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ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Chapter 4-4 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting a new Section 4-4-302, as follows:

4-4-302 Businesses organized as social clubs - Limited business license -Non-opaque outdoor windows and entrance doors - When required.

a) Definitions. As used in this section:

"Alcoholic beverage" has the meaning ascribed to the term in Section 3 44-020.

"Automatic amusement device" has the meaning ascribed to the term in Section 4 6-120.

"General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986" or "Act" means the General Not for Profit Corporation Act of 1986, codified at 805 ILCS 105/101.01 et seq.

b) Limited business license required. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this section, if a business or entity is organized, in whole or in part, for a social purpose within the meaning of subsection (a) (9) of Section 103.05 of the General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986 or is operating for a similar purpose without being so organized under such Act, and alcoholic beverages of any type are allowed or consumed on the premises of such establishment or automatic amusement devices of any type are allowed or present on the premises of such establishment, such business or entity shall be required to obtain a limited business license under this Title 4 for each location at which such business or entity operates. In addition to the requirements set forth in Section 4-4-050, an application for, and, if requested, a renewal of the limited business license required under this section, shall be accompanied by the following information:

1) the type of alcoholic beverages that will be allowed or consumed on the premises;
2) the circumstances under which alcoholic beverages will be allowed or consumed on the premises; (3) the number and type of automatic amusement devices that will be allowed or present on the premises; (4) the hours of operation of the establishment;
(5) whether the establishment is located on the ground floor of the building in which it is operating, and if so, whether the establishment has any outdoor windows adjacent to the street on the ground floor of such building; and (6) the floor area of the establishment, excluding elevators, stairways or shaft enclosures.

c) Exemptions. This section shall not apply to (1) any business or entity that holds, as applicable, a

valid liquor license under Chapter 4-60 of this Code or a valid

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public place of amusement license under Chapter 4-156 of this Code or a valid retail food establishment license under Chapter 4-8 of this Code; or

(2) any indoor special event licensed under Article IV of Chapter 4-156 of this Code.

d) Blackened or opaque windows - When prohibited. If a business or entity requires a limited business license under this section, the outdoor windows adjacent to the street on the ground floor of such establishment, if any, shall not be opaque, blackened or otherwise made impenetrable to sight, and shall be maintained in a manner that provides persons outside such establishment with a clear view into the establishment during the establishment's operating hours and at all times when members or patrons are being admitted to or occupy the establishment. Provided, however, that nothing in this subsection (d) shall be construed to (1) prohibit the use of window blinds, shades, curtains or similar devices (i) to shield members, patrons or employees of the establishment from the direct rays of the sun on days and during periods of the day when the inside of the establishment is exposed to direct rays of the sun, or (ii) on bathroom windows, or (iii) when the establishment is closed for business; or (2) prohibit the use of opaque security shutters, grilles, screens or similar window security coverings when the establishment is closed for business; or (3) waive or alter any applicable provision of the Chicago Building Code.

e) Clear or translucent entranceway doors - When required. If a business or entity requires a limited business license under this section, and the establishment requiring such license does not have outdoor windows adjacent to the street on the ground floor of the building in which such establishment is operating, the door(s) through which members or patrons enter or exit the establishment shall primarily be made of clear or translucent glass or similar material, and shall be maintained in a manner that provides persons outside the establishment with a clear view into the establishment during the establishment's operating hours and at all times when members or patrons are being admitted to or occupy the establishment. Provided, however, that nothing in this subsection (e) shall be construed to prohibit the use of opaque security shutters, grilles, screens or similar door security coverings when the establishment is closed for business or to waive or alter any applicable provision of the Chicago Building Code.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take full force and effect 90 days after its passage and publication.

Alderman Roberto Maldonado, 26 Ward

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