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GENERAL REFERENCES

Zoning - See Ch. 190.

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ARTICLE I  
**General Provisions**

**§ 51-1. Findings and intent.**

- A. It is the purpose of this chapter to regulate sexually oriented businesses to promote the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the citizens of the Village of Sodus Point and to establish reasonable and uniform regulations to prevent the concentration of sexually oriented businesses within the Village of Sodus Point. The provisions of this chapter have neither the purpose nor the intent of imposing a limitation or restriction on the content of any communicative materials including sexually oriented materials.
- B. Similarly, it is not the purpose or the intent of this chapter to restrict or deny access by adults to sexually oriented materials protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of New York, or to deny access by distributors and exhibitors of sexually oriented entertainment to their intended market. It is not the purpose or the intent of this chapter to condone or legitimize the distribution of obscene materials.

**§ 51-2. Definitions.**

A. In the interpretation of this section, the following rules apply:

- (1) Words used in the present tense include the future tense.
- (2) The singular includes the plural.
- (3) The word "person" includes a corporation as well as an individual.
- (4) The word "lot" includes the words "plot" or "parcel."
- (5) The term "used" or "occupied" is applied to any land or structure and shall be construed to include the words "intended," "arranged" or "designed to be used or occupied."

B. The following definitions shall apply in this chapter:

**ADULT ARCADE-** Any place to which the public is permitted or invited wherein coin-operated or slug-operated or electronically, electrically or mechanically controlled still or motion-picture machines, projectors or other image-producing devices are maintained to show images to five or fewer persons per machine at any one time, and where the images so displayed are distinguished or characterized by the depicting or describing of a specified sexual activity or specified anatomical areas.

**ADULT BOOKSTORE or ADULT VIDEO STORE:**

- (1) A commercial establishment which, as one of its principal business purposes, offers for sale or rental for any form of consideration any one or more of the following:
  - (a) Books, magazines, periodicals or other printed matter, or photographs, films, motion pictures, video cassettes or video reproductions, slides or other visual representations which depict or describe specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas; or
  - (b) Instruments, devices or paraphernalia that are designed for use in connection with specified sexual activities.
- (2) A commercial establishment may have other principal business purposes that do not involve the offering for sale or rental of material depicting or describing specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas and still be categorized as an adult bookstore or adult video store. Such other business purposes will not serve to exempt such commercial establishments from being categorized as an adult bookstore or adult video store so long as one of its principal business purposes is the offering for sale or rental for consideration the specified materials that depict or describe specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas. A "principal business purpose" shall mean more than one-quarter of the business is devoted to the sale, rental or display of such materials as determined by any of the following:
  - (a) The number of different titles of printed, visual or audio materials of any kind that are characterized by their emphasis on the description or depiction of specified anatomical areas or specified sexual activities;

- (b) The number of copies of printed, visual or audio materials of any kind which are characterized by their emphasis on the description or depiction of specified anatomical areas or specified sexual activities;
- (c) The amount of floor space devoted to the sale and display of printed, visual or audio materials of any kind which are characterized by their emphasis on the description or depiction of specified anatomical areas or specified sexual activities;
- (d) The dollar amount of sales of printed, visual or audio materials of any kind which are characterized by their emphasis on the description or depiction of specified anatomical areas or specified sexual activities; or
- (e) The amount of on-site advertising which can be viewed by passersby, or the amount or cost of advertising in print or broadcast media devoted to printed, visual or audio materials of any kind which are characterized by their emphasis on the description or depiction of specified anatomical areas or specified sexual activities.

ADULT CABARETS-A nightclub, bar, restaurant or similar commercial establishment that features:

- (1) Persons who appear in a state of nudity or seminudity;
- (2) Live performances that are characterized by the exposure of specified anatomical areas or by specified sexual activities; or
- (3) Films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides or other photographic reproductions that are characterized by the depiction or description of specified anatomical areas or specified sexual activities.

ADULT MOTEL-A hotel, motel or similar commercial establishment that:

- (1) Offers accommodations to the public for any form of consideration; provides patrons with closed-circuit television transmissions, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or other photographic reproductions that are characterized by the depiction or description of specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas; and has a sign visible from the public right-of-way that advertises the availability of this adult type of photographic reproductions;
- (2) Offers sleeping rooms for rent for a period of time that is less than 10 hours; or
- (3) Allows a tenant or occupant of a sleeping room to sub-rent the room for a period of time that is less than 10 hours.

