

**CHAPTER 1001  
TOWN OF SCARBOROUGH  
ORDINANCE REPEALING THE  
“TOWN OF SCARBOROUGH DANCE HALL ORDINANCE”  
ENACTED OCTOBER 14, 1994**

Be it hereby ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Scarborough, Maine, in Town Council Assembled, as follows:

The Ordinance entitled “Town of Scarborough Dance Hall Ordinance,” as the same, has been enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Scarborough, is hereby repealed.

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**Section 1.** As used in this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise indicates:

“Public dance hall” shall mean:

- (a) Any building, room, hall or other public place which is kept or used for public dancing;
- (b) Space for dancing in a tavern or in a restaurant where there is sale or service of food to the public;
- (c) Space for dancing in a hotel or motel where there is sale or service of food to the public;
- (d) A school where dances are held under the direct supervision of the school authorities.

**Section 2.**

(a) No person, firm or corporation shall conduct or maintain a public dance hall as defined in Section 1 hereof until a license therefor shall have been granted by the Municipal Officers.

(b) The Municipal Officers shall not grant a public dance hall license for any tavern; nor shall they grant any public dance hall license to any restaurant, motel or hotel unless the restaurant, hotel or motel is a reputable place operated by responsible persons of good reputation, equipped for preparing and serving food on the premises, and doing a minimum of \$50,000 per year in sale and service of food to the public on the premises. If the restaurant is operated on a part time basis, no public dance hall license shall be granted or issued unless the restaurant does a minimum of \$30,000 per year in sale and service of food to the public on the premises. The Municipal Officers in case of an applicant for a public dance hall license in a restaurant, hotel or motel are authorized to and shall exercise their judgment as to the applicant’s probable qualifications with the food income provisions during the applicant’s initial license period. If the judgment of the Municipal Officers is that the applicant would probably qualify with respect to the food income provisions, then a public dance hall license may be issued to the applicant. In no case shall the Municipal Officers renew any public dance hall license unless they are furnished with satisfactory sworn and audited proof that the previous year’s business conformed to the food income requirements.

**Section 3.**

Application for a public dance hall license shall contain the name of the owner or person in control of the building, the location of the public dance hall, a plan of such public dance hall giving in detail the dimensions and diagram of the space to be used for dancing, check rooms, toilet rooms,

entrances, exits, stairways and fire escapes. The fee for a public dance hall license shall be \$10.00 and such license shall expire on December 31 of each year.

**Section 4.**

Before an application for a public dance hall license is acted upon by the Municipal Officers, the Building Inspector, Chief of the Fire Department, and Chief of Police shall inspect the premises and file with the Town Clerk to be attached to said application a written report indicating whether such premises conforms to the applicable ordinances of the Town of Scarborough.

**Section 5.**

Dances shall not be held in any public dance hall on Sunday, and at each dance police supervision satisfactory to the Chief of Police shall be provided at the sole cost and expense of the licensee.

**Section 6.**

The Municipal Officers are specifically authorized to make such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance or any State Statute, as they deem necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Ordinance. Such rules and regulations shall be filed with the Town Clerk and shall be given to each licensee when the license is issued.

**Section 7.**

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), to be recovered on complaint to the use of the Town of Scarborough. Each day such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.