TOWN OF DODGEVILLE
Sexually Oriented Businesses

The Town Board of the Town of Dodgeville, Iowa County, Wisconsin do ordain as follows:

Chapter 23 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Dodgeville is created to read as follows:

Section 23-1 Purpose & Findings

(a) Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to regulate Sexually Oriented Businesses in order to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the Town of Dodgeville. The provisions of this chapter have neither the purpose nor effect of regulating obscenity or imposing a limitation or restriction on the content of any communicative materials, including sexually-oriented materials. Similarly, it is neither the intent nor effect of this chapter to restrict or deny access to adults to sexually-oriented materials protected by the First Amendment, or to deny access by the distributors and exhibitors of sexually-oriented entertainment to their intended market. Neither is it the intent of this chapter to condone or legitimize the distribution of obscene material.

Phoenix, Arizona; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Houston, Texas; Indianapolis, Indiana; Amarillo, Texas; Garden Grove, California; Los Angeles, California; Whittier, California; Austin, Texas; Seattle, Washington; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Cleveland, Ohio; and Beaumont, Texas, which evidence the Board reasonably believes is relevant to the potential problems caused by the adverse secondary effects of “Sexually Oriented Businesses”, the Town Board finds:

(1) Sexually oriented businesses lend themselves to ancillary unlawful and unhealthy activities that are presently uncontrolled by the operators of the establishments. Further, there is presently no mechanism to make the owners of these establishments responsible for the activities that occur on their premises.

(2) Certain employees of sexually oriented businesses defined in this section as adult theaters and cabarets engage in higher incidence of certain types of illicit sexual behavior than employees of other establishments.

(3) Sexual acts, including masturbation, and oral and anal sex, occur at “Sexually Oriented Businesses”, especially those which provide private or semi-private booths or cubicles for viewing films, videos, or live sex shows.

(4) Offering and providing such space encourages such activities, which creates unhealthy conditions.

(5) “Persons” frequent certain adult theatres, “Adult Arcades”, and other “Sexually Oriented Businesses” for the purpose of engaging in sex within the premises of such “Sexually Oriented Businesses”.

(6) At least 50 communicable diseases may be spread by activities occurring in “Sexually Oriented Businesses”, including, but not limited to, syphilis, gonorrhea, human immunodeficiency virus infection (HIV-AIDS), genital herpes, hepatitis B, and trichomoniasis.

(7) Since 1981 and to the present, there has been an increasing cumulative number of reported cases of AIDS caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in the United States B 600 in 1982, 2,200 in 1983, 4,600 in 1984, 8,555, in 1985 and 253,448 in 1992, and 886,575 through 2002. HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report, United States Health and Human Services Department, Center for Disease Control, 2003.
(8) As of December 30, 2002, there have been 5,386 reported cases of AIDS and 8,233 reported cases of HIV infection in the State of Wisconsin. *Review of Wisconsin HIV Case Surveillance Data*, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, September 30, 2003.

(9) Since 1981 and to the present, there have been an increasing cumulative number of “Persons” testing positive for the HIV antibody test in the State of Wisconsin.

(10) In the United States each year, 3,000,000 people are infected with Chlamydia, 650,000 with Gonorrhea, 70,000 with Syphilis, 1,000,000 with herpes, 5,500,000 with Human Papillomavirus, 120,000 with Hepatitis B, and 5,000,000 with Trichomoniasis. Overall, and CDC estimates there are 15,000,000 new cases of sexually transmitted diseases each year. *Tracking the Hidden Epidemics: Trends in STDs in the United States*, United States Health and Human Services Department, Center for Disease Control, 2000.

(11) The Surgeon General of the United States in his report of October 22, 1986, has advised the American public that AIDS and HIV infection may be transmitted through sexual contact, intravenous drug abuse, exposure to infected blood and blood components, and from an infected mother to her newborn.

(12) According to the best scientific evidence, AIDS and HIV infection, as well as syphilis and gonorrhea, are principally transmitted by sexual acts.

(13) Sanitary conditions in some “Sexually Oriented Businesses” are unhealthy, in part, because the activities conducted there are unhealthy, and, in part, because of the unregulated nature of the activities and the failure of the owners and the operators of the facilities to self-regulate those activities and maintain those facilities.

(14) Numerous studies and reports have determined that semen is found in the areas of “Sexually Oriented Businesses” where “Persons” view "Adult-Oriented” films.

(15) The consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises of “Sexually Oriented Businesses” is an explosive combination, one that can beget undesirable behavior and exacerbate the adverse secondary effects of such businesses on the community.
(16) “Sexually Oriented Businesses” generate secondary effects that are detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Dodgeville including the potential increase in prostitution and other sex-related offenses as well as other crimes and offenses, the potential depreciation of property values in areas where “Sexually Oriented Businesses” exist, the potential health risks associated with the spread of sexually transmitted disease, and the potential for infiltration by organized crime for the purpose of unlawful conduct.

(17) The findings noted in paragraphs number 1 through 16 raise substantial governmental concerns.

(18) “Sexually Oriented Businesses” have operational characteristics which should be reasonably regulated in order to protect these substantial governmental concerns.

(19) A reasonable licensing procedure is an appropriate mechanism to place the burden of that reasonable regulation on the owners and the operators of the “Sexually Oriented Businesses”. Further, such a licensing procedure will place a heretofore nonexistent incentive on the operators to see that the “Sexually Oriented Business” is run in a manner consistent with the health, safety and welfare of its patrons and “Employees”, as well as the public. It is appropriate to require reasonable assurances that the “Licensee” is the actual operator of the “Sexually Oriented Business”, fully in possession and control of the premises and activities occurring therein.

