

**IN THE MATTER OF SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS
ORDINANCE OF PIKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

On motion by Supervisor Carroll Fortenberry seconded by Supervisor T.A. Paulk, the following resolution was duly adopted:

WHEREAS, sexually oriented businesses require special supervision in order to protect and preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the patrons of such businesses as well as the citizens of the communities where they locate; and

WHEREAS, licensing is a legitimate means of accountability to ensure that operators of sexually oriented businesses comply with reasonable regulations, and to ensure that operators do not allow their establishments to be used as places of illegal sexual activity or solicitation; and

WHEREAS, there is convincing documented evidence that sexually oriented businesses, because of their very nature, have a deleterious effect on both the existing businesses around them and the surrounding residential areas adjacent to them, causing increased crime and the downgrading of property values; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that sexually oriented businesses, due to their nature, have serious objectionable characteristics, particularly when they are located in proximity to each other, thereby downgrading the quality of life in the adjacent area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wants to prevent these adverse effects and thereby protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizenry; protect the citizens from increased crime; preserve the quality of life; and preserve the property values and character

of surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, it is not the intent of this ordinance to suppress any speech activities protected by the First Amendment, but to enact a content neutral ordinance that addresses the secondary effects of sexually oriented businesses as well as the health problems associated with such businesses; and

WHEREAS, it is not the intent of the Board of Supervisors to condone or legitimize the distribution of obscene materials, and the Board of Supervisors recognizes that state and federal law prohibits the distribution of obscene materials and expects and encourages state enforcement officials to enforce state and federal obscenity statutes against any such illegal activities in the County of Pike.

SECTION I. Purpose and Findings.

(A) Purpose: It is the purpose of this ordinance to regulate sexually oriented businesses and related activities to promote the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the citizens of Pike County, and to establish reasonable and uniform regulations to prevent the deleterious location and concentration of sexually oriented businesses within the County. The provisions of this ordinance have neither the purpose nor effect of imposing a limitation or restriction on the content of any communicative materials, including sexually oriented materials. Similarly, it is not the intent nor effect of this ordinance to restrict or deny access by 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 nor effect of this ordinance to condone or legitimize the distribution

of obscene materials.

(B) Findings. Based on evidence concerning the adverse secondary effects of adult uses on the community presented in hearings and in reports made available to the Board of Supervisors, and on findings incorporated in the cases of *City of Renton v. Playtime Theatres, Inc.*, 475 U.S. 41 (1986); *Young v. American Mini Theatres*, 426 U.S. 50 (1976); and *Barnes v. Glen Theatre, Inc.*, 501 U.S. 560 (1991); *Arcara v. Cloud Books, Inc.*, 478 U.S. 697 (1986); *California v. LaRue*, 409 U.S. 109 (1972); *Iacobucci v. City of Newport, Ky.*, 479 U.S. 92 (1986); *United States v. O'Brien*, 391 U.S. 367 (1968); *DLS, Inc. v. City of Chattanooga*, 107 F.3d 403 (6th Cir. 1997); *Kev, Inc. v. Kitsap County*, 793 F.2d 1053 (9th Cir. 1986); *Hang On, Inc. v. City of Arlington*, 65 F.3d 1248 (5th Cir. 1995); and *South Florida Free Beaches, Inc. v. City of Miami*, 734 F.2d 608 (11th Cir. 1984), as well as studies conducted in other cities including, but not limited to, 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; and findings reported in the Final Report of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography (1986), the report of the Attorney General's Working Group On the Regulation of Sexually Oriented Businesses (June 6, 1989, State of Minnesota), and statistics obtained from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Board of Supervisors finds that:

(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 owners of these establishments responsible for the activities that occur on their premises.

(2) Crime statistics show that all types of crimes, especially sex-related crimes, occur with more frequency in neighborhoods where sexually oriented businesses are located. *See, e.g.,* Studies of the Cities of Phoenix, Arizona; Indianapolis, Indiana; and Austin, Texas.

(3) Sexual acts occur at sexually oriented businesses, especially those which provide private or semi-private booths or cubicles for viewing films, videos, or live sex shows. *See, e.g., California v. LaRue*, 409 U.S. 109, 111 (1972); *See also*, Final Report of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography (1986) at 377.

(4) Persons frequent certain adult theaters, adult arcades, and other sexually oriented businesses, for the purpose of engaging in sex within the premises of such sexually oriented businesses. *See e.g., Arcara v. Cloud Books, Inc.*, 478 U.S. 697, 698 (1986); *see also*, Final Report of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography (1986) at 376-77.

(5) 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, Non A, Non B amebiasis, salmonella infections, and shigella infections. *See, e.g.,* Study of Fort Meyers, Florida

(6) 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. *See, e.g.,* Final Report of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography (1986) at 377.

(7) Nude dancing in adult establishments encourages prostitution, increases sexual assaults, and attracts other criminal activity. *See, e.g., Barnes v. Glen Theatre*, 501 U.S. 560, 583 (1991).

