

Chapter 145
ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORIZATION

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Peterborough: March 20, 2007. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 145-1. Definitions

- A. "Entertainment" and "Dancing" as used in this policy shall be synonymous with "Entertainer" and "Dancer" as defined by NH RSA 179:19-I(a) and (b), respectively.
- B. "Licensee" shall mean individuals or entities licensed by the New Hampshire Liquor Commission and falling under the regulation of NH RSA 179:19.

§ 145-2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a procedure for the Selectmen to use when considering the authorization of entertainment and dancing as required by NH RSA 179:19-II.

§ 145-3. Process

- 1. The licensee seeking authorization shall petition the Board of Selectmen in writing specifying the types of entertainment and/or dancing to be offered and the days and times of the week during which said entertainment shall take place.
- 2. If the licensee is not the property owner, the licensee shall provide a written statement from the property owner showing no objection to the proposed entertainment or dancing.
- 3. When making its decision, the Board shall consider the recommendations of the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Code Enforcement Officer, Health Officer (or their designees), as well as the input of abutting and neighboring property owners or operators.
- 4. After receiving written notice from the licensee and property owner (where applicable) and considering the input of the relevant Town Officials and neighbors, the Board of Selectmen may grant the authorization for entertainment and/or dancing unless it is demonstrated that the proposed activity violates or causes to be violated any relevant law, statute, ordinance or code (to include life safety codes) in effect in the Town of Peterborough at that time.
- 5. The Selectmen may impose conditions on the entertainment and/or dancing as they see fit to insure compliance with section 145-3(4) of this policy.
- 6. It shall be the responsibility of the licensee to provide notice of this authorization to the Liquor Commission, as required by NH RSA 179:19-II.
- 7. The authorization shall be valid for a period of three years after approval by the Board of Selectmen, unless otherwise specified by the Board at the time of the granting of authorization.

§ 145-4. Enforcement

The licensee shall allow inspection of the authorized entertainment and/or dancing at will by the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Code Enforcement Officer, Health Officer (or their designees) to ensure that the activity does not violate or causes to be violated any relevant law, statute, ordinance or code (to include life safety codes) in effect in the Town of Peterborough at that time. The authorization is subject to immediate revocation by the Board of Selectmen if it violates or causes to be violated any relevant law, statute, ordinance or code (to include life safety codes) or any terms or conditions of the authorization as granted by the Board of Selectmen. The provisions of this policy shall not be construed to preclude the Police Chief or their designee from requiring a police detail as specified in NH RSA 105:9.