(20) Requiring “Licensees” of “Sexually Oriented Businesses” to keep information regarding current “Employees” and certain past “Employees” will help reduce the incidence of certain types of criminal behavior by facilitating the identification of potential witnesses or suspects and by preventing minors from working in such “Establishments”.

(21) The disclosure of certain information by those “Persons” ultimately responsible for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the “Sexually Oriented Business”, where such information is substantially related to the significant governmental interest in the operation of such uses, will aid in preventing the spread of sexually-transmitted diseases.

(22) It is necessary to license entertainers in the adult entertainment industry to prevent the exploitation of minors, to ensure that each such entertainer is an adult and to
ensure that such entertainers have not assumed a false name, which would make regulation of the entertainer difficult or impossible.

(23) It is desirable in the prevention of the spread of communicable diseases to obtain a limited amount of information regarding certain “Employees” who may engage in the conduct which this chapter is designed to prevent or who are likely to be witnesses to such activity.

(24) Proximity between entertainers and patrons during adult entertainment performances can facilitate sexual contact, prostitution and related crimes.

(25) Removal of doors on adult booths and requiring sufficient lighting on premises with adult booths advances a substantial governmental interest in curbing the illegal and unsanitary sexual activity occurring in “Adult Theaters”.

(26) The license fees required in this Ordinance are necessary as nominal fees imposed as necessary regulatory measures designed to help defray the substantial expenses incurred by the Town of Dodgeville in regulating “Sexually Oriented Businesses”.

(27) The general welfare, health, morals and safety of the citizens of the Town of Dodgeville will be promoted by the enactment of this chapter.

(28) It is not the intent of this Ordinance to suppress or censor any expressive activities protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution or Article I, Section 3 of the Wisconsin Constitution, but rather to enact time, place and manner regulations which address the compelling interests of the Town of Dodgeville in mitigating the secondary effects of “Sexually Oriented Businesses”.

Section 23-2 Definitions

(a) ADULT ARCADE means any place to which the public is permitted or invited wherein coin-operated, slug-operated, or for any form of consideration, or electronically, electrically, or mechanically controlled still or motion picture machines, projectors, video or laser disc players, or other image-producing devices are maintained to show images to 5 or fewer “Persons” per machine at any one time, where the images so displayed are distinguished or characterized by the depicting or describing of “Specified Sexual Activities” or “Specified Anatomical Areas”.
(b) ADULT BOOKSTORE, ADULT NOVELTY STORE OR ADULT VIDEO STORE.

(1) “Adult Bookstore”, “Adult Novelty Store”, or “Adult Video Store” means a commercial establishment which has a significant or substantial portion of its stock-in-trade or a significant or substantial portion of its revenues or devotes a significant or substantial portion of its interior business or advertising to the sale or rental of any form of consideration of any one or more of the following:

1. Books, magazines, periodicals or other printed matter or photographs, films, motion pictures, video cassettes or video reproductions, slides, or other visual representations which are characterized by the depiction or description of “Specified Sexual Activities” or “Specified Anatomical Areas”; or

2. Instruments devices, or paraphernalia which are designed for use in connection with “Specified Sexual Activities”.

(2) A commercial establishment may have other principal business purposes that do not involve the offering for sale or rental of material depicting or describing “Specified Sexual Activities” or “Specified Anatomical Areas” and still be categorized as “Adult Bookstore”, “Adult Novelty Store”, or “Adult Video Store”. Such other business purposes will not serve to exempt such commercial “Establishments” from being categorized as an “Adult Bookstore”, “Adult Novelty Store”, or “Adult Video Store” so long as one of its principal business purposes is the offering for sale or rental for consideration the specified materials which are characterized by the depiction or description of “Specified Sexual Activities” or “Specified Anatomical Areas”.

(3) Video stores that sell and/or rent only video tapes or other photographic or computer generated reproductions, and associated equipment shall come within this definition if 20% or more of its stock-in-trade or revenues comes from the rental or sale of video tapes or other photographic reproductions or associated equipment which are characterized by the depiction or description of “Specified Sexual Activities” or “Specified Anatomical Areas”.

(c) ADULT CABERET means a nightclub, bar, restaurant, or similar commercial Establishment at which on 20 or more days in any 12-month period,
(1) “Persons” appear in a “State of Nudity” or “Semi-Nude”; or

(2) Live performances occur which are characterized by the exposure of “Specified Anatomical Areas” or by “Specified Sexual Activities”; or

(3) Films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides or other photographic reproductions are shown which are characterized by the depiction or description of “Specified Sexual Activities” or “Specified Anatomical Areas”.

(d) **ADULT MOTEL** means a hotel, motel or similar commercial “Establishment” which:

(1) Offers accommodations to the public for any form of consideration; provides patrons with closed-circuit televising transmissions, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or other photographic reproductions which are characterized by the depiction or description of “Specified Sexual Activities” or “Specified Anatomical Areas”; and has a sign visible from the public right-of-way which advertises the availability of this adult type of photographic reproductions; or

(2) Offers a Sleeping Room for rent for a period of time that is less than 10 hours; or

(3) Allows a tenant or occupant of a Sleeping Room to sub rent the Room for a period of time that is less than 10 hours.

(e) **ADULT MOTION PICTURE THEATER** means an enclosed “Establishment” with a capacity of 50 or more “Persons” where, for any form of consideration, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or similar photographic reproductions are regularly shown which are characterized by the depiction or description of “Specified Sexual Activities” or “Specified Anatomical Areas”.