(8) Nude dancing in adult establishments increases the likelihood of drug-dealing and drug use. *See, e.g., Kev, Inc. v. Kitsap County*, 793 F.2d 1053, 1056 (9th Cir. 1986).

(9) The findings noted in paragraphs numbered (1) through (7) raise substantial governmental concerns.

(10) Sexually oriented businesses have operational characteristics which should be reasonably regulated in order to protect those substantial governmental concerns.

(11) 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 non-existent 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 citizens of the County. 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.

(12) 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 and criminal activity.

(13) The fact that an applicant for a sexually oriented business license has been convicted of a sex-related crime leads to the rational assumption that the applicant may engage in that conduct in contravention to this ordinance.

(14) The barring of such individuals from operation or employment in sexually oriented businesses for a period of ten (10) years for a previous felony conviction serves as a deterrent to and prevents conduct which leads to the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases.

(15) The general welfare, health, morals, and safety of the citizens of this County will be promoted by the enactment of this ordinance.

SECTION II. Definitions.

(1) **ADULT ARCADE** means any place to which the public is permitted or invited wherein coin-operated or slug-operated or electronically, electrically, or mechanically controlled still or motion picture machines, projectors, or other image-producing devices are maintained to show images to five or fewer persons per machine at any one time, and where the images so displayed are distinguished or characterized by the depicting or describing of

“specified sexual activities” or “specified anatomical areas.”

(2) **ADULT BOOKSTORE OR ADULT VIDEO STORE** means a commercial establishment that, as one of its principal business purposes, offers for sale or rental for any form of consideration and derives more than twenty percent (20%) of its gross sales from any one or more of the following:

(A) Books, magazines, periodicals or other printed matter, or photographs, films, motion picture, video cassettes or video reproductions, slides, or other visual activities characterized by depicting “special sexual activities” or specified anatomical areas.

(B) Those establishments which seek to qualify for the 20% gross sales exemption shall, as a requirement for the exemption, be required to cover or otherwise conceal printed material, magazines, etc. to prevent viewing by the general public on store shelves.

(3) **ADULT CABARETS** means a commercial establishment that offers any activities containing nudity or semi-nudity, as otherwise defined.

(4) **ADULT MOTEL** means a hotel, motel or similar commercial establishment that:

(A) offers accommodation to the public for any form of consideration and provides patrons with closed-circuit television transmission, films, motion pictures video cassettes, slides, or other photographic reproductions that 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 that advertises the availability of this adult type of

photographic reproductions; or

(B) offers a sleeping room for rent for a period of time that is less than twenty-four (24) hours; or

(C) allows a tenant or occupant of a sleeping room to subrent the room for a period of time that is less than twenty-four (24) hours.

(5) **ADULT MOTION PICTURE THEATER** means a commercial establishment where, for any form of consideration, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or similar photographic reproductions are regularly shown that are characterized by the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."

(6) **ADULT THEATER** means a theater, concert hall, auditorium, or similar commercial establishment that regularly features persons who appear, in person, in a state of nudity and/or semi-nudity, and/or live performances that are characterized by the exposure of "specified anatomical areas" or by "specified sexual activities."

(7) **ADMINISTRATOR** means the County Administrator and such employee(s) of the County as he may designate to perform the duties of the Administrator under this ordinance.

(8) **EMPLOYEE** means a person who performs any service on the premises of a sexually oriented business on a full time, part time, contract basis, or independent basis, whether or not the person is denominated an employee, independent contractor, agent, or otherwise, and whether or not the said person is paid a salary, wage, or other compensation by the operator of said business.

(9) **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 striptease for another person.

(10) **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.

(11) **ESTABLISHMENT** means and includes any of the following:

(A) the opening or commencement of any sexually oriented business as a new business.

(B) the conversion of an existing business, whether or not a sexually oriented business, to any sexually oriented business.

(C) the relocation of any sexually oriented business.

(12) **LICENSED DAY-CARE CENTER** means a facility licensed by the State of Mississippi, whether situated within the County or not, that provides care, training, education, custody, treatment or supervision for more than twelve (12) children under fourteen (14) years of age, where such children are not related by blood, marriage or adoption to the owner or operator of the facility, for less than twenty-four (24) hours a day, regardless of whether or not the facility is operated for a profit or charges for the services it offers.

(13) **LICENSEE** means a person in whose name a license has been issued, as well as the individual listed as an applicant on the application for a license.

(14) **NUDE MODEL STUDIO** means any place where a person who appears in a state of nudity or displays "specified anatomical areas" is provided to be observed, sketched, drawn, painted, sculptured, photographed, or similarly depicted by other persons for consideration.

(15) **NUDITY** or a **STATE OF NUDITY** means the appearance of a human bare buttock, anus, anal cleft or cleavage, pubic area, male genitals, female genitals, or vulva, with less than a fully opaque covering; or a female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any part of the nipple, or human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state even if completely and opaquely covered.

