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ORDINANCE NO. 1434

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DANCE HALL ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO:

THAT Section 5-3 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Junction is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5-3. DANCE HALLS AND DANCES.

(a) DEFINITIONS. Any room or place where dancing is regularly carried on or which is leased, let or rented for hire for the purpose of regularly carrying on therein dances, open to the general public, and where an admission is charged for attending any dance therein, either as a participant or spectator, shall under the provisions of this section be deemed a public dance hall, or ballroom.

(b) LICENSE REQUIRED. Before any person or persons shall conduct, carry on or engage in conducting or keeping or maintaining any public dance hall, ballroom, or place where dancing is regularly carried on or indulged in for hire or profit, he or they shall first obtain a license from the clerk of the city.

(c) LICENSE FEE, DURATION. The fee for a license required by this section shall be twenty-five dollars and licenses issued hereunder shall expire six months after issuance.

(d) POLICE REQUIRED. The licensee under this section shall provide at his own expense at least one police officer or special officer of the city at each public dance or ball given in said public dance hall, ballroom, or place where dancing is regularly carried on. The chief of police is hereby authorized to require additional police or special officers.

(e) EXEMPTION FROM FEE. Provided however, that licenses may, in the discretion of the city manager, be granted without charge for dances given by any fraternal, charitable, religious or benevolent organizations, having a regular membership associated primarily for mutual, physical or mental welfare, to which admission is limited to members and guests and in such case, at the discretion of the city manager, the presence of a police officer or special officer may not be required.

(f) LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIRED: APPROVAL, DENIAL. No license shall be issued by the clerk of the city under this section except upon order of the City Council, and before any order authorizing the issuing of any such license shall be made, the person or persons desiring such license shall make application in writing to

the Council stating the place where such public dance hall, or ballroom, is to be carried on. The Council may upon investigation of the circumstances and conditions surrounding the place where such dance hall, or ballroom is to be carried on, or of the person applying for such license, in its discretion, refuse to issue any such license if within the judgment of the Council it is to the best interests of the city and the morals thereof to refuse the same.

(g) REVOCATION OF LICENSE. The City Council reserves the right to and it may, at any time after the issuance of any license under the terms of this section, upon investigation surrounding the operation of any dance hall, or ballroom, revoke any license issued for conducting the same, whether any conviction for a violation of any of the terms of this section shall have been had against the person holding said license or not; provided, however, that where no conviction of the person holding such license has been had, an order shall be made, returning to the holder of such license a pro rata share of the license fees paid for the unexpired portion of the time for which such license was issued.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 16th day of August, 1972.

Harry O. Colescott President of the Council Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Neva B. Lockhart City Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance, being Ordinance No. 1434, was introduced, read, and ordered published by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, at a regular meeting of said body held on the 2nd day of August, 1972, and that the same was published in The Daily Sentinel, a newspaper published and in general circulation in said City, at least ten days before its final passage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said City this 17th day of August, 1972.

Neva B. Lockhart  
Neva B. Lockhart  
City Clerk

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