(f) **ADULT MINI-MOTION PICTURE THEATER** means an enclosed “Establishment” with a capacity of less than 50 “Persons” used for presenting materials having as its dominant theme, or distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on, matters depicting, describing or relating to “Specified Sexual Activities” or “Specified Anatomical Areas”, for observation by patrons therein.
(g) **ADULT THEATER** means a theater, concert hall, auditorium, or similar commercial “Establishment” which regularly features “Persons” who appear in a “State of Nudity” or “Semi-Nude”, or live performances which are characterized by the exposure of “Specified Anatomical Areas” or by “Specified Sexual Activities”.

(h) **BOOTH, ROOM, OR CUBICLE** means such enclosures as are specifically offered to the public or members of a “Sexually Oriented Business” for hire or for a fee as part of a business operated on the premises which offers as part of its business the entertainment to be viewed within the enclosure; which shall include, without limitation, such enclosures wherein the entertainment is dispensed for a fee, but a fee is not charged for mere access to the enclosure. However, “Booth”, “Room”, or “Cubicle” does not mean such enclosures that are private offices used by the owners, managers or “Persons” employed on the premises for attending to the tasks of their employment, which enclosures are not held out to the public or members of the “Establishment” for hire or for a fee or for the purpose of viewing entertainment for a fee, are not open to any “Persons” other than “Employees”; nor shall this definition apply to hotels, motels, or other similar “Establishments” licensed by the State of Wisconsin, pursuant to Ch. 50, Wis. Stats.

(i) **EMPLOYEE** means a “Person” who performs any service on the premises of a “Sexually Oriented Business” on a full-time, part-time or contract basis, whether or not the “Person” is denominated an “Employee”, independent contractor, agent or otherwise and whether or not said “Person” is paid a salary, wage or other compensation by the operator of said business. “Employee” does not include a “Person” exclusively on the premises for repair or maintenance of the premises or equipment on the premises, or for the delivery of goods to the premises.

(j) **ESCORT** means a “Person” who, for consideration, agrees or offers to act as a companion, guide, or date for another “Person”, or who agrees or offers to privately model lingerie or to privately perform a strip-tease for another “Person”.

(k) **ESCORT AGENCY** means a “Person” or business association who furnishes, offers to furnish, or advertises to furnish “Escorts” as one of its primary business purposes for a fee, tip, or other consideration.

(l) **ESTABLISHMENT** means and includes any of the following:
(1) The opening or commencement of any “Sexually Oriented Business” as a new business;

(2) The conversion of an existing business, whether or not a “Sexually Oriented Business”, to any “Sexually Oriented Business”;

(3) The additions or any “Sexually Oriented Business” to any other existing “Sexually Oriented Business”; or

(4) The relocation of any “Sexually Oriented Business”.

(m) LICENSEE means a “Person” in whose name a license to operate a “Sexually Oriented Business” has been issued, as well as the individual listed as an applicant on the application for a license; and in the case of an “Employee”, a “Person” in whose name a license has been issued authorizing employment in a “Sexually Oriented Business”.

(n) NUDE MODEL STUDIO means any place where a “Person” who appears “Semi-Nude”, in a “State of Nudity” or who displays “Specified Anatomical Areas” and is provided to be observed, sketched, drawn, painted, sculptured, photographed, or similarly depicted by other “Persons” who pay money or any form of consideration. “Nude Model Studio” shall not include a proprietary school licensed by the State of Wisconsin or a college, junior college or university supported entirely or in part by public taxation; a private college or university which maintains and operates educational programs in which credits are transferable to a college, junior college or university supported entirely or partly by taxation; or in a structure:

(1) That has no sign visible from the exterior of the structure and no other advertising that indicates a “Nude” or “Semi-Nude” “Person” is available for viewing; and

(2) Where in order to participate in a class a student must enroll at least three days in advance of the class; and

(3) Where no more than one “Nude” or “Semi-Nude” model is on the premises at any one time.
(o) NUDITY OR A STATE OF NUDITY means the showing of the human male or female genitals, pubic area, vulva, anus, anal cleft or cleavage with less than a fully opaque covering, the showing of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of the entire nipple and areola, or the showing of the covered male genitals in an discernibly turgid state.

(p) PERSON means an individual, proprietorship, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity.

(q) PUBLIC INDECENCY means a “Person” who, knowingly or intentionally, in a “Public Place”:

(1) Engages in sexual intercourse;

(2) Engages in deviant sexual conduct;

(3) Appears in a “State of Nudity”; or

(4) Fondles the genitals of self or another “Person”.

(r) PUBLIC PLACE means any location frequented by the public, or where the public is present or likely to be present, or where a “Person” may reasonably be expected to be observed by members of the public. “Public Places” include, but are not limited to: streets, sidewalks, parks, beaches, business and commercial “Establishments” (whether for profit or not-for-profit and whether open to the public at large or where entrance is limited by a cover charge or membership requirement), bottle clubs, hotels, motels, restaurants, night clubs, country clubs, cabarets and meeting facilities utilized by religious, social, fraternal or similar organizations. Premises used solely as a private residence, whether permanent or temporary in nature, shall not be deemed to be a “Public Place”. “Public Place” shall not include enclosed single sex public restrooms, enclosed sex functional showers, locker and/or dressing room facilities, enclosed motel rooms and hotel rooms designed and intended for sleeping accommodations, doctor’s offices, portions of hospitals and similar places in which “Nudity” or exposure is necessarily and customarily expected outside of the home and the sphere of privacy constitutionally protected therein. “Public Place” does not include a private facility which has been formed as a family-oriented clothing optional facility, properly licensed by the State.
(s) **SEMI-NUDE** or in a **SEMI-NUDE CONDITION** means the showing of the female breast below a horizontal line across the top of the areola at its highest point or the showing of the male or female buttocks. This definition shall include the entire lower portion of the human female breast, but shall not include any portion of the cleavage of the human female breast, exhibited by a dress, blouse, skirt, leotard, bathing suit, or other wearing apparel provided the areola is not exposed in whole or in part.