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

(17) **PREMISES** means the real property upon which the sexually oriented business is located, and all appurtenances thereto and buildings thereon, including, but not limited to, the sexually oriented business, the grounds, private walkways, and parking lots and/or parking garages adjacent thereto, under the ownership, control, or supervision of the licensee, as described in the application for a business license pursuant to Section IV of this ordinance;

(18) **SEMI-NUDE OR SEMI-NUDITY** means the appearance of the female breast below a horizontal line across the tope of the areola at its highest point. 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.

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

(A) physical contact in the form of wrestling or tumbling between persons of the opposite sex; or

(B) 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-nudity.

(20) **SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS** means an adult arcade, adult bookstore or adult video store, adult cabaret, adult motel, adult motion picture theater, adult theater, escort agency, nude model studio, or sexual encounter center.

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

(A) the human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state, even if fully and opaquely covered;

(B) 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.

(22) **SPECIFIED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY** means any of the following offenses:

(A) prostitution or promotion of prostitution; dissemination of obscenity; sale, distribution, or display of harmful material to a minor; sexual performance by a child; possession or distribution of child pornography; public lewdness; indecent exposure; indecency with a child; sexual assault; molestation of a child; or any similar sex-related offenses to those described above under the criminal or penal code of this state, other states, or other countries.

(B) for which:

(1) less than five (5) years have elapsed since the date of conviction or the date of release from confinement imposed by the conviction, whichever is the later date, if the conviction is of a misdemeanor offense;

(2) less than ten (10) years have elapsed since the date of conviction or the date of release from confinement imposed for the conviction, whichever is the later date, if the conviction is of a felony offense;

(3) less than ten (10) years have elapsed since the date of the last conviction or the date of release from confinement imposed for the last conviction, whichever is the later date, if the convictions are of two or more misdemeanor offenses or combination of misdemeanor offenses occurring within any twenty-four (24) month period;

(C) The fact that a conviction is being appealed shall have no effect on the disqualification of the applicant or a person residing with the applicant.

(23) **SPECIFIED SEXUAL ACTIVITIES** means and includes any of the following:

(A) the fondling or other erotic touching of human genitals, pubic region, buttocks, anus, or female breasts, whether covered or uncovered;

(B) sex acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated, including intercourse, oral copulation, or sodomy;

(C) masturbation, actual or simulated; or

(D) excretory functions as part of or in connection with any of the activities

set forth in (A) through (C) above.

(24) **SUBSTANTIAL ENLARGEMENT** of a sexually oriented business means the increase in floor areas occupied by the business by more than twenty-five (25%) percent.

(25) **TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL** of a sexually oriented business means and includes any of the following:

(A) the sale, lease, or sublease of the business;

(B) the transfer of securities that form a controlling interest in the business, whether by sale, exchange, or similar means; or

(C) the establishment of a trust, gift, or other similar legal device that 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 III. Classification.

Sexually oriented businesses are classified as follows:

- (1) adult arcades;
- (2) adult bookstores or adult video stores;
- (3) adult cabarets;
- (4) adult motels;
- (5) adult motion picture theaters;
- (6) adult theaters;
- (7) escort agencies;
- (8) nude model studios; and

- (9) sexual encounter centers.

SECTION IV. License Required.

(A) It shall be unlawful:

(1) For any person to operate a sexually oriented business without a valid sexually oriented business license issued by the Administrator pursuant to this ordinance.

(2) For any person who operates a sexually oriented business to employ a person to work and/or perform services on the premises of the sexually oriented business, if such employee is not in possession of a valid sexually oriented business employee license issued to such employee by the Administrator pursuant to this ordinance;

(3) For any person to obtain employment with a sexually oriented business if such person is not in possession of a valid sexually oriented business employee license issued to such person by the Administrator pursuant to this ordinance.

(4) It shall be a defense to subsections (2) and (3) of this Section if the employment is of limited duration and for the sole purpose of repair and/or maintenance of machinery, equipment, or the premises.

Violation of any provision within this Subsection shall constitute a misdemeanor.

(B) An application for a sexually oriented business license must be made on a form provided by the County. The application must be accompanied by a sketch or a 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 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 six inches. Prior to issuance of a license, the premises must be inspected by the health department, fire department, and other applicable agencies.

(C) An application for a sexually oriented business employee license must be made on a form provided by the County.

(D) All applicants for a license must be qualified according to the provisions of this ordinance. The application may request, and the applicant shall provide, such information (including fingerprints) as to enable the County to determine whether the applicant meets the qualifications established under this ordinance. The applicant has an affirmative duty to supplement an application with new information received subsequent to the date the application was deemed completed.

(E) If a person who wishes to own operate a sexually oriented business is an individual, he must sign the application for a business license as applicant. If a person who wishes to operate a sexually oriented business is other than an individual, each individual who has a ten (10%) percent or greater interest in the business must sign the application for a business license as applicant. If a corporation is listed as owner of a sexually oriented business or as the entity that wishes to operate such a business, each individual having a ten (10%) percent or greater interest in the corporation must sign the application for a business license as applicant.

