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ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS OF WASHOE
COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD AND LICENSE BOARD

CONCERNING

INTOXICATING LIQUORS AND GAMBLING

LIQUOR BOARD ORDINANCE NO. 1

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALE OF INTOXICATING, SPIRITUOUS, MALT, FERMENTED, OR OTHER LIQUORS, OR WINES, AND THE CONDUCT OF SUCH PLACES DISPENSING THE SAME AT ALL PLACES OUTSIDE OF THE LIMITS OF INCORPORATED CITIES AND TOWNS WITHING THE COUNTY OF WASHOE, STATE OF NEVADA, AND FIXING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

Whereas, The Legislature of the State of Nevada, by an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors outside of the corporate limits of any incorporated city or town; creating a liquor board in the several counties of this state; prescribing the duties and declaring the powers of such board," approved March 22, 1933, created a liquor board for the purposes mentioned in that act and declared it to be the power of such board to enact ordinances regulating the sale of intoxicating, spirituous, malt, fermented, or other liquors, or wines, in their respective counties outside the limits of incorporated cities and towns;

Now, therefore, pursuant to the provisions of that act, the Liquor Board of the County of Washoe, State of Nevada, does hereby ordain:

Section 1. License for sale of intoxicating liquor: Requirements.

1. Every person, firm, association or corporation engaged in the business of dispensing intoxicating, spirituous, malt, fermented, or other liquors, or wines, or conducting a place of business or establishment for the dispensing of the above-mentioned liquors, in the County of Washoe outside of any incorporated city or town therein, shall secure a license therefor to be paid for and issued as provided in County Ordinance No. 31.

2. The license shall not be transferable and shall only be valid for the particular premises for which issued and no license money paid shall be refunded, prorated or rebated for voluntary cessation of the business for which the license was issued or where the license has been revoked, or for any other reason.

[Book "M", p. 486 (12-28-1933)]

Section 2. Definitions. Wherever the words "intoxicating liquors" are used in this ordinance they shall embrace any one or all of the following: Spirituous, malt, fermented,

or other liquors, or wines.

[Book "M", p. 486 (12-28-1933)]

Section 3. Rules. regulations for licensees. The following rules and regulations shall be observed by all persons dispensing intoxicating liquors hereinbefore set forth, on premises outside the limits of any incorporated city or town in this county:

1. No minor shall be permitted to serve intoxicating liquors.
 2. No intoxicating liquors shall be served to any minor, nor to any intoxicated person or habitual drunkard, nor to any person who, by reason of any infirmity, is unable to care for himself or herself properly, nor shall any minor be permitted on any premises where intoxicating liquor is sold.

3. No boisterous, obscene or immoral act or conduct shall be permitted on any premises or place having a license to dispense intoxicating liquors, and all such places shall be open to inspection by any peace officer or member of the liquor board.

4. No gambling prohibited by state law shall be permitted on the premises.

5. No intoxicating liquors shall be sold in places behind locked or barred doors or doors equipped with peep holes or entrances having an obstruction of any kind, and there shall be no restrictions upon persons of lawful age desiring to enter a place where intoxicating liquors are sold.

[Book "M" , p. 486 (12-28-1933)]

Section 4. Duty of licensee if crime committed in licensed premises.

Each and every licensee, his agent or employee, shall immediately report to the sheriff's office any crime committed on the premises where intoxicating liquors are sold and shall aid and assist the apprehension of any person committing a crime on the premises, and shall give information and assistance within his knowledge concerning any such crime to the peace officers of the county or township, and to the district attorney.

[Book "M", p. 486 (12-28-1933)]

Section 5. Licensed premises constituting nuisance, disorderly house: Revocation of license.

Whenever in the judgment of the liquor board there exists any place under its jurisdiction where the sale or disposition of intoxicating liquors may tend to create or constitute a public nuisance, or where by the sale or disposition of intoxicating liquors, a disorderly house or place is maintained, the board may, upon reasonable notice to the licensee, revoke the license.

[Book "M" , p. 486 (12-28-1933)]

Section 6. Revocation of license for failure to provide watchman.

