

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No.* 197

*Approved* May 4, 2005

Resolution Authorizing the Ratification of the Rules and Regulations from the Board of Licenses for the New Class N License, in accordance with Rhode Island General Laws 3-7-16.6 and City Ordinance Number 820 of Chapter 2003-79.

CITY COUNCIL  
APR 24 2005  
READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED  
PRES.  
Michael B. Clement  
CLERK (cl)

*[Signature]* 5/4/05

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ORDINANCES  
Michael R. Clement  
CLERK *ans*

THE COMMITTEE ON  
ORDINANCES  
Approves Passage of  
The Within Resolution *as amended*  
Ann M. Allen  
CLERK

**ANDREW J. ANNALDO**  
Chairman & Secretary

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**BOARD OF LICENSES**  
*Building Pride in Providence*

November 19, 2004

City Council President John Lombardi  
City Council  
25 Dorrance Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

RE; NEW CLASS N LICENSE  
RULES AND REGULATIONS

Dear Council President Lombardi:

Pursuant to the Rhode Island General Laws, 3-7-16.6 and City Ordinance number 820 of Chapter 2003-79, the Providence Board of Licenses after adopting the Rules and Regulations at its hearing on November 17, 2004, hereby submits to the City Council for your ratification said Rules and Regulations.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard H. Aitchison".

Richard H. Aitchison,  
License Administrator

CC; Andrew J. Annaldo, Chairman & Secretary  
Andrian Southgate, Law Department  
City Clerk's Office

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Michael X. Wenzel CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON

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4-13-05 Approved

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CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
BOARD OF LICENSES

**RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR NIGHTCLUBS**

Public Hearing: 3/22/04

Passage by BOL: 11/17/04

Ratification Date by Providence City  
Council:

Effective Date:

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR NIGHTCLUBS**

### **I. Introduction.**

These Rules and Regulations are promulgated for those holding Class B or Class ED licenses through the Board of Licenses (Board) of the City of Providence (City), who meet the statutory qualifications for holders of a Class N nightclub licenses, as further defined in R.I.G.L. § 3-7-16.6 (Statute).

The City's primary goal in imposing high standards on nightclub owners is to assure the public safety and welfare. In particular, the Statute imposes new responsibilities on licensees, discourages under-age drinking, reduces the incidence of "last call in Providence", reduces problems with litter and noise, and improves license administration, while creating revenue for the City.

### **II. Applicability.**

Class N licenses shall be required by establishments within the City which:

1. Have as the primary source of revenue the sale of alcoholic beverages and/or cover charges; and
2. Hold a Class B or Class ED license; and
3. Have a fire department occupancy permit of no less than two hundred (200) persons and no greater than ten thousand (10,000) persons; or, if they have a fire department occupancy permit of less than two hundred (200) persons, hold an entertainment license.

### **III. Special Restrictions for Nightclubs Admitting Underage Patrons**

Unless such requirements are modified or deleted by the General Assembly, any establishment with a Class N license which admits patrons under twenty-one (21) years

of age on the premises of the establishment when alcoholic beverages are being sold, served, or permitted shall, during the time the patrons are on the premises, comply with all of the following regulations.

1. Require a form of identification, containing the bearer's photograph, from every person claiming to be twenty-one (21) years of age or older. The following forms of identification are acceptable: a state driver's license, US military identification, Rhode Island-issued identification card, or passport.

2. When alcohol is for sale, identify patrons over twenty-one (21) years of age with both an identifiable hand stamp and an identification bracelet which cannot be removed intact. Every patron must be required to show both hand stamp and bracelet before purchasing an alcoholic beverage. The hand stamp and identification bracelet are not required for purchases other than alcohol.

3. Not more than one alcoholic beverage may be sold to an eligible patron in a single transaction. Patrons shall be prohibited from carrying more than one alcoholic beverage from a bar or drink dispensing location.

4. No patron who leaves the premises may be readmitted prior to closing without payment of the same admission or cover charge required of patrons entering the premises initially.

#### IV. Cost and Duration of License.

1. An N-license may be issued on fulfilling the requirements of these rules and regulations and payment of a fee, as follows:

- a. For a capacity of 499 persons or less, \$500.00
- b. For a capacity of 500 persons or more, \$1000.00.

2. An N-license shall be effective annual from December 1 through November 30.

V. Notice Requirements.

The Board will not issue a Class N nightclub license unless the following notice requirements have been met:

1. Any establishment applying for a Class N nightclub license, or the renewal of that license, or which is the subject of a hearing relating to its Class N nightclub license, must provide the general public with notice of its application by posting a twenty-four (24) inch by thirty-six (36) inch notice on its premises, in a manner clearly visible to the general public, at least thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date before Board, and at least thirty (30) days prior to hearings related to the license on appeal to the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation. If any hearing is scheduled to occur in less than thirty (30) days, the applicant or Class N nightclub license holder must post this notice within three (3) business days after its receipt of notification of that hearing from the licensing authority or the director.

2. The notice shall contain the name of the applicant and a description by street and number or other plain designation of the particular location for which the Class N nightclub license is requested. The notice shall state that remonstrants are entitled to be heard at the hearing on the Class N nightclub license, and shall provide the time and place of that hearing.

3. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the Board will not mandate adherence to the notice requirements in connection with the implementation of the



ordinance for current holders of Class B or Class ED licenses who are applying for Class N licensure at the same location.

#### VI. General Requirements.

Any establishment that holds a Class N nightclub license must:

1. Comply with the City ordinance governing noise levels;
2. Cooperate with City and law enforcement officials;
3. Provide private security for the safety of patrons both inside and outside the establishment, including any parking areas under the control of the establishment;
4. Collect trash generated by the establishment every night that the establishment is open in an area surrounding the premises that is reasonable and prudent, given the size of the establishment; and
5. Provide a mandatory police detail in a number and in a manner as required at the discretion of the Board of Licenses, or the Commissioner of Public Safety or his/her designee in an emergency situation;
6. Not jeopardize the health, safety and welfare of the community; and
67. For any establishment which is permitted to remain open until two o'clock (2:00) a.m., refuse to admit patrons after one o'clock (1:00) a.m.

#### VII. Penalties.

In addition to any penalties otherwise provided under State law, violation of any provision of these Rules and Regulations will result in the imposition of the maximum fines allowed under R.I.G.L. § 3-5-21:

1. For a first violation of the any provision, a fine of up to \$500.00, or such higher amount if allowed under R.I.G.L. § 3-5-21.

2. For a second violation of any provision, a fine of up to \$1,000.000, or such higher amount if allowed under R.I.G.L. § 3-5-21.

3. For a third violation of any provision, a penalty to be imposed in the discretion of the Board, up to and including permanent loss of Class B or ED licensure.

The foregoing Rules and Regulations shall become effective upon ratification by the Providence City Council.

Dated: November , 2004

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Chairman, Board of Licenses

Witness:

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_