(F) Applications for a business license, whether original or renewal, must be made to the Administrator by the intended operator of the enterprise. Applications must be

submitted to the office of the Administrator or the Administrator's designee during regular workings hours. Application forms shall be supplied by the Administrator. The following information shall be provided on the application form:

(1) The name, street address (and mailing address if different) of the applicant(s);

(2) A recent photograph of the applicant(s);

(3) The applicant's driver's license number, Social Security number, and/or his/her state or federally issued tax identification number;

(4) The name under which the establishment is to be operated and a general description of the services to be provided;

(a) If the applicant intends to operate the sexually oriented business under a name other than that of the applicant; he or she must state 1) the sexually oriented business's fictitious name and 2) submit the required registration documents;

(5) Whether the applicant, or a person residing with the applicant, has been convicted, or is awaiting trial on pending charges, of a "specified criminal activity", and, if so, the "specified criminal activity" involved, the date, place, and jurisdiction of each;

(6) Whether the applicant, or a person residing with the applicant, has had a previous license under this ordinance or other similar sexually oriented business ordinance from another city or county denied, suspended or revoked, including the name and location of the sexually oriented business for which the business license was denied, suspended or revoked, as well as the date of the denial, suspension or revocation, and whether the applicant

or a person residing with the applicant is or has been a partner in a partnership or an officer, director or principal stockholder of a corporation that is or was licensed under a sexually oriented business ordinance whose business license has previously been denied, suspended or revoked, including the name and location of the sexually oriented business for which the business license was denied, suspended or revoked as well as the date of denial, suspension or revocation;

(7) Whether the applicant or a person residing with the applicant holds any other licenses under this ordinance or other similar sexually oriented business ordinance from another city or county and, if so, the names and locations of such other licensed businesses;

(8) The single classification of license for which the applicant is filing;

(9) The telephone number of the establishment;

(10) The address, and legal description of the tract of land on which the establishment is to be located;

(11) If the establishment is in operation, the date on which the owner(s) acquired the establishment for which the business license is sought, and the date on which the establishment began operations as a sexually oriented business at the location for which the business license is sought;

(12) If the establishment is not in operation, the expected startup date (which shall be expressed in number of days from the date of issuance of the business license). If the expected startup date is to be more than ten (10) days following the date of issuance of the business license, then a detailed explanation of the construction, repair or remodeling

work or other cause of the expected delay and a statement of the owner's time schedule and plan for accomplishing the same;

(13) 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 one hundred fifty (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 Section XIX hereunder.

(G) Each application for a business license shall be accompanied by the following:

- (1) Payment of the application fee in full;
- (2) If the establishment is a State of Mississippi corporation, a certified copy of the articles of incorporation, together with all amendments thereto;
- (3) If the establishment is a foreign corporation, a certified copy of the certificate of authority to transact business in this state, together with all amendments thereto;
- (4) If the establishment is a limited partnership formed under the laws of the State of Mississippi, a certified copy of the certificate of limited partnership, together with all amendments thereto;
- (5) If the establishment is a foreign limited partnership, a certified copy of the certificate of limited partnership and the qualification documents, together with all amendments thereto;
- (6) Proof of the current fee ownership of the tract of land on which the

establishment is to be situated in the form of a copy of the recorded deed;

(7) If the persons identified as the fee owner(s) of the tract of land in item (6) are not also the owners of the establishment, then the lease, purchase contract, purchase option contract, lease option contract or other document(s) evidencing the legally enforceable right of the owners or proposed owners of the establishment to have or obtain the use and possession of the tract or portion thereof that is to be used for the establishment for the purpose of the operation of the establishment;

(8) A current certificate and straight-line drawing prepared within thirty (30) days prior to application by a registered land surveyor depicting the property lines and the structures containing any existing sexually oriented businesses within 1,000 feet of the property to be certified; the property lines of any established religious institution/synagogue school, public park or recreation area, or family-oriented entertainment business within 1,500 feet of the property to be certified. For purposes of this Section, a use shall be considered existing or established if it is in existence at the time an application is submitted.

(9) Any of items (2) through (8), above shall not be required for a renewal application if the applicant states that the documents previously furnished the Director with the original application or previous renewals thereof remain correct and current.

(H) Applications for an employee license to work and/or perform services in a sexually oriented business, whether original or renewal, must be made to the Administrator by the person to whom the employee license shall issue. Each application for an employee license shall be accompanied by payment of the application fee in full. Application forms

shall be supplied by the Administrator. Applications must be submitted to the office of the Administrator or the Administrator's designee during regular working hours. Each applicant shall be required to give the following information on the application form:

(1) The applicant's given name, and any other names by which the applicant is or has been known, including "state" names and/or aliases;

(2) Age, and date and place of birth;

(3) Height, weight, hair color, and eye color;

(4) Present residence address and telephone number;

(5) Present business address and telephone number;

(6) Date, issuing state, and number of photo driver's license, or other state issued identification card information;

(7) Social Security Number; and

(8) Proof that the individual is at least eighteen (18) years old.

(I) Attached to the application form for a license shall be the following:

(1) A color photograph of the applicant clearly showing the applicant's face, and the applicant's fingerprints on a form provided by the police department. Any fees for the photographs and fingerprints shall be paid by the applicant.