(t) **SEXUAL ENCOUNTER CENTER** means a business or commercial enterprise that, as one of its principal business purposes, offers for any form of consideration:

1. Physical contact in the form of wrestling or tumbling between “Persons” of the opposite sex; or

2. Activities between male and female “Persons” and/or “Persons” of the same sex when one or more of the “Persons” is in a “State of Nudity” or “Semi-Nude”.

(u) **SEXUALLY-ORIENTED ADULT ENTERTAINMENT** means both (1) any live performance occurring in an “Adult Cabaret” that includes “Nudity”, “Semi-Nudity”, exposure of “Specified Anatomical Areas” or “Specified Sexual Activities”; and (2) films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides or other photographic reproduction characterized by the depiction or description of “Specified Anatomical Areas” or “Specified Sexual Activities”, when shown in an “Adult Cabaret”.


(w) **SPECIFIED ANATOMICAL AREAS** means:

1. The human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state, even if completely and opaquely covered; or

2. Less than completely and opaquely covered human genitals, pubic region, buttocks or a female breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola.

(x) **SPECIFIED SEXUAL ACTIVITIES** means any of the following:
(1) The fondling or other erotic touching of human genitals, public region, buttocks, anus, or female breasts;

(2) Sex acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated, including intercourse, oral copulation, masturbation, or sodomy; or

3) Excretory functions as part of or in connection with any of the activities set forth in (1) through (2) above.

(y) SUBSTANTIAL ENLARGEMENT of a “Sexually Oriented Business” means the increase in floor areas occupied by the business by more than 25 percent, as the floor area exists on the date this chapter takes effect.

(z) TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL of a “Sexually Oriented Business” means and includes any of the following:

1) The sale, lease, or sublease of the business;

2) The transfer of securities which constitute a controlling interest in the business, whether by sale, exchange, or similar means; or

3) The establishment of a trust, gift or other similar legal device which transfers the ownership or control of the business, except for transfer by bequest or other operation of law upon the death of the “Person” possessing the ownership or control.

Section 23-3 Classification of Regulated Uses

(a) All “Sexually Oriented Businesses” are subject to the regulations of this chapter, and are classified as follows:

1) “Adult Arcades”;

2) “Adult Bookstores”, “Adult Novelty Stores”, or “Adult Video Stores”;

3) “Adult Cabarets”;

4) “Adult Motels”;
(5) “Adult Motion Picture Theaters”, “Adult Mini-Motion Picture Theaters”;

(6) “Adult Theaters”;

(7) “Escort” Agencies;

(8) “Nude Model Studios”; and

(9) “Sexual Encounter Centers”.

Section 23-4 Licenses Required

(a) It is unlawful:

(1) For any “Person” to operate a “Sexually Oriented Business” without a valid “Sexually Oriented Business” license issued by the Town of Dodgeville pursuant to this section.

(2) For any “Person” who operates a “Sexually Oriented Business” to permit a “Person” to be employed, work for or perform in the “Sexually Oriented Business” who is not licensed as a “Sexually Oriented Business” Employee by the Town of Dodgeville pursuant to this chapter.

(3) For any “Person” who is required under this ordinance to have a “Sexually Oriented Business” Employee License to be employed, to work for or to perform in a “Sexually Oriented Business” without having secured a “Sexually Oriented Business” Employee license pursuant to this section.

(4) For any “Person” to substantially enlarge a “Sexually Oriented Business” without a valid “Sexually Oriented Business” license issued by the Town of Dodgeville pursuant to this section.

(b) A license may be issued only for one adult oriented “Establishment” located at a fixed and certain place. Any “Person” who desires to operate more than one adult oriented “Establishment” must have a license for each.
(c) A “Licensee” shall not transfer his/her license to another, nor shall a “Licensee” operate a “Sexually Oriented Business” under the authority of a license at any place other than the address designated in the application.

(d) All “Sexually Oriented Businesses” existing at the time of the passage of this section must submit an application for a license within 45 days of the passage of this section.

Section 23-5 Activities Not Subject to License Requirement

(a) This chapter shall not be construed to restrict or prohibit the following activities or products:

(1) plays, operas, musical or other dramatic works that are not obscene;

(2) classes, seminars, or lectures which are held for a serious scientific or educational purpose and that are not obscene; and

(3) exhibitions, performances, expressions or dances that are not obscene.

(b) The provisions of this chapter are not intended to and do not prohibit the simulation of sex acts which are part of non-obscene expression.

(c) Whether or not an activity is obscene shall be judged by consideration of the following factors:

(1) Whether the average “Person”, applying contemporary community standards, would find that the activity taken as a whole appeals to the purient interest in sex; and

(2) Whether the activity depicts or described sexual conduct in a patently offensive way, as measured against community standards; and

(3) Whether the activity taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

Section 23-6 Application for a License
(a) An application for a license under this chapter must be made on a form provided by the Town of Dodgeville.

(b) All applicants must be qualified according to the provisions of this section. The application may request and the applicant shall provide such information necessary to enable the Town of Dodgeville to determine whether the applicant meets the qualifications established in this section.

(c) If a “Person” who wishes to operate a “Sexually Oriented Business” is an individual, the “Person” must sign the application for a license as applicant. If a “Person” who wishes to operate a “Sexually Oriented Business” is other than an individual, each individual who has a 20 percent or greater interest in the business must sign the application for a license as applicant. Each applicant must be qualified under the section 19-7.