ADULT MOTION-PICTURE THEATER - A commercial establishment where, for any form of consideration, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides or similar photographic reproductions are shown that are characterized by the depiction or description of specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas.

ADULT THEATER- A theater, concert hall, auditorium or similar commercial establishment which regularly features persons who appear in a state of nudity or live

performances which are characterized by the exposure of specified anatomical areas or by specified sexual activities.

ADULT USES - Adult arcades, adult bookstores, adult cabarets, adult motels, adult motion-picture theaters, adult theaters, adult video stores, escort agencies, nude model studios and sexual encounter centers.

ADULT VIDEO STORE-See "adult bookstore."

ESCORT - A person who, for consideration, agrees or offers to act as a companion, guide or date for another person, or who agrees or offers to privately model lingerie or to privately perform a striptease for another person.

ESTABLISHMENT - Any of the following:

- (1) The opening or commencement of any adult use as a new business.
- (2) The conversion of an existing business, whether or not an adult use, to any adult use.
- (3) The relocation of any adult use.

NUDE MODEL STUDIO - Any place where a person who appears in a state of nudity or displays specified anatomical areas is provided to be observed, sketched, drawn, painted, sculptured, photographed or similarly depicted by other persons who pay money or any form of consideration.

NUDITY - The appearance of a human bare buttocks, anus, genitals or full female breast.

PERSON - An individual, proprietorship, partnership, corporation, association or other legal entity.

SEMINUDITY - A state of dress in which clothing covers no more than the genitals, pubic region, and areolas of the female breast, as well as portions of the body covered by supporting straps or devices.

SEXUAL ENCOUNTER CENTER - A business or commercial enterprise that, as one of its primary business purposes, offers for any form of consideration:

- (1) Physical contact in the form of wrestling or tumbling between persons of the opposite sex; or
- (2) Activities between male and female persons and/or persons of the same sex when one or more of the persons is in a state of nudity or seminudity.

SPECIFIED ANATOMICAL AREAS - The male genitals and/or the vulva or more intimate parts of the female genitals.

SPECIFIED SEXUAL ACTIVITIES - Any of the following:

- (1) The fondling or other erotic touching of human genitals, pubic region, buttocks, anus or female breasts;
- (2) Sex acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated, including intercourse, oral copulation or sodomy;
- (3) Masturbation, actual or simulated; or

- (4) Excretory functions as part of or in connection with any of the activities set forth in Subsections (1), (2) and (3) above.

STATE OF NUDITY -See "nudity."

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL - Means and includes any of the following:

- (1) The sale, lease or sublease of an adult use;
- (2) The transfer of securities which constitute a controlling interest in an adult use, whether by sale, exchange or similar means; or
- (3) The establishment of a trust, gift or other similar legal device which transfers the ownership or control of an adult use, except for transfer by bequest or other operation of law upon the death of the person possessing the ownership or control.

## ARTICLE II

### Establishment and Continuation of Adult Uses

#### § 51-3. Uses permitted.

Adult uses shall only be located in a Light Industrial District pursuant to Chapter 190 of the Sodus Point Village Code subject to the annual issuance of a special use permit, renewable once before the anniversary thereof, provided that:

- A. An adult use may not be operated within 1,000 feet of a church or other place of worship; a nursery, elementary, secondary or vocational school; a hospital, nursing home or convalescent home; a library or museum; a cemetery; the boundary of residential district; or a public park, playground or recreation area.
- B. An adult use may not be operated within 200 feet of a dwelling.
- C. An adult use may not be operated within 1,000 feet of another adult use, or on the same lot or parcel of land.
- D. An adult use may not be operated in the same building structure or portion thereof containing another adult use.
- E. An adult use may not be operated on any watercraft, barge, vessel or floating platform which is in any way tied up to, attached or anchored near a pier, wharf, dock or boathouse located in any waters bounding the village.
- F. For the purposes of this section, measurement shall be made in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures or objects, from the nearest portion of the building or structure used as part of the premises where an adult use is conducted, to the nearest property line of the premises of a dwelling; a church or other place of worship; a nursery, elementary, secondary or vocational school; a hospital, nursing home or convalescent home; a library or museum; a cemetery; the boundary of a rural residential or medium-density residential district; or a public park, playground or recreation area.

- G. For the purposes of this section, the distance between any two adult uses shall be measured in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures or objects, from the closest exterior wall of the structure in which each business is located.
- H. All adult uses shall be conducted in an enclosed building. Regardless of location or distance, no one who is passing by an enclosed building having a use governed by this chapter shall be able to see any specified anatomical area or any specified sexual activity by virtue of any display that depicts or shows that area or activity. This requirement shall apply to any display, decoration, sign, window or other opening.