(2) A statement detailing the license history of the applicant for the five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the filing of the application, including whether such applicant, in this or any other city, county, state, or country, has ever had any license, permit, or authorization to do business denied, revoked, or suspended, or had any professional or

vocational license or permit denied, revoked, or suspended. In the event of any such denial, revocation, or suspension, state the name(s) under which the license was sought and/or issued, the name(s) of the issuing or denying jurisdiction, and describe in full the reason(s) for the denial, revocation, or suspension. A copy of any order of denial, revocation, or suspension shall be attached to the application.

(3) A statement whether the applicant has been convicted, or is awaiting trial on pending charges, of a "specified criminal activity", and, if so, the "specified criminal activity" involved, the date, place and jurisdiction of each.

(J) Every application for a license shall contain a statement under oath that:

(1) The applicant has personal knowledge of the information contained in the application, and that the information contained therein and furnished therewith is true and correct; and,

(2) The applicant has read the provisions of this article.

(K) A separate application and business license shall be required for each sexually oriented business classification.

(L) The fact that a person possesses other types of state or city permits and/or licenses does not exempt him from the requirement of obtaining a sexually oriented business or employee license.

SECTION V. Issuance of License.

(A) Upon the filing of an application for a sexually oriented business employee license, the Administrator shall issue a temporary license to said applicant. The application

shall then be referred to the appropriate departments or agencies for investigation to be made on the information contained in the application. The application process shall be completed within sixty (60) days from the date of the completed application. After the investigation, the Administrator shall issue an employee 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 the 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 eighteen (18) years;

(3) The applicant has been convicted of a "specified criminal activity" as defined in Section II, subsection (22) of this ordinance;

(4) 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 ordinance; or

(5) The applicant has had a sexually oriented business employee license revoked by the County within two (2) years of the date of the current application.

If the sexually oriented business employee license is denied, the temporary license previously issued is immediately deemed null and void. Denial, suspension, or revocation of a license issued pursuant to this subsection shall be subject to appeal as forth in subsection (I) of this Section.

(B) A license issued pursuant to subsection (A) of this Section, if granted, shall state

on its face the name of the person to whom it is granted, the expiration date, and the address of the sexually oriented business. The employee shall keep the license on his or her person at all times while engaged in employment or performing services on the sexually oriented business premises so that said license may be available for inspection upon lawful request.

(C) A license issued pursuant to subsection (A) of this Section shall be subject to annual renewal upon the written application of the applicant and a finding by the Administrator that the applicant has not been convicted of any "specified criminal activity" as defined in this ordinance, or committed any act during the existence of the previous license which would be grounds to deny the initial license application. The decision whether to renew a license shall be made within thirty (30) days of the completed application. The renewal of a license shall be subject to the fee as set forth in Section VI.

(D) If application is made for a sexually oriented business license, the Administrator shall approve or deny issuance of the license within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the completed application. The Administrator shall issue a license to an applicant unless it is determined by a preponderance of the evidence that one or more of the following findings is true:

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

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

(3) An applicant or a person with whom the applicant is residing has been

denied a license by the County to operate a sexually oriented business within the preceding twelve (12) months, or whose license to operate a sexually oriented business has been revoked within the preceding twelve (12) months.

(4) An applicant or a person with whom the applicant is residing is overdue in payment to the County in taxes, fees, fines, or penalties assessed against or imposed upon him/her in relation to any business.

(5) An applicant or a person with whom the applicant is residing has been convicted of a "specified criminal activity";

(6) The premises to be used for the sexually oriented business have not been approved by the health department, fire department, and any other agency as being in compliance with applicable laws and ordinances;

(7) The license fee required under this ordinance has not been paid;

(8) An applicant of the proposed establishment is in violation of or is not in compliance with one or more of the provisions of this ordinance.

(E) A license issued pursuant to subsection (D) of this Section, 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 Section III classification for which the license is issued. The license shall be posted in a conspicuous place at or near the entrance to the sexually oriented business so that it may be easily read at any time.

(F) The health department, fire department, or other affected agencies shall complete their certification that the premises are in compliance or not in compliance within twenty (20)

days of receipt of the completed application by the Administrator. The certification shall be promptly presented to the Administrator.

(G) A sexually oriented business license shall issue for only one classification, as set forth in Section III.

(H) In the event that the Administrator determines that an applicant is not eligible for a license, the applicant shall be given notice in writing of the reasons for the denial within forty-five (45) days of the receipt of the completed application by the Administrator, provided that the applicant may request, in writing at any time before the notice is issued, that such period be extended for an additional period of not more than ten (10) days in order to make modifications necessary to comply with this ordinance.

