

CHAPTER 106.

MUSIC AND DANCING LICENCES.

[No. XXI of 1907.]

[7th September, 1907.]

1.—(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Music and Dancing Licences Ordinance. Short title.

(2) In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“ place ” means house, room, garden, or other place.

2.—(1) A place, whether licensed or not for the sale of wine, spirits, beer, or other fermented or distilled liquors, shall not be kept or used for public dancing, singing, music, or other public entertainment of the like kind, without a licence for the purpose or purposes for which it is to be used being first obtained from the magistrate of the district in which it is situate. Licensing of premises for public entertainment.

(2) For the registration thereof a fee of one dollar shall be paid by the person applying for the licence, and the licence may be in the form in the schedule hereto with any variations the circumstances require. Schedule.

3. The magistrate may grant licences to any persons he thinks fit to keep or use places for all or any of the purposes aforesaid upon such terms and conditions, and subject to such restrictions as he by the respective licences determines, and every licence shall be in force for one year or for any shorter period which the magistrate on the grant of the licence determines, unless it has been previously revoked as hereinafter provided. Grant of licences.

4. The magistrate may from time to time transfer a licence to anyone whom he thinks fit. Transfer of licences.

5.—(1) Everyone shall in each case give fourteen days' notice to the clerk to the magistrate and to the chief officer of police of the police district in which the place is situate, of his intention to apply for a licence or for the transfer of a licence. Notice of application for licence.

(2) Everyone shall, in addition to the notice aforesaid, advertise in at least one daily newspaper of the colony, on not less than four occasions during the period of fourteen days, notice of his intention to apply for a licence, or for the transfer of a licence and in addition to the notice and advertisement aforesaid, also affix one copy of the notice on the outside and another on the inside of the outer front door or chief entrance of the place, and keep the notice so affixed until the grant or refusal of the application.

Unlicensed premises used for public dancing a disorderly house.
Penalty.

6. A place kept or used for any of the purposes aforesaid without a licence first obtained shall be deemed a disorderly house, and the occupier or the person rated as occupier thereof shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars for every day on which it is kept or used for any of the purposes last aforesaid.

Notice to be affixed to premises.

7. There shall be affixed and kept up in some conspicuous position on the door or entrance of every place so kept or used and so licensed as aforesaid an inscription in large capital letters in the words following:—"Licensed in pursuance of the Music and Dancing Licences Ordinance for _____," with the addition of words showing the purpose or purposes for which the place is licensed.

Hours of opening.

8. A place, so kept or used, although so licensed as aforesaid, shall not be opened for any of the purposes aforesaid except on the days and between the hours stated in the licence.

Conditions of licence.

9. The affixing and keeping up of the inscription aforesaid, and the observance of the days and hours of opening and closing, shall be inserted in and made a condition of every licence.

Breach of condition.

Penalty.

10. In case of breach or disregard of any of the terms or conditions upon or subject to which the licence was granted, the holder thereof shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars and to a daily penalty not exceeding twenty dollars, and the licence shall be liable to be revoked by the order of the magistrate.

Notice not necessary for a renewal.

11. No notice shall be given under section five of this Ordinance when the application is for a renewal of an existing licence held by the applicant for the same premises.

12. The magistrate, if and as he thinks fit, may grant to anyone applying for it, a licence to keep or use a place for any purpose within the meaning of this section for any period not exceeding fourteen days (which he shall specify in the licence) notwithstanding that no notices have been given under section five of this Ordinance.

Temporary
licence.

13. Everyone to whom a licence is granted under this Ordinance shall give twenty-four hours' notice, at the police station nearest to the place licensed, of every dancing, singing, music, or other public entertainment to be held therein, and in default thereof he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars.

Notice to be
given of en-
tertainment.

Penalty for
default.

14. Any police constable may at all reasonable times enter any place licensed under this Ordinance.

Power of
police to
enter.

SCHEDULE.

Form of Licence.

THE MUSIC AND DANCING LICENCES ORDINANCE.

A licence is hereby granted to (1)

to keep and use a (2)

situate at (3)

in (4)

for the purpose of (5)

for (6)

from the date hereof, upon the following terms and conditions, and subject to the following restrictions:—

1. The premises hereby licensed shall be opened for the purposes for which this licence is granted upon (7)

(1) *Insert the name of person to whom the licence is granted.*

(2) *Describe nature of premises to be licensed.*

(3) *Describe where the premises are situate.*

(4) *Insert name of town, village, or district where premises are situate.*

(5) *Insert purpose for which premises are licensed.*

(6) *Insert time for which licence is granted, one year, or as the case may be.*

(7) *Insert day or days upon which premises may be open.*

(8) *Insert
hours between
which
premises may
be open.*

only, and between the hours of (8)

2. There shall be affixed and kept up in some conspicuous place on the door or entrance of the premises hereby licensed in large capital letters the following inscription:—" Licensed in pursuance of the Music and Dancing Licences Ordinance, for
(9) "

(9) *Insert
purpose for
which
premises are
licensed.*

(10) *Here
insert other
conditions and
restrictions
upon which
the licence is
granted.*

3. (10)

Dated this day of , 19 ,
at

Magistrate.

The following notice shall be printed on the back of the licence :—

NOTICE.—Any breach or disregard of any of the above terms and conditions will render the holder of this licence liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars and to a daily penalty not exceeding twenty dollars, and to revocation of this licence.

The holder of this licence must give twenty-four hours notice at the police station nearest to the premises hereby licensed of any dancing, singing, music or other public entertainment to be held in those premises, and in default of so doing will be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars.