

**City of Providence**  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

**CHAPTER 2013-12**

**No. 176**

**AN ORDINANCE** IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE ENTITLED "LICENSES" APPROVED JULY 6, 2009, AS AMENDED, TO MODIFY ARTICLE I

EFFECTIVE ~~XXXXXX~~ April 15, 2013  
***Be it ordained by the City of Providence:***

SECTION 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Article I of Chapter 14, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 14-14. - Licensing of persons working as Floor Hosts.

(a) As used in this section, "Floor Host" means a person who works at any retail establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages in the city as a watchman, guard, bodyguard, bouncer, security guard, private patrolman, door keeper, crowd controller, or under any title, for the purpose of protecting persons or real and personal property.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to work as a Floor Host without first obtaining a license therefor issued by the board of licenses.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any retail establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages in the city to employ a person as a Floor Host unless that person has first been licensed by the board of licenses. Any license granted hereunder shall be subject to the provisions of this article.

(d) Applicants for a Floor Host license shall submit an application to the board of licenses, pay the fee provided in subsection (h), and complete a criminal background check through the department of police. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) and (c), a person may immediately commence working as a Floor Host on an interim basis for not more than thirty (30) days following his or her compliance with this subsection, provided that the person maintains a copy of the complete dated application with stamped indicia of receipt by the board of licenses on his or her person at all times while working in this interim capacity.

(e) The department of police is empowered to enforce this section and shall process applicants' background checks within ten (10) days. The department of police may register an objection to the application with the board of licenses where the appearance of any item on applicant's background check gives rise to a public safety concern.

(f) The board of licenses is empowered to implement this section and shall, without limiting that general authority, promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, including but not limited to a requirement that applicants complete a prescribed course of instruction reviewed and approved by the board of licenses. Such prescribed course of instruction shall consist of a comprehensive training program of not less than four (4) hours in duration for new applicants and a comprehensive training program of not less than two (2) hours in duration for renewal applicants.

(g) The applicable prescribed course of instruction required by the board of licenses must be completed within thirty (30) days of the submission of the application as required hereunder. Failure to complete the prescribed course of instruction, and to provide proof thereof to the board of licenses within thirty (30) days of submission of the application shall result in automatic denial of the license. The applicant may request one thirty (30) day extension from the board of licenses if there is no course available within the first thirty (30) days.

(h) The fee for a license issued under this section, for a period of two (2) years, shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00), and the renewal fee shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), both payable to the City of Providence.

(i) The department of police may cite any retail establishment licensed to serve alcoholic beverages in the City of Providence or any individual for violations of any part of this section.

(j) The board of licenses shall hear evidence of any allegations of a violation of this section by the holder of any license issued by the board of licenses.

(k) Every Floor Host licensed under this section shall be provided a suitable identification badge with the applicant's name and photograph thereon. It shall be worn on the outside of his/her outside garment at all times while he/she is engaged in the work of a Floor Host.

(l) Every Floor Host licensed under this section shall be required to wear a uniform or t-shirt with the word "staff" or other easily recognized language or markings printed upon the uniform or t-shirt.

(m) An application occurring before March 1, 2013, (1) when in conjunction with a background check as provided in subsections (d), (e), and (f), and (2) when approved by the board of licenses on or before March 1, 2013, and (3) when also in conjunction with the completion of a prescribed course of instruction required by the board of licenses before or within 30 days of the issuance of the license, shall constitute compliance with this section until two years from the date of issue (six (6) months after the enactment). After said date, the individual must be licensed, as provided in this section, to work as a Floor Host.

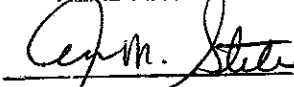
(n) Any person who violates this section shall be punished by a fine.

(o) Any retail establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages in the city which violates this section shall be punished by a suspension or revocation of its licenses or by a fine or other penalty as determined by the board of licenses.

(p) Any fine issued by the board of licenses for a violation of this section shall be in an amount of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for a first offense and not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each subsequent offense.



SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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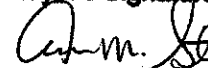
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FINAL READING  
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Effective without the  
Mayor's Signature

  
Anna M. Stetson  
City Clerk

**An Ordinance in Amendment Of Chapter 14 of The Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence Entitled "Licenses" Approved July 6, 2009, As Amended, to Modify Article I.**

This ordinance amends Section 14-14, "Floor Hosts." The proposed changes would place new guidelines and requirements on **floor host** (aka, bouncer) licenses.

**An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 14, "Licenses," of The Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Article X, "Shows and Amusements," Division 4, "Commercial Establishments Where Alcoholic Beverages Are Offered for Sale."**

This ordinance adds Section 14-233, "Event Promoter Licensing." The ordinance proposes to create an **event promoter license** and establishes the process and rules for those who promote events at establishments that serve alcohol.

**An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 14, "Licenses," Article IV, "Commercial Parking Lots."**

The ordinance amends the existing article in the Code of Ordinances regarding **commercial parking** lots. The proposed changes would add new requirements to the license application, including submitting a security plan for the commercial parking garage or lot.