(I) An applicant may appeal the decision of the Administrator regarding a denial to the Board of Supervisors by filing a written notice of appeal with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within fifteen (15) days after service of notice upon the applicant of the Administrator's decision. The notice of appeal shall be accompanied by a memorandum or other writing setting out fully the grounds for such appeal and all arguments in support thereof. The Administrator may, within fifteen (15) days of service upon him of the applicant's memorandum, submit a memorandum in response to the memorandum filed by the applicant on appeal to the Board of Supervisors. After reviewing such memoranda, as well as the Administrator's written decision, if any, and exhibits submitted by the Administrator, the Board of Supervisors shall vote either to uphold or overrule the Administrator's decision. Such vote shall be taken within twenty-one (21) calendar days

after the date on which the Clerk receives the notice of appeal. However, all parties shall be required to comply with the Administrator's decision during the pendency of the appeal. Judicial review of a denial by the Administrator and Board of Supervisors may be made pursuant to Section XI of this ordinance.

(J) A license issued pursuant to subsection (D) of this Section shall be subject to annual renewal upon the written application of the applicant and a finding by the Director that the applicant has not been convicted of any "specified criminal activity" as defined in this ordinance, or committed any act during the existence of the previous license which would be grounds to deny the initial license application. The decision whether to renew a license shall be made within thirty (30) days of the completed application. The renewal of a license shall be subject to the fee as set forth in Section VI.

SECTION VI. Fees.

The annual fee for a sexually oriented business license, whether new or renewal, is One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars. The annual fee for a sexually oriented business employee license, whether new or renewal, is One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars. These fees are to be used to pay for the cost of the administration and enforcement of this ordinance.

SECTION VII. Inspection.

(A) An applicant or licensee shall permit representatives of the Sheriff's Department, Health Department, Fire Department, or other county or state departments or agencies to inspect the premises of a sexually oriented business for the purpose of insuring compliance with the law, at any time it is open for business.

(B) A person who operates a sexually oriented business or his agent or employee commits a misdemeanor if he/she refuses to promptly permit such lawful inspection of the premises.

SECTION VIII. 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 IV. Application for renewal should be made at least thirty (30) days before the expiration date; when made less than forty-five (45) days before the expiration date, the expiration of the license will not be affected.

(B) When the Administrator denies renewal of a license, the applicant shall not be issued a license for one year from the date of denial.

SECTION IX. Suspension.

The Administrator shall suspend a license for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days if he determines that licensee or an employee of licensee has:

- (1) violated or is not in compliance with any section of this ordinance;
- (2) operated or performed services in a sexually oriented business while intoxicated by the use of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances;
- (3) refused to allow prompt inspection of the sexually oriented business premises as authorized by this ordinance;
- (4) with knowledge, permitted gambling by any person on the sexually oriented business premises.

SECTION X. Revocation.

(A) The Administrator shall revoke a license if a cause of suspension in Section IX occurs and the license has been suspended within the proceeding twelve (12) months.

(B) The Administrator shall revoke a license if he determines that:

(1) a licensee gave false or misleading information in the material submitted during the application process;

(2) a licensee, or a person with whom the licensee is residing, was convicted of a "specified criminal activity" on a charge that was pending prior to the issuance of the license;

(3) a licensee has, with knowledge, permitted the possession, use, or sale of controlled substances on the premises;

(4) a licensee has, with knowledge, permitted the sale, use, or consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises;

(5) a licensee has, with knowledge, permitted prostitution on the premises;

(6) a licensee has, with knowledge, operated the sexually oriented business during a period of time when the licensee's license was suspended;

(7) a licensee has, with knowledge, permitted any act of sexual intercourse, sodomy, oral copulation, masturbation, or other sexual conduct to occur in or on the licensed premises;

(8) a licensee is delinquent in payment to the County or State for any taxes or fees;

(9) a licensee has, with knowledge, permitted a person under eighteen (18) years of age to enter the establishment; or

(10) a licensee has attempted to sell his business license, or has sold, assigned, or transferred ownership or control of the sexually oriented business to a non-licensee;

(C) When the Administrator revokes a license, the revocation shall continue for one (1) year, and the licensee shall not be issued a sexually oriented license for one (1) year from the date revocation became effective.

SECTION XI. Judicial Review.

After denial of an initial or renewal application by the Administrator and Board of Supervisors, or suspension or revocation of a license by the Administrator, 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 XII. No Transfer of License.

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.

SECTION XIII. Location Restrictions.

Sexually oriented businesses shall be permitted in any commercial district provided that:

(A) the sexually oriented business may not be operated within:

(1) 1,500 feet of a church, synagogue or regular place of religious worship;

- (2) 1,500 feet of a public or private elementary or secondary school;
- (3) 1,500 feet of a boundary of any residential district;
- (4) 1,500 feet of a public park;
- (5) 1,500 feet of a licensed day-care center;
- (6) 1,500 feet of an entertainment business that is oriented primarily towards children or family entertainment; or
- (7) 1,000 feet of another sexually oriented business.

(B) A sexually oriented business may not be operated in the same building, structure, or portion thereof, containing another sexually oriented business classified pursuant to Section III.

(C) For the purpose of this ordinance, measurement shall be made in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures or objects, from the nearest portion of the building or structure used as a part of the premises where a sexually oriented business is conducted, to the nearest property line of the premises of a church, synagogue, regular place of worship, or public or private elementary or secondary school, or to the nearest boundary of an affected public park, residential district, or residential lot, or licensed day-care center, or child or family entertainment business.

