

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-13
(amended)**

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 789 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TITLED "EVENT CENTERS," AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. Chapter 789 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, entitled "Event Centers" is hereby established to read and provide as follows:

789.01 PARTY CENTER DEFINED.

As used in this chapter, "event center" means a place where any group of people gathers for the purpose of eating, drinking, hosting events or meetings, playing games or socializing indoors or outdoors, whether such people gather as individuals or members, guests or friends of a group or organization, or both, and for which a charge is made to an individual, group or organization for authorization to conduct said event, gathering, or party on the premises, or to which admission may be gained with or without the payment of a fee, charge or consideration.

789.02 LICENSE REQUIRED; FEE.

No person shall hold a party at an event center until the owner, lessee or operator of such event center has been duly licensed for such purpose. The license shall be issued by the Plan Review Board. The fee for such license shall be five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The license shall contain the name and address of the applicant and shall be non-transferable to any other individual or entity other than the individual or entity listed on the application.

789.03 TIME LIMITATION.

No license shall permit an event to be held between the hours of 12:00 a. m. and 8:00 a.m.

789.04 PRESENCE OF ALCOHOL

The presence of alcohol shall be prohibited at the event center unless the license holder has notified the Chief of Police, in writing, at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the scheduled event.

789.05 PRESENCE OF PRIVATE SECURITY OFFICER.

When alcohol is present on the premises, a Private Security Officer(s) registered with the City as required by Codified Ordinance Chapter 760, shall be present in the establishment, in uniform, to maintain peace and order for the full duration of the event, while patrons or guests are present.

789.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation or noncompliance occurs.

Section 2. All formal actions of this Council concerning the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting, and that all deliberations of this Council, or any of its Committees, which resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances and Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.


Section 3. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, welfare of the residents of the City of Willowick, and that it will ensure the orderly and uninterrupted efficient operation of the Building and Police Department.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

Adopted by Council: 4/5, 2022


Robert Patton, Council President

Submitted to the Mayor: APR 05, 2022


Richard J. Regovich, Mayor

Approved by the Mayor: APR 05, 2022

ATTEST: Angela Trend
Angela Trend, Clerk of Council