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ORDINANCE NO. 662

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING OF ALL PUBLIC DANCE HALLS AND OF ALL PUBLIC DANCES WITHIN THE CITY OF KIRKLAND, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 189 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The term "Public Dance" wherever used in this ordinance, shall be held and construed to mean any dance to which the public is admitted, and which is held and conducted for a profit, direct or indirect, and the term "Public Dance Hall" wherever used in this ordinance shall be held and construed to mean any place where public dancing, as herein defined, is permitted. Provided, however, that the term "Public Dance Hall" shall not apply to any place owned and operated by any Veterans, Fraternal or Service Organization or Group, or any building owned by Local, State or Federal Government or Governmental Agency.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful to open up, conduct, manage, operate or maintain a public dance hall within the City of Kirkland without a valid and subsisting license so to do, to be known as a Public Dance Hall License. The annual license fee for a Public Dance Hall License shall be \$100.00. The license shall be issued by the City Clerk.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to hold a public dance without having first obtained a permit therefor from the Clerk after approval by the Chief of Police or such other investigation as he deems necessary, may issue the permit upon payment of the required fee, and providing, that the place where the dance is to be held is licensed as a public dance hall as hereinabove set out.

Application for dance permits shall be made in writing on forms to be provided by the Clerk's Office, at least 48 hours before the dance authorized thereunder shall be held. The fee for dance permits shall be \$5.00 for the giving or holding of each dance.

To any person holding a valid and subsisting dance hall license, or to whom such a license has been granted by the City Council and the fee for such license has been paid, no fee shall be charged for any dance permit, if the dance or dances are to be held or conducted on the premises for which a license has been granted or issued.

Section 4. The City Clerk may refuse to issue a dance permit, or he may cancel or revoke any such permit after it has been issued, if he shall learn that the same was procured by fraud or false representation or facts, or that the applicant or permittee has failed to comply with the provisions and requirements of this ordinance, or has violated any provision hereof, or for any other reason which, in the opinion of the Chief of Police, will be detrimental to the public peace, health or welfare. Any person may appeal to the City Council from any decision of the Clerk or Chief of Police in refusing to issue a dance permit under the provisions of this ordinance, or revoking a permit previously granted by him.

The City Council is authorized to review any action of the City Clerk or Chief of Police relative to such refusal to issue a dance permit, or the revocation of a permit previously issued, and the action of the City Council shall be final. All appeals to the City Council shall be filed with the City Council at its next regular meeting, following notice of the decision of the Chief of Police to the person affected thereby.

Section 5. The Chief of Police or some officer specifically

designated by him, shall investigate all complaints against public dance halls and public dances, and shall inspect at least once each year the public dance halls of the City.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Licensee to see that standards of decency and good taste are maintained, and that disorderly, familiar, or objectionable conduct are not tolerated, and to take effective steps promptly to remove objectionable persons and stop objectionable practices, and to co-operate with the Police in carrying out the provisions of this ordinance, relating to public dance halls and public dances and in preserving order and good conduct on the part of the patrons and employees of said dance.

Section 7. It shall be unlawful for any person to whom a dance hall license is issued, or for any person conducting a public dance hall under license or permit from the City, to allow or permit in any public dancehall any indecent act to be committed, or any disorder or conduct of a gross, violent or vulgar character. Any member of the Police Department shall have the power, and it shall be his duty to cause any dance hall to be vacated whenever any provision of this ordinance relating to public dance hall or public dancing is being violated, or whenever any indecent acts shall be committed, or when any disorder or conduct of a gross, violent or vulgar character shall take place therein.

Section 8. It shall be unlawful to permit any person who has not reached the age of eighteen (18) years, to attend or remain at any public dance unless such person be accompanied by the parent or legal guardian of such person, and it shall be unlawful for any person to represent himself to have reached the age of eighteen (18) years in order to attend or remain in any public dance when such person, in fact, is under 18 years of age, and it shall be unlawful to falsely represent himself to be a parent or legal guardian of any person in order that such person may attend or remain at any public dance.

Section 9. It shall be unlawful to issue pass checks or other checks permitting a person to leave or re-enter a public dance hall.

Section 10. Any female employed in or about any dancehall shall remain in said hall at all times during the hours of her employment.

Section 11. Closing hours. All public dances held within the City of Kirkland shall cease and terminate on or before 2:00 A.M.

Section 12. Ordinance No. 189, and all other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 13: Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions hereof shall upon conviction be fined in any sum not exceeding \$300.00, or imprisoned in the City jail for a term not exceeding 90 days, or may be both fined and imprisoned.

Section 14. This Ordinance shall be in force five days from and after its passage by the Council, approval by the Mayor and publication according to law.

Introduced the 17th day of May, 1954.

Passed and approved the 7th day of June, 1954.

Alfred E. Leland
Mayor

Attest:

Loren R. Fitch
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Charles W. Johnson Jr.
City Attorney

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance of the City of Kirkland and that the same was published or posted according to law, said Ordinance being No. 662 and entitled "An Ordinance as above."

Loren R. Fitch, City Clerk.