(D) For purposes of subsection (C) of this section, the distance between any two sexually oriented business uses shall be measured in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures or objects, from the closest exterior wall of the structure in which each business is located.

SECTION XIV. Non-Conforming Uses.

(A) Any business unlawfully operating on the effective date of this ordinance that is in violation of the locational or structural configuration requirements of this ordinance shall be deemed a non-conforming use. The non-conforming use will be permitted to continue for a period of not to exceed two years, unless sooner terminated for any reason or voluntarily discontinued for a period of thirty (30) days or more. Such non-conforming uses shall not be increased, enlarged, extended or altered except that the use may be changed to a conforming use. If two or more sexually oriented businesses are within 1,000 feet of one another and otherwise in a permissible location, the sexually oriented business that was first established and continually operated at a particular location is the conforming use and the later-established business(es) is non-conforming.

(B) A sexually oriented business lawfully operating as a conforming use is not rendered a non-conforming use by the location, subsequent to the grant or renewal of the sexually oriented business license, of a church, synagogue, or regular place of religious worship, public or private elementary or secondary school, licensed day-care center, public park, residential district, or child or family entertainment business within one thousand, five hundred (1,500) feet of the sexually oriented business. This provision applies only to the renewal of a valid business license, and does not apply when an application for a business license is submitted after a business license has expired or has been revoked.

SECTION XV. Additional Regulations for Adult Motels.

(A) Evidence that a sleeping room in a hotel, motel, or a similar commercial

enterprise has been rented and vacated two or more times in a period of time that is less than ten (10) hours creates a rebuttable presumption that the enterprise is an adult motel, as that term is defined in this chapter.

(B) It is unlawful if a person, as the person in control of a sleeping room in a hotel, motel, or similar commercial enterprise that does not have a sexually oriented business license, rents or subrents a sleeping room to a person and, within ten (10) hours from the time the room is rented, he rents or subrents the same sleeping room again.

(C) For purposes of subsection (B) of this section, the terms "rent" or "subrent" mean the act of permitting a room to be occupied for any form of consideration.

(D) Violation of subsection (B) of this Section shall constitute a misdemeanor.

SECTION XVI. 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.

(C) Violation of this Section shall constitute a misdemeanor.

SECTION XVII. 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 a misdemeanor 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 the public view or visible by any other person.

(C) A person commits a misdemeanor if the person appears in a state of nudity, or with knowledge, 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 of 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 XVIII. Additional Regulations Concerning Public Nudity.

(A) It shall be a misdemeanor for a person who, with knowledge and intent, appears in person in a state of nudity in a sexually oriented business, or depicts specified sexual activities in a sexually oriented business.

(B) It shall be a misdemeanor for a person who, with knowledge and intent, appears in person in a semi-nude condition in a sexually oriented business, unless the person is an employee who, while semi-nude, is at least ten (10) feet from any patron or customer and on a stage of at least two (2) feet from the floor.

(C) It shall be a misdemeanor for an employee, while semi-nude in a sexually oriented business, to solicit any pay or gratuity from any patron or customer, or for any patron or customer to pay or give any gratuity to any employee, while said employee is semi-nude in the sexually oriented business.

(D) It shall be a misdemeanor for an employee, while semi-nude, to touch a patron or the clothing of a patron, or for a patron to touch a semi-nude employee or the clothing of a semi-nude employee.

SECTION XIX. Regulations Pertaining to Exhibition of Sexually Explicit Films, Videos and Live Performances.

(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 one hundred fifty (150) square feet of floor space, a film, video cassette, other video reproduction, or live performance that 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 thirty-two (32) square feet of floor area. The diagram shall also designate the place at which the business license 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 six (6") inches. The Administrator may waive the foregoing diagram for renewal applications, if the configuration has remained unchanged.

SECTION XX. Exterior Portions of Sexually Oriented Businesses.

(A) It shall be unlawful for an owner or operator of a sexually oriented business to allow the merchandise or activities of the establishment to be visible from a point outside the establishment.

(B) It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of a sexually oriented business to allow the exterior portion of the sexually oriented business to have flashing lights, or any words, lettering, photographs, silhouettes, drawings, or pictorial representations of any manner except to the extent permitted by the provisions of this ordinance.

(C) It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of a sexually oriented business to allow exterior portions of the establishment to be painted any color other than a single achromatic color. This provision shall not apply to a sexually oriented business if the following conditions are met:

- (1) The establishment is a part of a commercial multi-unit center; and
- (2) The exterior portions of each individual unit in the commercial multi-unit center, including the exterior portions of the business, are painted the same color as one another or are painted in such a way so as to be a component of the overall architectural style or pattern of the commercial multi-unit center.

(D) Nothing in this article shall be construed to require the painting of an otherwise unpainted exterior portion of a sexually oriented business.

(E) A violation of any provision of this Section shall constitute a misdemeanor.

SECTION XXI. Signage.