**§ 51-4. Inspection requirement.**

- A. As heretofore provided, a person may operate an adult use in the Village of Sodus Point only with a special permit.
- B. Prior to the commencement of any adult use or upon any transfer of ownership or control of an adult use the premises must be inspected by the Code Enforcement Officer or Building/Zoning Officer and found to be in compliance with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations applicable to the use and occupancy for an adult use and in compliance with the Sodus Point Village Code and Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.
- C. All code enforcement officials, including the Village Building Inspector and/or Code Enforcement Officer, shall complete their certification that the premises are in compliance or not in compliance within 20 days of the inspection of the premises by such officials.
- D. Any owner and/or operator, employee of the owner and/or operator or agent of the owner and/or operator shall permit representatives of the Village Building Department, the Wayne County Sheriffs Department, the New York State Police, the State Health Department, the Village Building Inspector, the Village Code Enforcement Officer, the Village Police Department or any other village, county or state department or agency that has permitting authority regarding the use of the premises to inspect the premises of an adult use for the purpose of ensuring compliance with this chapter at any time it is occupied or open for business.

**§ 51-5. Nonconforming adult use.**

- A. Any adult use lawfully operating on the effective date of this chapter that is in violation of the location or structural configuration requirements of this chapter shall be deemed a nonconforming use. The continuation of the same use of substantially the same character and intensity shall be allowed. The nonconforming use will be permitted to continue, unless terminated for any reason or voluntarily discontinued for a period of 30 days or more. Such nonconforming use shall not be increased, enlarged, extended or altered except that the use may be changed to a conforming use.
- B. Any adult use lawfully operating as a conforming use is not rendered a nonconforming use by the location, subsequent to the operation of the adult use, of a church, public or private elementary school or secondary school, public park, residential zoning district or a residential lot within 1,000 feet of the adult use business.

**§ 51-6. Signs.**

Signs for adult use businesses shall be governed by§ 190-26 of the Sodus Point Village Code.

ARTICLE III  
**Administration and Enforcement**

**§ 51-7. Enforcement.**

This chapter shall be enforced by the Village of Sodus Point Code Enforcement Officer or Building/Zoning Officer.

**§ 51-8. Building permits.**

The issuance of building permits shall be governed by § 190-64 of the Sodus Point Village Code.

**§ 51-9. Certificates of occupancy.**

A certificate of occupancy for use is required.

**§ 51-10. Special use permit.**

A special use permit will be required and governed by§ 190-69 of the Village of Sodus Point Zoning Code. The permit may be renewed on an annual basis subject to the approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Sodus Point after certification of compliance has been given by the Code Enforcement Officer or Building/Zoning Officer. Such certification of compliance shall be issued only after inspection by the Code Enforcement Officer and/or Building/Zoning Officer to confirm that the business is in full compliance with the terms of this chapter and other applicable laws.

**§ 51-11. Application for permits and certificates.**

Applications for building permits and certificates of occupancy shall be made upon such forms and shall be accompanied by such layout or plot plans as shall be prescribed by the Zoning Officer to facilitate enforcement of this chapter.

**§ 51-12. Duration of special use permits.**

The duration of any special use permit shall be for a maximum period of one year. Any special use permit for uses under this chapter shall expire on December 31 of each year unless stated. The special use permit shall run for the calendar year if so renewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Sodus Point.

**§ 51-13. Violations.**

It shall be deemed a violation of this chapter if the owner and/or operator, an employee of the owner and/or operator or an agent of the owner and/or operator:

- A. Has violated or is not in compliance with any section of this chapter.
- B. Has refused to allow any inspection of the adult use as authorized by this chapter.
- C. Has had any illegal gambling take place on the adult use premises.
- D. Has had the possession, use or sale of a controlled substance occur on the premises.
- E. Has had prostitution occur on the premises.
- F. Has had any act of sexual intercourse, sodomy, oral copulation, masturbation or other sexual conduct occur on the premises.

**§ 51-14. Penalties for offenses.**

A violation of this section shall be punishable as a violation by a fine not to exceed \$2,000 or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed 15 days or both for the first offense. For the second and each subsequent offense punishment shall be a fine not to exceed \$3,000 or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed 45 days or both. Each day in which the violation continues shall constitute a separate additional violation. In addition, the Village Board shall have such other remedies as are provided by law to enforce the provisions of this chapter.