examination fees.] Every person, society, club, firm or corporation that shall make an original application for a license to conduct, maintain or operate a billiard room shall pay an examination fee as follows:

For billiard rooms containing or operating one billiard or pocket billiard table	\$1.00
For billiard rooms containing or operating two billiard or pocket billiard tables	2.00
For billiard rooms containing or operating three or more billiard or pocket billiard tables.....	5.00

Provided, however, that where a billiard room is conducted, maintained or operated in conjunction with the business of a class A retail beverage dealer and by the same person, society, club, firm or corporation no examination fee shall be required.

335. License fees.] Every person, society, club, firm or corporation to whom a license is granted shall pay an annual license fee therefor in the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents for each billiard table and seven dollars and fifty cents for each pocket billiard table; provided, however, that where only one billiard or pocket billiard table is maintained or operated in conjunction with the business of a class A retail beverage dealer and by the same person, society, club, firm or corporation no license fee shall be required.

336. Period of license.] All licenses granted under the provisions of this article shall be issued as of January 1st and shall expire on December 31st next succeeding, unless sooner suspended or revoked as hereinafter provided.

337. Transfer of licenses.] No transfer of a license, either to a person or place, shall be permitted except with the consent of the billiard commission and the approval of the superintendent of police, which consent and approval shall be endorsed upon the license; provided, further, that the licensee applying for the transfer of any license shall comply with all the provisions of this article, and with the other provisions of this ordinance relating to transfers of licenses which are applicable thereto.

338. Hours of operating.] It shall be unlawful for any person, society, club, firm or corporation to operate a billiard room between the hours of 1 o'clock A. M. and 7 o'clock A. M. or to harbor or permit any person or persons to be or remain in any such billiard room any day of the week between the hours of 1 o'clock A. M. and 7 o'clock A. M. This section, however, shall not be construed to prevent regular employes from performing necessary work within the premises.

339. Minors not to be permitted in billiard room.] It shall be unlawful for any person to play billiards or to be permitted to remain in a billiard room for any purpose who has not reached the age of eighteen years unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, and it shall be unlawful for any person to represent himself or herself to have reached the age of eighteen years in order to obtain admission to such billiard room or to be permitted to remain therein when such person in fact is under eighteen years of age.

340. Definitions.] The term "billiards" as used in this article shall mean any of the several games played on a table surrounded by an elastic ledge of cushions with balls which are impelled by a cue, and shall include all forms of the game known as carom billiards, pocket billiards, pool, three cushion billiards and English billiards. The term "billiard room" shall mean any public place where the game of billiards is permitted to be played.

341. Gambling.] No dice shall be thrown for money, nor shall cards, raffles, or other games of chance, or any form of gambling be permitted in any billiard room or in the room in which said tables are located, or at any cigar store or stand or any other business conducted in the same room.

This section, however, shall not be construed to prevent the giving of cash or merchandise prizes to billiard players in tournaments, league or any other competitive play.

342. Condition of premises.] All billiard rooms shall be kept at all times in a clean, healthful and sanitary condition and shall comply with all ordinances now in force, or which shall hereafter be enacted, regulating the same, and subject to all sanitary rules and regulations of the health department; and the billiard commission shall have the power to call upon the commissioner of health and the commissioner of buildings, for the purpose of reporting violations and seeing that the health ordinances and the ordinances regulating buildings are complied with in such billiard rooms.

343. Screen and partitions prohibited.] No person, society, club, firm or corporation conducting, maintaining or operating a billiard room shall allow or permit any screens, curtains, blinds, partitions or other obstructions to be placed between the front windows and back or rear wall of such billiard room, but an unobstructed view of the entire interior from the front entrance must be maintained at all times. No partition, forming rooms, stalls or other enclosures where the public congregate shall be permitted. This provision, however, shall not be construed to preclude the maintenance of washrooms or toilet rooms for proper purposes, or the maintenance of closets for storing purposes exclusively.

344. Connection with gambling or immoral places.] It shall be unlawful, in any billiard room, licensed under this article, to maintain or permit to be maintained any open or secret connections, through doors, windows, trap doors, panels, stairways or other devices, with any place where gambling is conducted or where persons congregate for immoral purposes.

345. License to be posted.] Every licensee under this article shall keep his license posted in his billiard room, in accordance with the requirements of this ordinance as set forth in the chapter on licenses.

346. Suspension and revocation of licenses.] Licenses granted under this article may, in the discretion of the superintendent of police, be suspended for a period not to exceed thirty days, upon the recommendation of the commission, or may be revoked by the mayor, upon the recommendation of the commission and the approval of the superintendent of police, for disorderly or immoral conduct on the premises, or for the violation of any of the rules, regulations or ordinances of the city or laws of the state governing or applying to billiard rooms. Licenses when so suspended or revoked may be reissued by the mayor to the owner of the license so suspended or revoked if said owner shall present satisfactory evidence that the cause which resulted in the suspension or revocation has ceased or terminated; provided, however, that when the license has been twice revoked and restored it shall not again be restored by the mayor except upon the recommendation of the commission, the approval of the superintendent of police and the concurrence of the city council.

347. Bond.] Before any license shall be issued under the provisions of this article, it shall be the duty of the applicant to furnish and file with the city clerk a bond to the city of Chicago in the penal sum of one thousand dollars with sureties to be approved by the billiard

commission, conditioned for the observance and faithful performance of all and singular, the conditions and provisions of this article and any and all other laws of the state of Illinois and ordinances of the city of Chicago which may in any way relate directly to the business conducted by such applicant, and providing for the forfeiture in the event of the revocation of any license that may be issued under the provisions of this article.

348. **Register of licensed billiard rooms.]** The commission shall keep a register of the name and the location of place of business, of each person, firm, club, corporation or association licensed under this article, together with the license number, and the date and complete record of inspections and investigations made. Such records shall be open to the inspection of the public at all reasonable times. The commission shall maintain a constant vigilance over all public billiard rooms to see that the owners thereof are at all times complying with the terms and provisions of this article and all other ordinances and laws relating thereto, and the commission shall inspect or cause to be inspected and investigated all public billiard rooms, from time to time or on the complaint of any citizen as often as may be necessary. Records in writing of all inspections and investigations shall be promptly made to the commission.

349. **Commission to report to the department of police.]** The billiard commission shall notify the department of police whenever a license is suspended or revoked or whenever, as a result of any investigation made by the commission, or caused to be made by said commission, evidence is discovered tending to prove that the owner of any billiard room is guilty of violating any of the provisions of this article or the rules and regulations of the commission, or any of the provisions of any ordinance of the city or law of the state of Illinois regulating billiard rooms. The billiard commission shall keep a complete record of each license issued, and of the renewals, suspensions and revocations thereof, which record shall be kept on file with the original application for such licenses.

350. **Penalty.]** Any person, society, club, firm or corporation that shall operate a billiard room within the city, without having obtained a license as provided in this article, or that shall violate any of the other provisions of this article for which no penalty is specifically provided, shall be fined not less than ten dollars, nor more than two hundred dollars for each offense, and every day that a violation shall continue shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

ARTICLE II.

BOWLING ALLEYS.

351. **License required.]** No person shall have, keep or conduct for profit within the city any bowling or pin and ball alley, without first obtaining a license therefor as hereinafter provided, under a penalty of not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each offense.

The words "bowling or pin and ball alley" wherever used in this chapter shall be held to include bowling alleys, pin-and-ball alleys, box ball alleys, skeep-ball alleys and all alleys of similar character.