(A) Notwithstanding any other county ordinance, code, or regulation to the contrary, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any sexually oriented business or any other person to erect, construct, or maintain any sign for the sexually oriented business other than the one (1) primary sign and one (1) secondary sign, as provided herein.

(B) Primary signs shall have no more than two (2) display surfaces. Each such display surface shall:

- (1) not contain any flashing lights;
- (2) be a flat plane, rectangular in shape;
- (3) not exceed seventy-five (75) square feet in area; and
- (4) not exceed ten (10) feet in height or ten (10) feet in length.

(C) Primary signs shall contain no photographs, silhouettes, drawings or pictorial representations in any manner, and may contain only the name of the enterprise.

(D) Each letter forming a word on a primary sign shall be of solid color, and each such letter shall be the same print-type, size and color. The background behind such lettering on the display surface of a primary sign shall be of a uniform and solid color.

(E) Secondary signs shall have only one (1) display surface. Such display surface shall:

- (1) be a flat plane, rectangular in shape;
- (2) not exceed twenty (20) square feet in area;
- (3) not exceed five (5) feet in height and four (4) feet in width; and
- (4) be affixed or attached to any wall or door of the enterprise.

(F) The provisions of item (1) of subsection (B) and subsection (C) and (D) shall also apply to secondary signs.

(G) Violation of any provision of this Section shall constitute a misdemeanor.

SECTION XXII. Sale, Use, or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages Prohibited.

(A) The sale, use, or consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises of a sexually oriented business is prohibited.

(B) Any violation of this Section shall constitute a misdemeanor.

SECTION XXIII. Persons Younger Than Eighteen Prohibited From Entry; Attendant Required.

(A) It shall be unlawful to allow a person who is younger than eighteen (18) years of age to enter or be on the premises of a sexually oriented business at any time the sexually oriented business is open for business.

(B) It shall be the duty of the operator of each sexually oriented business to ensure that an attendant is stationed at each public entrance to the sexually oriented business at all times during such sexually oriented businesses' regular business hours. It shall be the duty of the attendant to prohibit any person under the age of eighteen (18) years from entering the sexually oriented business. It shall be presumed that an attendant knew a person was under the age of eighteen (18) unless such attendant asked for and was furnished:

(1) a valid operator's, commercial operator's, or chauffeur's driver's license;

or

(2) a valid personal identification certificate issued by the State of Mississippi

reflecting that such person is eighteen (18) years of age or older.

(3) Violation of this Section shall constitute a misdemeanor.

SECTION XXIV. Messages or Baths Administered by Person of Opposite Sex.

It shall be unlawful for any sexually oriented business, regardless of whether in a public or private facility, to operate as a massage salon, massage parlor or any similar type business where any physical contact with the recipient of such services is provided by a person of the opposite sex. Violation of this Section shall constitute a misdemeanor.

SECTION XXV. Hours of Operation.

No sexually oriented business, except for an adult motel, may remain open at any time between the hours of one o'clock (1:00) A.M. and eight o'clock (8:00) A.M. on weekdays and Saturdays, and one o'clock (1:00) A.M. and twelve o'clock (12:00) P.M. on Sundays.

SECTION XVI. Exemptions.

It is a defense to prosecution under this ordinance 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 Mississippi, a college, junior college, or university supported entirely or partly by taxation;

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

SECTION XXVII. Notices.

(A) Any notice required or permitted to be given by the Administrator or any other

county office, division, department or other agency under this ordinance to any applicant, operator or owner of a sexually oriented business may be given either by personal delivery or by certified United States mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed to the most recent address as specified in the application for the license, or any notice of address change that has been received by the Administrator. Notices mailed as above shall be deemed given upon their deposit in the United States mail. In the event that any notice given by mail is returned by the postal service, the Administrator or his designee shall cause it to be posted at the principal entrance to the establishment.

(B) Any notice required or permitted to be given to the Administrator by any person under this ordinance shall not be deemed given until and unless it is received in the office of the Administrator.

(C) It shall be the duty of each owner who is designated on the license application and each operator to furnish notice to the Administrator in writing of any change of residence or mailing address.

SECTION XXVIII. Injunction.

A person who operates or causes to be operated a sexually oriented business without a valid business license or in violation of Section XIII of this ordinance is subject to a suit for injunction as well as prosecution for criminal violations. Each day a sexually oriented business so operates is a separate offense or violation.

SECTION XXIX. Separability.

If any section, subsection, or clause of this ordinance shall be deemed to be

unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION XXX. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION XXXI. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall be enforced from and after October 14, 1999.

SO RESOLVED AND ORDERED, this the 14th day of October, 1999.

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: Aubrey Matthews
AUBREY MATTHEWS, PRESIDENT

Record of Votes

Theodore Bullock, District 1, voting For

Lexie Elmore, District 2, voting Absent

Aubrey Matthews, District 3, voting For

Tommy Paulk, District 4, voting For

Carroll Fortenberry, District 5, voting For

ATTEST:

JOEL RODNEY BARR, CHANCERY CLERK
PIKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY: Joel R. Barr
Chancery Clerk