(d) The completed application for a “Sexually Oriented Business” license shall contain the following information and shall be accompanied by the following documents:

(1) If the applicant is:

1. An individual, the individual shall state his/her legal name and any aliases and submit proof that he/she is at least 18 years of age;

2. A partnership, the partnership shall state its complete name, the names of all partners, whether the partnership is general or limited, and a copy of the partnership agreement, if any;

3. A corporation, the corporation shall state its complete name, the date of its incorporation, evidence that the corporation is in good standing under the laws of its state of incorporation, the names and capacity of all officers, directors and principal stockholders, and the name of the registered corporate agent and the address of the registered office for service of process.

(2) If the applicant intends to operate the “Sexually Oriented Business” under a name other than that of the applicant; he or she must state the “Sexually Oriented Business” fictitious name and submit the required registration documents.
(3) The classification of “Sexually Oriented Business” license for which the applicant is filing.

(4) The location of the proposed “Sexually Oriented Business”, including a legal description of the property, street address, and telephone number(s), if any.

(5) The applicant’s mailing address.

(6) A sketch or diagram showing the configuration of the premises, including a statement of total floor space occupied by the business. The sketch or diagram need not be professionally prepared, but it must be drawn to a designated scale or drawn with marked dimensions of the interior of the premises to an accuracy of plus or minus 6 inches.

(7) If an applicant wishes to operate a “Sexually Oriented Business”, other than an “Adult Motel”, which shall exhibit on the premises, in a viewing “Room” or “Booth” of less than 150 square feet of floor space, films, video cassettes, other video reproductions, or live entertainment which depict “Specified Sexual Activities” or “Specified Anatomical Areas”, then the applicant shall comply with the application requirements set forth in subsection 19-11.

(8) Before any applicant may be issued a “Sexually Oriented Business” Employee license, the applicant shall submit on a form to be provided by the Town of Dodgeville the following information:

1. The applicant’s name and/or any other name (including “stage” names) or aliases used by the individual;

2. Present business and home address and telephone numbers;

3. Proof that the individual is at least 18 years of age.

Section 23-7 Issuance of License

(a) Upon the filing of an application for a “Sexually Oriented Business” Employee license, the Town of Dodgeville shall issue a temporary license to the applicant. The application shall then be referred to the appropriate Town of Dodgeville officials for an investigation to be made on such information as is contained on the
application. The application process shall be completed within 45 days from the date the completed application is filed. After the investigation, the Town of Dodgeville shall issue a license, unless it is determined by a preponderance of the evidence that one or more of the following findings is true:

(1) The applicant has failed to provide information reasonably necessary for issuance of the license or has falsely answered a question or request for information on the application form;

(2) The applicant is under the age of 18 years;

(3) The “Sexually Oriented Business” Employee license is to be used for employment in a business prohibited by local or state law, statute, rule or regulation, or prohibited by a particular provision of this chapter; or

(4) The license fee required by this section has not been paid.

(5) The applicant has been convicted of a crime related to the applicant’s adult entertainment occupation.

(b) Upon the filing of an application for a “Sexually Oriented Business” license, the Town of Dodgeville shall issue a temporary license to the applicant. The application shall then be referred to the appropriate Town of Dodgeville officials for an investigation to be made on such information as is contained on the application. The application process shall be completed within 45 days from the date the completed application is filed. After the investigation, the Town of Dodgeville shall issue a license, unless it is determined by a preponderance of the evidence that one or more of the following findings is true:

(1) An applicant is under 18 years of age.

(2) An applicant has failed to provide information reasonably necessary for issuance of the license or has falsely answered a question or request for information on the application form.

(3) The premises to be used for the “Sexually Oriented Business” has not been approved by the Town of Dodgeville health, police, fire and building officials or agents as being in compliance with applicable laws and ordinances.
(4) The license fee required by this section has not been paid.

(5) The applicant has been convicted of a crime related to the applicant’s adult entertainment occupation.

(6) An applicant of the proposed “Establishment” is not in compliance with any of the provisions of this section.

(c) A license under this chapter, if granted, shall state on its face the name of the “Person” or “Persons” to whom it is granted, the expiration date, the address of the “Sexually Oriented Business” and the regulated use for which the license is issued pursuant to Section 19-4. All licenses shall be posted in a conspicuous place at or near the entrance to the “Sexually Oriented Business” so that they may be easily read at any time.

(d) The Town of Dodgeville officials or their duly appointed agents shall complete their certification that the premises is in compliance or not in compliance with all applicable statutes and ordinances within 20 days of receipt of the application by the Town of Dodgeville.

(e) A “Sexually Oriented Business” license shall be issued for only one classification as found in Section 19-3.

(f) A “Sexually Oriented Business” license shall not be issued unless the owner ensures that no “Specified Anatomical Areas” and no “Specified Sexual Activity” are visible at any time from any “Public Place” that is not the “Sexually Oriented Business” in question.

(g) Whenever an application is denied or a license is not renewed, the Clerk of the Town of Dodgeville shall advise the applicant in writing of the reasons for such action. If the applicant requests a hearing within 10 days of receipt of notification of denial, a public hearing shall be held within 10 days thereafter in conformity with Sec. 68.11(2) and (3), Wis. Stats. A final determination stating the reasons therefore, together with a copy of any official recording or transcript of the hearing, shall be rendered within 20 days of the commencement of the hearing. Judicial review shall be governed by Sec. 68.13, Wis. Stats.
Section 23-8 License – Posting & Display

(a) Every “Person” required to have a “Sexually Oriented Business” Employee License shall post his or her license in his or her work area so that it is readily available for public inspection.

(b) Every “Person” corporation, partnership, or association licensed under this Ordinance shall display its license in a prominent place within the “Establishment”. In the case of “Adult Cabarets”, the name of the manager on duty shall be prominently posted during business hours.

