

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982**

**SECTION 2 AND SCHEDULE 3**  
**(Licensing of Sex Establishments)**

**CONDITION OF LICENCE FOR A SEX SHOP**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. In these conditions "The Council" shall mean the Birmingham City Council and all enquiries concerning this licence shall be directed to Licensing Section, P.O. Box 17013, Birmingham, B6 9ES. Telephone 0121 303 9896.
2. These conditions are imposed by the Council pursuant to its powers under paragraph 13 (1) of Schedule 3 to the above Act and apply to all premises licensed as a "Sex Shop" as defined by the Act save and insofar as they do not conflict with any special conditions forming part of the Licence nor with the provisions of the Act itself.
3. These conditions are only applicable to a "Sex Shop" as defined. Separate conditions exist in relation to a "Sex Cinema" (as defined by the above Act).

**OPENING HOURS**

1. The licensed premises shall not be open nor used for the purposes for which the licence is granted except between the hours of 9 am and 6.30 pm on any weekday (including Saturday).
2. The licensed premises shall not be so open or used at all on Sundays, Good Friday, Christmas Day or any other general or public holiday.

**WINDOW, FASCIA BOARD ADVERTISEMENT AND DISPLAYS**

1. The interior of the premises shall not be visible to passers-by and to that intent the licence holder shall obscure all windows and doors in a manner satisfactory to the Council.
2. The windows, doors fascia board, walls and all external parts of the premises including the roof shall not contain any form of writing, sign or display save for:-
  - (a) The address of the premises

- (b) The Licensed name of the premises (as explained in paragraph 4 hereof)
  - (c) The form of warning notice required to be displayed by virtue of the provisions of Section 1 (6) of the Indecent Displays (control) Act 1981
  - (d) A notice stating the opening hours of the establishment
  - (e) In the case of a Licence granted to a body corporate:-
    - (i) If the Licence name is not the same as the full name of the body corporate then such corporate name and;
    - (ii) If the premises are also the body's registered office for the purposes of the companies Acts then an indication in a form acceptable to the Company that such is the case.
  - (f) The wording "PRIVATE SHOP" or "ADULT SHOP" but no other indication as to the nature of the business carried on at the licensed premises.
3. The lettering used in respect of such permitted items:-
- (a) Shall be of such colour and style as may be approved by the Council.
  - (b) In the case of the permitted items 'a', 'b', 'c', and 'e' the lettering used shall not exceed one foot in height for each letter, provided also that if different sizes of letters are used in respect of different items, that used in respect of item 'f' shall not exceed the height of any other lettering.

### **LICENSED NAME**

1. The Council at the time of granting the licence in respect of the premises appoint a name referred to as "The Licensed Name" by which it is intended that the premises shall be known and the licence holder shall ensure that the premises are known solely by that name and by no other, save as provided for by paragraph 2 below.
2. An application in respect of a change of licence name shall be made to the Council in writing not less than 28 days prior to the proposed change and the Council shall have an absolute and unfettered discretion to allow or refuse such change.

## **EMPLOYEES AND MANAGEMENT STAFF**

1. The Licence holder shall at all times keep and maintain at the licensed premises a written record of the names, addresses, and dates of birth of all persons employed within the licensed premises whether upon a full or part basis and shall upon request by an authorised Officer of the Council make such records available for inspection to them.
2. The Licence holder shall at all times provide the Council with written notification as to the names, addresses and dates of birth of such person or persons (whether employees or otherwise connected with the business) who have authority to manage the premises in the licence holder's absence.

## **CHANGE OF LOCATION AND ALTERATIONS TO PREMISES**

1. In the case of licensed premises which are a vessel or stall the licence holder shall not move the licensed vessel or stall from the location specified in the licence unless he shall first give the Council not less than 28 days notice in writing of such intended removal and the Council may require him to lodge such written application as it may deem appropriate and pay such fee as it may deem reasonable in respect of such application provided that this requirement shall not apply to a vessel or stall which habitually operates from a fixed location but which is regularly moved (whether under its own propulsion or otherwise) from another place such location as is specified in the licence and which is not used for the purposes for which the licence is granted and any other location than that which is specified.
2. In the case of a business conducted from fixed premises no alteration of any kind shall be made to the interior or the exterior of the premises including any change in the permitted signs displayed thereat or in the manner in which the windows and doors are obstructed unless the licence holder shall first obtain the written consent of the Council.

## **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LICENCE HOLDER**

The Licence holder or any person purporting to act upon his behalf shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with these and any special conditions of the licence and will be held responsible for any breach thereof.

## **VARIATION OF CONDITIONS**

The Council may at any time waive, modify or vary these conditions or impose additional conditions in any particular case.