
CITY OF CHICAGO

RULES



ADULT USE REGULATIONS




Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot

Commissioner Rosa Escareño

BY AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-25-120 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF CHICAGO, THE FOLLOWING RULES REGARDING ADULT ENTERTAINMENT CABARETS ARE HEREBY ADOPTED.

By Order of the Commissioner:

Signed:  Date: September 25, 2020
Commissioner Rosa Escareño

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The following rules are issued pursuant to the authority expressed in Section 2-25-120 of the Municipal Code of Chicago (“Code”). Section 2-25-120 authorizes the Commissioner of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection to adopt such rules as necessary or appropriate for the proper administration and enforcement of the Code pertaining to licensing, the procedures of administrative hearings and other matters pertaining to the public interest.

SECTION I. DEFINITIONS.

As defined in Section 16-16-030, the term “adult entertainment cabaret” means a public or private establishment which: (i) features topless dancers or strippers; (ii) not infrequently, features entertainers who display “specified anatomical areas”; or (iii) features entertainers who by reason of their appearance or conduct perform in a manner which is designed primarily to appeal to the prurient interest of the patron or entertainers who engage in, or engage in explicit simulation of, “specified sexual activities.”

SECTION II. TERMS CONTAINED IN SECTION 16-16-030.

There shall be a rebuttable presumption that a person who displays “specified anatomical areas” in a manner which is designed or reasonably anticipated to appeal to the prurient interest of the patron or viewer is an “entertainer” as the term is used in Section 16-16-030.

With regard to the term “infrequent” in Section 16-16-030, “infrequent” shall mean on no more than 1 calendar day within any 30-day period.