Section 23-9 Additional Regulations for Adult Cabarets

(a) Separation of Sexually Oriented Adult Entertainment Performance Area. The portion of the “Adult Cabaret” premises in which “Sexually-Oriented Adult Entertainment” is performed shall be a stage of platform that is separated from all patron seating areas in the following ways:

(1) Be at least twenty-four (24) inches in elevation and;

(2) Be separated by a distance of at least ten (10) feet, and;

(3) Have a continuous railing at least three (3) feet in height, extending from the floor, and located at least ten (10) feet from all points of the “Sexually Oriented Adult Entertainment” performance area.

(b) Lighting. Sufficient lighting shall be provided and equally distributed in and about the parts of the premises which are open to and used by patrons so that all objects are plainly visible at all times, and so that on any part of the premises which are open to and used by patrons a program, menu, or list printed in eight (8) point type will be readable.

(c) Submittal of Plans. Building plans showing conformance with the requirements of this section shall be included with any application for a “Sexually Oriented Business” License for an “Adult Cabaret”.

(d) Standards of Conduct for “Employees”. All “Employees” of a “Sexually Oriented Business” must adhere to the following standards of conduct:
(1) No “Employee” or holder of a “Sexually Oriented Business” Employee license shall appear in a “State of Nudity” or “Semi-Nude” on any part of the premises open to view of members of the public, except on or in the entertainment performance area described (above).

(2) No “Employee” holder of a “Sexually Oriented Business” Employee License shall allow, encourage or knowingly permit any “Person” upon the premises to touch, caress, or fondle the breasts, buttocks, anus, pubic area or genitals of any other “Person”.

(3) No “Employee” or holder of a “Sexually Oriented Business” Employee License of an “Adult Cabaret” shall be visible from any “Public Place” that is not the “Sexually Oriented Business” in question during the actual or apparent hours of his or her employment or performance on the premises of that “Sexually Oriented Business”.

(e) Manager on Premises. A manager, who shall be a licensed “Employee” and not an entertainer, shall be on duty at an “Adult Cabaret” business premises at all times, and shall verify that any “Employee” or holder of a “Sexually Oriented Business” Employee License who works or appears within the premises possess a current and valid entertainer’s license posted in the manner required by this ordinance.

(f) Signs. Signs in letters at least ¾ inches high shall be conspicuously displayed in the public area of the “Establishment” stating the following:

THIS ADULT CABARET IS REGULATED BY THE TOWN OF DODGEVILLE. ENTERTAINERS ARE (1) NOT PERMITTED TO ENGAGE IN ANY TYPE OF SEXUAL CONDUCT, (2) NOT PERMITTED TO APPEAR IN A STATE OF NUDITY OR SEMI-NUDE, EXCEPT ON STAGE, AND (3) NOT PERMITTED TO DANCE OR MODEL WHERE PATRONS ARE CONGREGATED.

(g) Separation of Sexually Oriented Adult Entertainment Performance Area. The portion of the “Adult Cabaret” premises in which “Sexually Oriented Adult Entertainment” is performed shall be a stage or platform that is separated from all patron seating areas in the following ways:

(1) Be at least twenty-four (24) inches in elevation and;
(2) Be separated by a distance of at least ten (10) feet, and;

(3) Have a continuous railing at least three (3) feet in height, extending from the floor, and located at least ten (10) feet from all points of the sexually oriented adult entertainment performance area.

(h) “Sexually-Oriented Adult Entertainment” may not be performed in an “Adult Arcade” unless the performance occurs on a stage or platform that meets the criteria listed above.

(i) Visibility. Any area of an “Adult Cabaret” in which any patrons are permitted during hours of operation, and which is also partially or fully closed-off from other portions of the premises by one or more interior wall, curtain, divider or other partition (“partition”) must have on each such partition at least one (1) window or other similar opening for each twenty (20) feet of partition. Such window or opening must be at least three (3) feet wide, three and one-half (3 ½) feet in height and begin no more than three and one-half (3 ½) feet from the floor of the partially or fully closed-off area. Additionally, the windows or other similar openings must at all times permit a clear view of such partially or fully closed-off area to any “Person” looking in the window or opening and may not be covered. This provision does not apply to restrooms.

(j) Restrooms. The entrance of any restroom in any “Adult Cabaret” that has one or more stalls may not be locked at any time during the “Adult Cabaret’s” hours of operation.

Section 23-10 Additional Regulations for Adult Motels

(a) Evidence that a Sleeping Room in a hotel, motel, or similar commercial “Establishments” has been rented and vacated 2 or more times in a period of time that in less than 10 hours creates a rebuttal presumption that the Establishment is an “Adult Motel” as that term is defined in this section.

(b) A “Person” commits a violation of this chapter if, as the “Person” in control of a sleeping Room in a hotel, motel, or similar commercial “Establishment” that does not have a “Sexually Oriented Business” license, he rents or sub rent a Sleeping Room to a “Person” and, within 10 hours from the time the Room is rented, he rents or sub rents the same Sleeping Room again.
(c) For purposes of subsection (b) of this section, the terms “rent” or “sub rent” mean the act of permitting a Room to be occupied for any form of consideration.