Whenever in the judgment of the liquor board it becomes necessary, the liquor board may notify the proprietor or manager of any establishment under its jurisdiction to employ a watchman whose duty it shall be to preserve peace and quiet in the neighborhood, and if the establishment fails to provide such watchman, after reasonable notice, the license may be revoked.

[Book "M" , p. 486 (12-28-1933)]

Section 7. Violation of ordinance ground for revocation of license.

Whenever in the judgment of the majority of the members of the liquor board, any licensee, by himself, his agent or employee, has violated any of the terms or provisions hereof, the license may thereupon be revoked.

[Book "M" , p. 486 (12-28-1933)]

Section 8. Application for license; licenses issued to United States citizens.

Any person, firm, association or corporation desiring to conduct an establishment for the sale of intoxicating liquors shall make application in writing to the liquor board, setting forth the place where intoxicating liquors are to be sold and the kind of business to be conducted, and every application must be passed upon by the board before a license is issued; and provided further that no alien or any person except a citizen of the United States shall be issued a license or shall directly or indirectly own or operate any place or establishment so licensed.

[Book "M", p. 486 (12-28-1933)]

Section 9. Effective date. This ordinance shall be in effect on and after the 7th day of January, 1934, and the County Clerk of Washoe County, as ex officio Clerk of the liquor board, is hereby authorized and ordered forthwith to cause this ordinance to be published in the Nevada State Journal for a period of 1 week.

[Book "M", p. 486 (12-28-1933)]

RESOLUTION OF LIQUOR BOARD LIMITING NUMBER OF LIQUOR

LICENSES

Whereas, The Liquor Board of Washoe County, Nevada, composed of the Board of County Commissioners, the sheriff and the district attorney of the county, has made a study and investigated the number of commercial licenses heretofore issued for the operation of bars, cocktail lounges saloon and cabarets, and has duly considered the problems arising from an unrestricted number of bars, cocktail lounges, saloons and cabarets in the County of Washoe, State of Nevada;

Now, therefore, on motion duly made and seconded, **IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the maximum number of licenses for the operation of bars, cocktail lounges, saloons and cabarets outside the limits of incorporated cities in Washoe County, Nevada, that may be outstanding from the date hereof, is hereby established and fixed at 66.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the licenses are hereby allocated to the following described geographical districts in Washoe County:

(a) A maximum of 29 licenses in the vicinity of South Virginia Road and U. S. Highway No. 395, south of the City of Reno.

(b) A maximum of 13 licenses in the vicinity of the Mt. Rose Road and Lake Tahoe area.

(c) A maximum of 7 licenses in the vicinity of Verdi, Nevada, including U. S. Highway No. 40, west of the City of Reno.

(d) A maximum of 3 licenses in the vicinity of U. S. Highway No. 395, known as the Purdy Highway, north of the City of Reno.

(e) A maximum of 14 licenses in the vicinity of U. S. Highway No. 40, east of the City of Sparks and the Wadsworth and Gerlach areas.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the licenses now issued and outstanding cannot be transferred or assigned without the consent of the Liquor Board of Washoe County, Nevada, and may be in the judgment of the majority of such Board, revoked when there is sufficient reason for such revocation.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the licensee fee for liquor licenses must be paid quarterly in advance by the licensee and if permitted to lapse for any quarter, shall automatically be surrendered.

Passed and adopted by the unanimous vote of the Liquor Board this 5th day of September, 1946.

The Liquor Board of Washoe County, Nevada.
[Book "Q", p. 81 (9-5-1946)]

ORDER OF LICENSE BOARD REQUIRING FINGERPRINTING OF
EMPLOYEES OF GAMBLING ESTABLISHMENTS

From and after September 23, 1941, it shall be required, as a prerequisite to the issuance of any gambling license or for the continuation thereof, that each employee of said gambling establishment, in addition to giving the statutory description of the premises where said games are to be operated, shall furnish the Sheriff's Office of Washoe County with the fingerprints of each employee for the purpose of identification.

Any failure to so provide the Sheriff's Office with said fingerprints shall be grounds for the revocation of any license heretofore issued by said Board.

[Book "O", p. 487 (9-23-1941)]
