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Title: Amendment of Municipal Code Section 4-156-305
concerning public place of amusement license requirements
for operating strategy-based room escape games

Committee(s) Assignment: Committee on License and Consumer Protection

License

ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 1. Section 4-156-305 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored, as follows:

4-156-305 License – Exceptions.

No public place of amusement license under this Article III shall be required, if the only amusement to be produced, presented, or conducted is one or more of the following:

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(k) a strategy-based room escape game in which game participants are placed in a room and required, within a set time limit, to solve puzzles or to find and solve clues to escape the room, or a combination of rooms, and win the game, if: (i) the only license required under Title 4 of this Code to conduct the business activity described in the applicable license application is a limited business license; and (ii) the square footage of the licensed premises does not exceed 3500 square feet; and (iii) the licensed premises has a maximum occupancy capacity of no more than 70 persons, as indicated on the maximum occupancy sign for such premises issued by the Department of Buildings pursuant to Section 13-84-410; and (iv) the maximum occupancy of any room in which the escape game is played ("escape room") is not exceeded; provided, however, that in any escape room with a maximum occupancy of 30 or more persons, no more than 30 individual game participants are allowed within the escape room at any given time; and (v) no liquor is sold, served or otherwise allowed on the licensed premises; and (vi) game participants are not locked into the escape room and can leave the room at any time; and (vii) the licensee of the premises in which the escape room is located enters into and implements a plan of operation approved by the Commissioner. Such plan of operation may include but is not limited to provisions requiring intellectual and non-physical escape games only, security personnel, restricted hours of operation, outdoor lighting, surveillance cameras, appropriate signage, trash pickup services, soundproofing or insulation to control noise, participation restrictions on minor children, or any other necessary or appropriate restrictions on business operations that the Commissioner may reasonably require.

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

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