

ORDINANCE NO. 179

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING DANCE HALLS AND PUBLIC DANCES IN THE TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS THEREFOR; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

The Board of Trustees of the Town of San Anselmo do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. A public dance within the meaning of this ordinance is any dance to which the public is admitted and which is held or conducted for profit whether through the sale of tickets, or admission fees at the door of the hall or place where such dance is conducted or held, or in any other manner whatsoever; and a dance hall within the meaning of this ordinance is any place where such dance is held or conducted.

SECTION 2. It is hereby made unlawful for any person or persons, or society of persons or individuals, organization, firm or corporation, except bona fide educational, philanthropic or fraternal organizations, to give, hold or conduct any public dance or series of public dances within the limits of the Town of San Anselmo without first obtaining a permit therefor from the Town Marshal of said town and paying a license fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) per dance period, said dance period to be entirely within the same day and not to extend beyond the hour of twelve o'clock midnight thereon.

SECTION 3. Any such dance or dances shall be held and conducted under and pursuant to the following conditions, rules and regulations:

First. No such dance or dances shall be held or conducted later than twelve o'clock on any night; provided, however, that no such dance or dances shall be held on any Sunday; and any hall or place where such dance or dances are held or conducted shall be closed at the hour at which such dance or dances held or conducted therein are required to cease as herein provided.

Second. Any hall or place in which

rooms used by women patrons and who shall report any misconduct on the part of any patrons, to the Town Marshal or to the special officer in attendance at said dance, said matron to be approved by the Town Marshal.

Ninth. The person or persons conducting or holding such dance shall apply to the Town Marshal for the appointment of a special officer to be paid by such person or persons and to attend in such hall or place during the time any dance is conducted therein, but the presence of such special officer shall not relieve the proprietor or persons holding or conducting such dance of any responsibility for any violations of any law or ordinance.

Tenth. The use of profanity or boisterous conduct of any sort shall be prohibited, and no entertainer, musician or patron shall sing any song of a low or vulgar character.

Eleventh. No permit issued under this ordinance shall be transferable except by the consent of the Board of Trustees of said town.

Twelfth. A printed copy of this ordinance shall be posted in a conspicuous place in any such hall or place at all times during the holding of any dance therein and during the period of two hours next preceding the holding of any such dance.

SECTION 4. Any applicant for a permit under this ordinance shall upon applying therefor to the Town Marshal state his or her name and residence, the particular place for which the permit is desired or at which any dance or dances are held, the number, date and character of the dance to be held, and any other information in connection therewith to enable the Town Marshal to ascertain whether such dance or dances will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. Any person, firm, association, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50) or by imprisonment not to exceed fifty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall

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I hereby approve the foregoing ordinance this 3rd day of March, 1924.

JOS. E. CLARK,  
(SEAL) President of the Board of Trustees of the Town of San Anselmo.

ATTEST:  
ARTHUR W. STUDLEY,  
Clerk of the Town of San Anselmo.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 179 was introduced at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the said Town of San Anselmo held on Monday, the 18th day of February, 1924, and that at a regular meeting of said Board of Trustees held on Monday, the 3rd day of March, 1924, it was passed and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Trustees Pinkham, Carl, Lutters, Deysher and Clark.

Noes: Trustees None.

Absent: Trustees None.

I further certify that after said ordinance was duly passed and adopted by said Board of Trustees the same was approved and signed on the 3rd day of March, 1924, by Jos E. Clark, the President of said Board of Trustees of said Town of San Anselmo.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said Town of San Anselmo this 3rd day of March, 1924.

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