

CITY OF NEWPORT

ORDINANCE

OF THE

COUNCIL

No. 2025-35

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE FIVE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND, REVISION OF 1994, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED, "*BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS*"

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Newport:

SECTION 1. Chapter 5.70 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Newport, Revision of 1994, as amended, entitled, "SPECIAL EVENTS," is hereby further amended as follows:

5.70.020. License required.

- A. No person or organization shall conduct or operate a special event without first obtaining a special event license from the city council. The property owner, as well as the event sponsor shall be the applicant and sign the license application. Whenever a license is granted by the city council, it shall be the duty of the police chief and fire chief to determine whether or not the assignment of a detail police officer or detail fire fighter is needed. Upon receipt of a special event license application, the city clerk shall notify the police chief and fire chief, who shall make such determination and notify the city clerk accordingly.
- B. The city council may place any conditions or restrictions it deems proper and reasonable on the issuance of a special event license. This may include a limitation of the hours of operation or the conduct of the license activity.
- C. Every licensee under this chapter shall provide the city clerk with the true name of the person or organization that will conduct the licensed activity, any alias or fictitious name under which the activity may be conducted.
- D. For those events that include the sale of goods or services at retail, the licensee shall provide the city clerk a list of the general type and nature of the goods and services.
- E. A special event license may be issued upon the authorization of the city manager if an application is submitted to the city clerk for an event that will occur prior to the next regularly-scheduled council meeting and the city manager is satisfied that all provisions of this chapter have been met.

A non-refundable fifty dollar (\$50.00) filing fee shall be imposed at such time as the application is filed with the city clerk.

ADD:

- F. The city council shall have the authority to approve a special events license application with a duration longer than fourteen days and less than six months which has been filed with the Newport Zoning Board under Section 17.107 entitled "Temporary Use Permits" whether or not said application has been approved by the Zoning Board.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and any ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

IN COUNCIL
READ AND PASSED
APRIL 23, 2025


Laura C. Swistak, CMC
City Clerk