



ORDINANCE NO. 29016

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to adult entertainment; amending Chapter 6B.30 of the
2 Municipal Code, relating to Adult Entertainment, by repealing 6B.30.160,
3 entitled "Exemption from chapter", and declaring an emergency, making
4 necessary the passage of this ordinance and its becoming effective
5 immediately.

6 WHEREAS regulation of the adult entertainment industry is necessary
7 because, in the absence of such regulation, significant criminal activity has
8 historically and regularly occurred, and

9 WHEREAS the history of criminal activity in the adult entertainment industry
10 has included prostitution, illegal employment of minors, narcotics, alcoholic
11 beverage law violations, breaches of the peace, tax evasion, and the presence
12 within the industry of individuals with hidden ownership interests and outstanding
13 arrest warrants, and

14 WHEREAS historically, establishments serving alcohol and licensed by the
15 Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board ("LCB") were prohibited from
16 conducting adult entertainment on the premises pursuant to Washington
17 Administrative Code ("WAC") 314-11-050, however, WAC 314-11-050 was
18 recently repealed by Senate Bill 6105, allowing adult entertainment establishments
19 to obtain a liquor license as of June 1, 2024, and

20 WHEREAS the City has adopted comprehensive licensing regulations of
21 adult entertainment establishments under Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC")
22 Chapter 6B.30 based on its compelling interests to mitigate the secondary effects
23 of adult entertainment establishments through time, place, and manner regulations,
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1 WHEREAS based on the fact that LCB licensees were prohibited from
2 conducting adult entertainment on their premises under WAC 314-11-050,
3 TMC 6B.30.160 included an exemption from the City's adult entertainment
4 licensing regulations for establishments that were LCB licensees, and
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6 WHEREAS adult entertainment activities at adult entertainment
7 establishments serving alcohol within the City are not currently subject to any
8 regulation because they currently are exempt from the City's adult entertainment
9 licensing regulations, and the LCB can no longer enforce restrictions of adult
10 entertainment activities of its liquor licensees due to the repeal of WAC 314-11-050,
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13 WHEREAS City staff recommends the City Council pass this ordinance
14 amending TMC Chapter 6B.30 Adult Entertainment on an emergency basis, by
15 repealing Section 6B.30.160, which exempts adult entertainment establishments
16 licensed by the LCB from City license regulations under TMC Chapter 6B.30,
17 effective immediately, as allowed per Tacoma City Charter 2.12 and 2.13, if the City
18 Council declares the ordinance a public emergency, and it is passed by an
19 affirmative vote of at least six Council Members; Now, Therefore,
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21 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:
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23 Section 1. That the City Council hereby adopts the Recitals of this
24 Ordinance as its formal legislative findings.

25 Section 2. That Chapter 6B.30 of the Municipal Code, relating to Adult
26 Entertainment, is hereby amended, by repealing TMC 6B.30.160, entitled



1 “Exemption from chapter”, as set forth in the attached Exhibit “A.”

2 Section 3. That, based upon the legislative findings as specified herein, the
3 City Council declares that a public emergency exists, making this ordinance
4 effective upon passage by an affirmative vote of a least six members of the City
5 Council.
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7 Section 4. That the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney, is
8 authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance or Exhibit "A," including,
9 but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance
10 numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.
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12 Passed _____

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15 Mayor

16 Attest:

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18 _____
19 City Clerk

20 Approved as to form:

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22 Deputy City Attorney
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EXHIBIT "A"

CHAPTER 6B.30 ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

Sections:

- 6B.30.010 Definitions.
- 6B.30.020 Findings of fact.
- 6B.30.030 License for establishment required – Fee.
- 6B.30.040 License for managers, entertainers required – Fee.
- 6B.30.050 Licenses for picture machines locations required – Fees.
- 6B.30.060 *Repealed.*
- 6B.30.070 License applications.
- 6B.30.080 Business hours.
- 6B.30.090 Manager on premises.
- 6B.30.100 Standards of conduct and operation.
- 6B.30.110 Physical layout of premises.
- 6B.30.120 Additional requirements for adult entertainment establishments.
- 6B.30.130 List of entertainments – Fees.
- 6B.30.140 Notice to customers.
- 6B.30.150 Activities not prohibited.
- 6B.30.160 ~~Exemption from chapter.~~ Repealed.
- 6B.30.170 *Repealed.*

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6B.30.160 Exemption from chapter. Repealed.

~~This chapter does not apply to taverns and premises maintaining liquor licenses and which are subject to the rules and regulations of the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board.~~

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