

POOLROOM/ARCADE ORDINANCE

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Subject to the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated and under the authority granted to the City to enact regulations for the prevention of crime and the preservation of good order, all licenses granted the Municipal Officers of the City of Calais for the operation of poolroom/arcades shall be granted subject to the provisions of this ordinances.

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Pool/Arcade: Any establishment with more than five (5) amusement devises on premise.
Amusement Device: Any machine which upon insertion of a certain amount of currency or tokens may be operated by the public for use as a game, entertainment or amusement and which is operated for amusement only and does not dispense any form of payoff, prize or reward except free plays. Pools tables are considered such whether or not they accept currency or tokens.

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It is forbidden to gamble in or about the premise licensed for a poolroom/arcade. The premise shall include all rooms to which the public is admitted and are not necessarily limited to the rooms where the amusement devices are located.

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- A. There shall be no poolroom/arcades established within one thousand (1000) feet of existing licensed poolroom/arcades.
- B. There shall be no poolroom/arcades established within one thousand (1000) feet of any school.

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The windows of any licensed premises shall not be covered or otherwise obstructed twenty-five percent (25%) or more to prevent a clear view from the street.

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Hours shall be clearly posted on the front door. The licensed premise shall be cleared of all persons other than the owner and employees at closing hours and shall be thereafter locked.

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- A. License shall be posted in a conspicuous place.
- B. Police officers of the City of Calais and members of other law enforcement agencies shall be granted entry at all times to inspect the licensed premise and to ensure enforcement of this ordinance and applicable statutes of the State of Maine.

- C. Violation of any provisions of this ordinance or other ordinance of State Statute shall be cause for suspension of the license by the municipal officers of the City of Calais for any period they may determine or revocation of the license as authorized by the laws of the State of Maine.

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Upon complaint against, the licensee shall be given reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard before action is taken on the complaint.

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The licensee, as well as a manager or managers he employs in the operation of the poolroom/arcade, shall be only those individuals who have reached the age of eighteen years, and are of good character. Any person who has been convicted of or currently is under indictment for any Class A, B, C crime, any larceny, or theft offense, or any gambling crime shall not be granted a license or be permitted to manage a poolroom/arcade.

The employment of the manager shall not relieve the licensee of any responsibility under this ordinance, nor shall the licensee lease or otherwise rent the privilege of using his license to any other person, said poolroom/arcade licenses are non-transferable and personal in nature. For the purpose of the ordinance "Manager" shall be deemed to include any person who is left in charge of said establishment.

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Any poolroom/arcade operated within the City of Calais without the required license shall be subject to a fine of not more than two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars each day of operation to be deemed a separate and distinct offense, which sums shall be recovered for the use of the City. Any other violation of the ordinance shall constitute a violation of the poolroom license, and upon complaint by the Chief of Police shall be grounds for the suspension of that license by the City Clerk for a period not to exceed fourteen days. The licensee shall have the right to appeal any suspension to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council, and to seek other legal equitable remedies.

Adopted: June 7, 1997

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Repealed: