

SPECIAL AMUSEMENT PERMITS

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Amended July 5, 2022

1. TITLE

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Special Amusement Ordinance of the Town of Waterboro, Maine.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to control the issuance of special permits for music, dancing, or entertainment in facilities licensed by the State of Maine to sell liquor and is adopted pursuant to Title 28-A M.R.S.A. Section 1054.

3. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

A) Compliance Report: The source document prepared by the inspection officer after receiving a complaint detailing an incident. The report when duly signed by the officer shall become a matter of record. The report shall remain on file until the cessation of the use for which the Special Amusement permit was issued, regardless of any change in ownership or control of the use. Each complaint shall be investigated by the responding officer and attested to as to the validity of said complaint. When a complaint is filed with Town Hall, the Town shall collect the information and forward it to the York County Sheriff's Office for review and follow-up.

B) Entertainment: For the purpose of this Ordinance "entertainment" shall include any amusement, performance, exhibition, or diversion for patrons or customers of the licensed premises whether provided by professional entertainers or by full-time or part-time employees of the licensed premises whose incidental duties include activities with an entertainment value coincident to any music, dancing, or live acts.

C) Inspection Officer: The Law or Code Enforcement Officer acting on behalf of the Town to ensure proper enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance.

D) Licensee: For the purposes of this Section, "licensee" shall include the holder of a license issued under Title 28-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, or any person, individual, partnership, firm, association, corporation, or other legal entity, or any agent, or employee of any such licensing acting on behalf of such licensee.

4. PERMIT REQUIRED

A. No licensee for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the licensed premises shall permit on the licensed premises, any music, except radio, or other mechanical device, any dancing, or entertainment of any sort unless the licensee shall have first obtained from the Town a Special Amusement Permit approved by a majority of the Select Board.

B. Applications for all Special Amusement Permits shall be obtained from the Town Clerk.

C. Applications for all Special Amusement Permits shall be made in writing to the Select Board and shall state:

- (1) The name of the applicant.
- (2) Applicant's resident address.
- (3) Name of the business to be conducted.
- (4) Business address.

- (5) Nature of the business.
- (6) Location of the business.
- (7) Address to be used.
- (8) All places of residence of the applicant during the past five years.
- (9) Hours during which the business shall be in operation.
- (10) Whether the applicant has ever had a license to conduct business therein described either denied or revoked and, if so, the applicant shall describe those circumstances specifically.
- (11) Whether the applicant, including all partners or corporate officers, has ever been convicted of a felony and, if so, the applicant shall describe specifically those circumstances.
- (12) Any additional information as may be needed by the Select Board in issuing the permit including, but not limited to, a copy of the applicant's liquor license and expiration date.

D. No permit shall be issued for anything, or act, or premises, if the premises or buildings to be used for such purposes do not fully comply with this Ordinance, or any applicable ordinances, articles, by-laws, or rules or regulations of the Town and the laws of the State of Maine.

E. The fee for a Special Amusement Permit shall be \$50.00 (plus advertising costs).

F. The Select Board shall, prior to granting a permit and after reasonable notice to the public and the applicant, hold a public hearing within 30 days of the date when the request was received, at which the testimony of the applicant and that of any interested members of the public shall be taken. If the application is for a renewal of a Special Amusement Permit, then no public hearing shall be required unless there have been violations of the permit or complaints have been received by the Town about the operation of the business.

G. A permit shall be valid only for the license year of the applicant's existing liquor license.

H. Any licensee requesting a Special Amusement Permit from the Select Board shall be notified in writing of the Board's decision no later than sixty (60) days from the date the request was received. In the event that a licensee is denied a permit, the licensee shall be provided with the reasons for the denial in writing. The licensee may not reapply for a permit until thirty (30) days after an application for a permit has been denied. Any licensee who has requested a permit and has been denied may, within thirty (30) days of the denial, appeal the decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

5. INSPECTIONS

Whenever inspections of the premises used for or in connection with the operation of a licensed business which has obtained a Special Amusement Permit are provided for or required by Ordinance or State Law, or are reasonably necessary to secure compliance with any Ordinance provision or State Law, it shall be the duty of the licensee, or the person in charge of the premises to be inspected, to admit any officer, official, or employee of the Town authorized to make inspection at any reasonable time that admission is required.

The Select Board shall require an initial inspection of the premises and licensee for overall ability to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance. Thereafter, at least one inspection annually shall take place. The Inspection Officer shall record the findings by completing a Compliance Report. In addition to any other penalty which may be provided, the Select Board may revoke the Special Amusement Permit of any licensee in the Town who refuses to permit any such officer, official or employee of the Town to make an inspection, or who interferes with such officer, official or employee while in the performance of his duties; provided, that no Special Amusement

Permit shall be revoked unless written demand for the inspection is made upon the licensee or person in charge of the premises, at the time that the inspection is sought.

6. SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A PERMIT

The Select Board may, after a public hearing preceded by public notice to interested parties, suspend or revoke any Special Amusement Permits which have been issued under this Ordinance on the grounds that the music, dancing or entertainment so permitted constitutes a nuisance as set forth in Section 7 of this Ordinance or violates this Ordinance or any other Town ordinances, articles, by-laws or rules and regulations. Any licensee whose permit has been revoked or suspended, may, within thirty (30) days of the suspension or revocation, appeal the decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

7. NUISANCE

The licensee or his authorized representative shall not permit the use of the premises to result in any continued, excessive, or unreasonably loud noise, or any noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health or safety of individuals; or which results in disturbing the peace and tranquility of the neighborhood.

8. ADMISSION

A licensed hotel, Class A restaurant, Class A tavern or restaurant malt liquor licensee who has been issued a Special Amusement Permit may charge admission in designated areas approved by the Special Amusement Permit.

9. SEPARABILITY

The invalidity of any provision of this Ordinance shall not invalidate any other part.

**TOWN OF WATERBORO
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL AMUSEMENT PERMIT**

1. Applicant's Name: _____ **Renewal Application Y ____ N ____**

Resident Address: _____ Home Phone _____

If less than 5 years list former addresses _____

2. Name of Business: _____ Bus. Phone _____

Business Address: _____ Tax Map. _____ Lot _____

3. Nature of Business: _____

4. Describe in detail the kind and nature of entertainment(s) proposed and hours/days of operation:

5. Describe the location or rooms to be used under this permit:

6. Has the applicant ever had a license to conduct business herein described, either denied or revoked?

YES ____ NO ____ . If yes, describe circumstances _____

7. Has applicant including any partner or corporate officers ever been convicted of a felony?

YES ____ NO ____ . If yes, please describe circumstances _____

8. Attach a copy of applicant's current liquor license. Expiration date of current liquor license: _____

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments thereto and that all the information is true and complete. I authorize the Town of Waterboro, through it's designated officials, to enter the property (including buildings and accessory structures) that is the subject of this application, at reasonable hours, to determine the accuracy of any information provided herein and to determine the state of compliance with conditions of the permit. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines, imprisonment and revocation of license.

FEE OF \$50.00 (plus applicable advertising costs) MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.

DATE: _____

Signature of Authorized Applicant

(Place Corporate Seal)

Name of Corporation

(If Corporation, Authorized officer)

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APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY A MAJORITY OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

DATE: _____