Section 23-11 Regulations Pertaining to Exhibition of Sexually Explicit Films, Video or Live Entertainment in View Rooms

(a) A “Person” who operates or causes to be operated a “Sexually Oriented Business”, other than an Adult Motel, which exhibits on the premises in a viewing Room of less than 150 square feet of floor space, a film, video cassette, live entertainment, or other video reproduction which depicts “Specified Sexual Activities” or “Specified Anatomical Areas”, shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) Upon application for a Sexually Oriented Business license, the application shall be accompanied by a diagram of the premises showing a plan thereof specifying the location of one or more manager’s stations and the location of all overhead lighting fixtures and designating any portion of the premises in which patrons will not be permitted. A manager’s station may not exceed 32 square feet of floor area. The diagram shall also designate the place at which the permit will be conspicuously posted, if granted. A professionally prepared diagram in the nature of an engineer’s or architect’s blueprint shall not be required; however, each diagram should be oriented to the north or to some designated street or object and should be drawn to a designated scale or with marked dimensions sufficient to show the various internal dimensions of all areas of the interior of the premises to an accuracy of plus or minus 6 inches. The Town of Dodgeville may waive the foregoing diagram for renewal applications if the applicant adopts a diagram that was previously submitted and certifies that the configuration of the premises has not been altered since it was prepared.

(2) No alteration in the configuration of location of a manager’s station may be made without the prior approval of the Town of Dodgeville.

(3) It is the duty of the “Licensee” of the premises to ensure that at least one licensed “Employee” is on duty and situated in each managers station at all times that any patron is present inside the premises.

(4) The interior of the premises shall be configured in such a manner that there is an unobstructed view from a manager’s station of every area of the premises to which any patron is permitted access for any purpose, excluding restrooms. Restrooms may not contain video reproduction equipment. If the premises has two (2) or more
manager’s stations designated, then the interior of the premises shall be configured in such a manner that there is an unobstructed view of each area of the premises to which any patron is permitted access for any purpose from at least one of the manager’s stations. The view required in this subsection must be by direct line of sight from the manager’s station.

(5) It shall be the duty of the “Licensee” to ensure that the view area specified in subsection (4) remains unobstructed by any doors, curtains, partitions, walls, merchandise, display racks or other materials and, at all times, to ensure that no patron is permitted access to any area of the premises which has been designated as an area in which patrons will not be permitted in the application filed pursuant to subsection (1) of this Section.

(6) No viewing room may be occupied by more than one “Person” at any time.

(7) The premises shall be equipped with overhead lighting fixtures of sufficient intensity to illuminate every place to which patrons are permitted access at an illumination of not less that 5 foot-candles as measured at the floor level.

(8) It shall be the duty of the “Licensee” to ensure that the illumination described above is maintained at all times that any patron is present in the premises.

(9) No “Licensee” shall allow openings of any kind to exist between viewing Rooms or Booths.

(10) No “Person” shall make or attempt to make an opening of any kind between viewing Booths or Rooms.

(11) The “Licensee” shall cause all floor coverings in viewing Booths to be nonporous, easily cleanable surfaces, with no rugs or carpeting.

(12) The “Licensee” shall cause all wall surfaces and ceiling surfaces in viewing Booths to be constructed of, or permanently covered by, nonporous, easily cleanable material. No wood, plywood, composition board or other porous material shall be used within 48 inches of the floor.

(b) A “Person” having a duty under Subsection (1) through (12) of Subsection (a) above commits an offense if he knowingly fails to fulfill that duty.
Section 23-12 Additional Regulations for Escort Agencies

(a) An “Escort” Agency shall not employ any “Person” under the age of 18 years.

(b) A “Person” commits an offense if the “Person” acts as an “Escort” or agrees to act as an “Escort” for any “Person” under the age of 18 years.

Section 23-13 Additional Regulations for “Nude Model Studios”

(a) A “Nude Model Studio” shall not employ any “Person” under the age of 18 years.

(b) A “Person” under the age of 18 years commits an offense if the “Person” appears “Semi-Nude” or in a “State of Nudity” in or on the premises of a “Nude Model Studio”. It is a defense to prosecution under this subsection if the “Person” under 18 years was in a restroom not open to public view or visible to any “Person”.

(c) A “Person” commits an offense if the “Person” appears in a “State of Nudity”, or knowingly allows another to appear in a “State of Nudity” in an area of a “Nude Model Studio” premises which can be viewed from the public right-or-way.

(d) A “Nude Model Studio” shall not place or permit a bed, sofa, or mattress in any Room on the premises, except that a sofa may be placed in a reception Room open to the public.

Section 23-14 Additional Regulations Concerning Public Nudity

(a) It shall be a violation of this chapter for a “Person” who knowingly and intentionally, in a “Sexually Oriented Business”, appears in a “State of Nudity”.

(b) It shall be a violation of this chapter for a “Person” who knowingly or intentionally in a “Sexually Oriented Business” appears in a “Semi-Nude Condition” unless the “Person” is an “Employee” who, while “Semi-Nude”, shall be a least ten (10) feet from any patron or customer and on a stage at least twenty-four (24) inches from the floor.

(c) It shall be a violation of this chapter for an “Employee”, while “Semi-Nude”, to touch a customer or the clothing of a customer.
Section 23-15 Prohibition against Children in a “Sexually Oriented Business”

(a) A “Person” commits a violation of this chapter if the “Person” knowingly allows a “Person” under the age of 18 years on the premises of a “Sexually Oriented Business”.

Section 23-16 Prohibition Against Indecency

(a) A “Person” commits a violation of this chapter if the “Person” knowingly or intentionally commits a “Public Indecency”.

Section 23-17 Prohibition of Alcohol in a “Sexually Oriented Business”

(a) A “Person” commits a violation of this chapter if the “Person” knowingly allows or otherwise participates in the sale, use or consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises of a “Sexually Oriented Business”.

Section 23-18 Hours of Operation

(a) “Sexually Oriented Businesses”, except for an “Adult Motel”, must remain closed at all times between the hours of 12:00 a.m. (midnight) and 10:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday. No Sunday open hours are permitted for “Sexually Oriented Businesses” except for an “Adult Motel”.

