

## CHAPTER 5

### DANCE HALLS

(For state law as to dance halls, see Code of Virginia, Section 18.2-432 and 18.2.433.)

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#### Sec. 5.1. "Dance Hall" Defined

A public dance hall, within the meaning of this section, shall be construed to mean any place open to the general public where dancing is permitted. (Code 1950, Section 5-1.)

#### Sec. 5.2. Permit to Operate--Required

No person shall operate a dance hall in the town unless he has an unrevoked permit from the town to do so. No permit shall be issued under this section unless all the requirements of this chapter are complied with. (Code 1950, Section 5-2.)

#### Sec. 5.3. Same--Revocation

Permits to operate a dance hall may be revoked by the town council for a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter; provided, that the holder of such permit shall be entitled to a hearing before the town council after reasonable notice prior to any action to be taken by the town council as to revocation of such permit.

#### Sec. 5.4. Restrooms

In every dance hall in the town there shall be separate men's and women's restrooms. (Code 1950, Section 5-3.)

#### Sec. 5.5. Chairs and Benches

In every dance hall in the town, there shall be chairs or benches available to dancers at the rate of one seat for each ten paid admissions. (Code 1950, Section 5-4.)

#### Sec. 5.6. Maintenance of Order

The owner or operator of every dance hall in the town shall maintain good order and conduct at all times within his dance hall. (Code 1950, Section 5-5.)

Sec. 5.7. Service of Food and Drink

All food sold in any dance hall in the town shall be packaged and all soft drinks sold therein shall be dispensed in paper cups. (Code 1950, Section 5-6.)

Sec. 5.8. Disposal of Refuse

In every dance hall in the town, there shall be sufficient containers for refuse both outside and inside the hall and all refuse in the immediate vicinity shall be placed in such containers after each dance. (Code 1950, Section 5-7.)

Sec. 5.9. Fire Extinguishers and Exits

In every dance hall in the town, fire extinguishers shall be readily accessible at all times. Fire exit doors shall be clearly marked and shall be unobstructed during the hours of operation as a dance hall and fire exits shall be safe and illuminated on the outside. (Code 1950, Section 5-8.)

Sec. 5.10. Parking Spaces

There shall be adequate parking space provided for every dance hall in the town. (Code 1950, Section 5-9.)

Sec. 5.11. Approval of Health Facilities and Fire Prevention Measures Required

No permit shall be issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter until the health officer has approved the sanitary and health facilities and until the deputy state fire marshal has approved the fire prevention measures. Such permit shall be cancelled if either the health officer or the deputy state fire marshal rescinds such approval. (Code 1950, Section 5-10.)

Sec. 5.12. Closing Hours

No dance hall in the town shall operate as such from 12:00 midnight Saturday night until 8:00 p.m. on Monday night. During any other night, no dance hall shall operate as such except during the hours between 8:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. (Code 1950, Section 5-11.)

Sec. 5.13. Penalty for Violation of Chapter

Any person violating the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars. (Code 1950, Section 5-12.)

(As to general penalty, see Section 1-7 of this Code.)