

**ORDINANCE NO: 5****AN ORDINANCE REGULATING CIRCUSES, CARNIVALS, SHOWS, CONCERTS, RACE TRACKS, EXHIBITIONS AND AMUSEMENTS**

The Town Board of the Town of Grand Rapids, Wisconsin, pursuant to § 60.23 Wisconsin Statutes does ordain as follows with regard to its Town Ordinances:

**5.1 License Required / Issuance of License**

It shall be unlawful for any circus or carnival, operated for gain, or any show, concert, race track, exhibition, amusement or other skilled performance to operate within the Town of Grand Rapids unless a license has first been obtained from the Licensing Board as hereinafter provided. (The license shall be combined with a Conditional Use Permit as required by the Town Zoning Ordinance.)

- A. The Town Board of Supervisors shall constitute the Licensing Board for the purpose of this Ordinance.
- B. Upon receiving an application for a license/permit, and holding a public hearing, the Licensing Board shall either grant or deny a license to the applicant. The action of the Licensing Board shall be by a majority vote and shall be based on any or all facts available to the Board as to whether such circus, carnival, show, concert, race track, exhibition, amusement or performance will act to the detriment of the good order of the Town, public morals and decency, public safety, public health and sanitation, or the peace and general welfare of the Town.
- C. The Licensing Board may, by majority vote, at any time after any license has been issued under this ordinance, revoke the same upon finding that such circus, carnival, show, concert, race track, exhibition, amusement, or performance is in violation of conditions set or is acting to the detriment of the good order of the Town or public moral and decency, or continues a safety, fire, health or sanitation hazard, or tends to disturb the peace and general welfare of the Town.

**5.2 Fees**

The applicant shall pay a license fee as per Ordinance 39 "Schedule of Fees and Forfeitures" upon applying for the permit to the Town Clerk. Upon receipt of the application and fee, the Clerk shall notify the fire and police departments and building inspector/zoning administrator. The Town Planning and Zoning Committee will review and make a recommendation on the application, and the Town Board shall either issue or deny the permit/license. The fees shall include the Conditional Use Permit fee.

**5.3 Setback from Lotlines**

No circus, nonresident carnival, show, concert, exhibition, amusement or performance shall set up its tents, booths or other equipment, park its vehicles or trailers, stake out its animals, or otherwise make use of the land within 30-feet of the boundary line of the parcel or lot of land which it is using or permitted to use by the owner thereof (or whatever setback is established by the Board for a particular application). A violation of this Section shall constitute sufficient cause for revocation of any license issue under this Ordinance.

**5.4 Suppression of Non-licensed Activities**

The police officer shall immediately close or suppress all circuses nonresident carnivals, shows, concerts, race tracks, exhibitions, amusements and performances that have not obtained a license therefore or whose license has been revoked as provided herein.

**5.5 Term of License Renewals**

The license/Conditional Use Permit shall be in effect for the period specified by the Board. In the event of on-going activities such as race tracks, a new license shall be applied for annually. The Board shall determine upon issuance of the initial license whether the Conditional Use Permit shall extend for longer than the initial year.

**5.6 Performance Bond / Liability Insurance**

The applicant shall provide such certificate of liability and other Insurance as required by the Board. Posting of a Bond may also be required by the Board to insure compliance with conditions of the permit.

**5.7 Exceptions**

The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to functions of the Town of Grand Rapids.

**5.8 Prevailing Effect of Ordinance 69; Repealer**

Notwithstanding anything set forth above in this Chapter, whenever the provisions of this Chapter are inconsistent, or events seeking permit fall within with those listed in Ordinance No. 69- Requiring a Permit for Public Events on Town Highways, the provisions of said ordinance shall prevail and apply. All other ordinances of the Town of Grand Rapids which are in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**This ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its passage and publication as provided by law.**

**HISTORY**

<b>Declaration/Ordinance/Resolution No</b>	<b>Dated</b>
<b>RESOLUTION NO:</b>	4-October-1983
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