

CHAPTER 7.08
TEEN-AGE DANCES

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7.08.010 DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this chapter the following words and phrases are hereby defined and shall be construed as hereinafter set out unless it shall be apparent from the context that they have a different meaning, to-wit:

(a) "Teen-Age Dances" shall mean dances held for minors between the age of fifteen (15) through nineteen (19) years of age.

(b) "Sponsor or Sponsoring Group" shall mean any individual, organization or group of individuals who shall file an application for a permit to hold a dance.

(c) "Teen-Age Dance Board" shall mean the board hereinafter provided for.

(d) "Teen-Age Dance" shall mean a special dance held under a permit authorized by the Teen-Age Dance Board and conducted in compliance with the provisions herein contained.
[Ord. 81 (1965) ■ 1]

7.08.020 TEEN-AGE DANCE BOARD. There is hereby created and established a board to be known as the Teen-Age Dance

Board, which board shall consist of five (5) members, as follows: One member shall be the Benton County Sheriff or his delegated representative. One member of said board shall be the Benton County School Superintendent or his delegated representative. The other three (3) members of the board shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Washington. Such members shall serve a term of two (2) years, except that in the appointment of the first three (3) board members thereof, one shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, one for a term of two (2) years, and one for a term of three (3) years, commencing with the effective date of this chapter. That at the expiration of said terms, the members of said board shall thereafter be appointed for the term of two (2) years each. Three (3) members of said board shall constitute a quorum. [Ord. 81 (1965) 3]

7.08.030 PERMIT REQUIRED. It shall be unlawful to conduct or sponsor any teen-age dance in the County of Benton, Washington, without having first obtained a written permit to do so authorized by the Teen-Age Dance Board, and except in full compliance with all the conditions and provisions herein provided for. [Ord. 81 (1965) 3]

7.08.040 PERMIT APPLICATIONS REQUIRED. (a) The application for a permit to hold a teen-age dance shall be accompanied by adequate proof that the place or premises where the dance is to be held has a valid public dance hall license, or is not required to have such a license but conforms with all safety regulations established by law subject to inspection by the Fire Protection District wherein the dance is to be held and the Sheriff's Office of Benton County.

(b) The application or permit shall set forth therein the following minimum information:

- (1) The name and address of the applicant or applicants.
- (2) The date upon which the dance is to be held.
- (3) The address of the place where the dance is to be held.

- (4) The approximate attendance expected.
- (5) The minimum number of adult supervisors who will be in attendance at all times during the holding of said dance, and the names and addresses of such adults.

(c) Upon the filing of each application for a teen-age dance, the Board shall cause to be made such investigation as it deems proper, and shall either deny or approve the same. If the application is approved, the permit for such dance shall then be issued by the Auditor of Benton County. A copy of the permit so issued shall forthwith be filed with the Board. If the application for such permit is denied by the said Teen-Age Dance Board, the applicant shall have and is hereby given the right to appeal from said denial to the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County.
[Ord. 81 (1965) ■ 4]

7.08.050 REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION, GROUNDS OR PROCEDURE. Any permit issued hereunder may be revoked or suspended by the Teen-Age Dance Board if any of the following conditions exist or occur:

(a) The applicant for the permit or the holder of any permit, as the case may be, has knowingly made any material misstatement in the application for the permit.

(b) The holder of the permit is violating any of the provisions of this section.

(c) The holding of such teen-age dances pursuant to the permit issued will not be in accordance with the public peace or welfare.

In the event such permit is revoked or suspended as above provided, the holder of such permit shall be and is hereby given the right of appeal from such revocation or suspension to the Board of Commissioners of Benton County.
[Ord. 81 (1965) ■ 5]

7.08.060 GENERAL PROVISIONS. (a) Teen-age dances shall in no way be construed as public dances and shall come under the control of the Teen-Age Dance Board.

(b) No alcoholic beverages shall be sold, consumed or available on the dance floor or adjacent area being used by the minors in any teen-age dance.

(c) Admission to the teen-age dance shall be denied to any person showing any evidence of drinking alcoholic beverages or having alcoholic beverages on his person.

(d) Sufficient qualified adult supervision shall be provided by the sponsor at all teen-age dances to insure that accepted standards of social conduct are followed.

(e) No dancing at any teen-age dance shall be permitted after the hour of 12:00 midnight unless the permit issued for such dance specifically authorizes the continuance for a later hour. Authorization to continue dancing after the 12:00 midnight may be approved within the discretion of the Board, when not in conflict with curfew regulations.

(f) No teen-age participant shall be issued a pass check permitting said individual to leave and enter the dance hall.

(g) No person under the age of fifteen (15) or over the age of nineteen (19) shall attend any teen-age dance or loiter around or about the premises at which such dance is being held.

(h) It shall be unlawful and shall constitute a violation of this section for any person who is not eligible for admittance to a teen-age dance to loiter around or about the premises at which such dance is being held.

(i) The Teen-Age Dance Board is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt any rules and regulations at its own discretion, not inconsistent herewith as it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of this section.

(j) Violation of any of the rules or regulations as adopted by said Board shall make the permit forfeitable immediately.

[Ord. 81 (1965) ■ 6]

7.08.070 FEES FOR ISSUANCE OF PERMIT. The Board shall require the payment to the County Auditor of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per year, Five Dollars (\$5.00) per quarter or One Dollar (\$1.00) per dance to cover the cost to the County of Benton from the applicant before the Auditor shall issue any permit.
[Ord. 81 (1965) ■ 7]

7.08.080 VIOLATIONS - PENALTIES. Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
[Ord. 81 (1965) ■ 8; Ord. 214 (1987) ■ 19]