Section 23-19 Fees

(a) Every application for a Sexually Oriented Business license (whether for a new license or for renewal of an existing license) shall be accompanied by a $2,000.00 nonrefundable application and investigation fee.

(b) Every application for a “Sexually Oriented Business” Employee license (whether for a new license or for renewal of an existing license) shall be accompanied by an annual $75.00 nonrefundable application, investigation and license fee.

(b) All fees shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Town of Dodgeville for distribution to defray the costs of investigation, inspection and the
general administration and enforcement of this ordinance all as from
time to time determined by resolution of the Town Board.

Section 23-20 Inspection

(a) An applicant or “Licensee” shall permit representatives of the Town of
Dodgeville to inspect the premises of a “Sexually Oriented Business” for the purpose of
insuring compliance with the law, at any time it is occupied or open for business
including prior to the issuance of a license.

(b) A “Person” who operates a “Sexually Oriented Business” or his agent or
“Employee” commits a violation of this chapter if he refuses to permit such lawful
inspection of the premises at any time it is occupied or open for business including prior
to the issuance of a license.

Section 23-21 Expiration of License

(a) Each license shall expire one year from the date of issuance and may be
renewed only by making application as provided in Section 19-6. Application for
renewal shall be made at least 45 days before the expiration date, and when made less
than 45 days before the expiration date, the expiration of the license will not be affected.

(b) When the Town of Dodgeville denies renewal of a license, the applicant shall
not be issued a license for one year from the date of denial. If, subsequent to denial, the
Town of Dodgeville finds that the basis for denial of the renewal license has been
corrected or abated, the applicant may be granted a license if at least 90 days have
elapsed since the date denial became final.

Section 23-22 Suspension

The Town of Dodgeville shall suspend a license for a period not to exceed 30 days if it
determines that a “Licensee” of an Employee of a “Licensee” has:

(a) Violated or is not in compliance with this chapter;

(b) Refused to allow an inspection of the “Sexually Oriented Business” premises
as authorized by this chapter.
Section 23-23 Revocation

(a) The Town of Dodgeville shall revoke a license if a cause of suspension in Subsection 19-23 occurs and the license has been suspended within the preceding 12 months.

(b) The Town of Dodgeville shall revoke a license if it determines that:

1. A “Licensee” gave false or misleading information in the material submitted during the application process;

2. A “Licensee” has knowingly allowed possession, use, or sale of controlled substances on the premises;

3. A “Licensee” has knowingly allowed prostitution on the premises;

4. A “Licensee” knowingly operated the “Sexually Oriented Business” during a period of time when the “Licensees” license was suspended;

5. Except in the case of an “Adult Motel”, a “Licensee” has knowingly allowed any act of sexual intercourse, sodomy, oral copulation, masturbation, or other sex act to occur in or on the licensed premises; or

6. A “Licensee” is delinquent in payment to the Town of Dodgeville, Iowa County, or State of Wisconsin for any taxes or fees past due.

(c) When the Town of Dodgeville revokes a license, the revocation shall continue for one year, and the “Licensee” shall not be issued a “Sexually Oriented Business” license for one year from the date the revocation became effective. If, subsequent to revocation, the Town of Dodgeville finds that the basis for the revocation has been corrected or abated, the applicant may be granted a license if at least 90 days have elapsed since the date the revocation became effective.

(d) An existing business can remain open pending the review of license denials and failures to renew, and all businesses can remain open pending review of suspensions and revocations.

Section 23-24 Exceptions
(a) It is a defense to prosecution under Section 19-14 that a “Person” appearing in a “State of Nudity” did so in a modeling class operated:

1. By a proprietary school, licensed by the State of Wisconsin; a college, junior college, or university supported entirely or partly by taxation;

2. By a private college or university which maintains and operates educational programs in which credits are transferable to a college, junior college, or university supported entirely or partly by taxation; or

3. In a structure:
   1. Which has no sign visible from the exterior of the structure and no other advertising that indicates a nude Person is available for viewing; and
   2. Where, in order to participate in a class a student must enroll at least 3 days in advance of the class; and
   3. Where no more than one nude model is on the premises at any one time.

Section 23-25 Limitations on Locations of Sexually-Oriented Businesses

No license may be granted for a “Sexually Oriented Business” establishment unless it shall be located at least one thousand three hundred twenty (1320) feet from

(a) Any residence in the AR-1, R-1 or A-1 zoning districts of the Town of Dodgeville.

(b) Any property within the Town of Dodgeville used for church, park or school purposes.

Section 23-26 Penalties

(a) A “Person” who operates or causes to be operated a “Sexually Oriented Business” without a valid license or in violation of any provisions of this chapter is subject to a suit for injunction as well as prosecution for violations of this ordinance. Such violations shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than $200 nor more than $500
plus all costs allowable by law. Each day a violation continues constitutes a separate
offense or violation.

(b) The remedies found in this chapter are not exclusive, and the Town of
Dodgeville may seek any other legal or equitable relief, including but not limited to
enjoining any acts or practices which constitute or will constitute a violation of any
business license ordinances or other regulations herein adopted.

Section 23-27 Appeals, Administrative Review, and Judicial Review

(a) Applicable law shall govern the administrative procedure and review
regarding the granting, denial, renewal, non-renewal, revocation and suspension of a
license. After denial of an application, or denial of a renewal of an application, or
suspension or revocation of any license, the applicant or “Licensee” may seek prompt
judicial review of such administrative action in any court of competent jurisdiction. The
administrative action shall be promptly reviewed by the court.

Section 23-28 Severability

If any portion of this chapter, or its application to any “Person” or circumstances,
is held invalid, the validity of the chapter as a whole, or any other portion thereof, and
its application to other “Persons” or circumstances, shall not be affected.

TOWN OF DODGEVILLE

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