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INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSING
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(Section 10)

[29th August, 1992.]

1. This Order may be cited as the

INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSING (SOUND PROOFING OF PREMISES) ORDER.

2. In this Order the word “issued” includes the renewal of a Licence.

3. It is hereby ordered that subject to paragraph 4 below, all licences issued under the Act, authorising the consumption of liquor on the premises shall be subject to the condition that if loud music is played or dances or other events are held on the licensed premises with the accompaniment of loud music, such premises shall be soundproofed to the satisfaction of the Board.

4. Paragraph 3 above shall not apply to an event or occasion which is sponsored by the Government, a Local Authority, a Village Council, a fraternal organization or a religious organization and where the proceeds are to be used for a charitable or public purpose.

5. This Order shall apply to all areas of Belize.
Intoxicating Liquor Licensing

MADE by the Minister of Local Government this 24th day August, 1992.

(VALDEMAR CASTILLO)
Minister of Labour, Public Service
and Local Government
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INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSING REGULATIONS

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INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSING REGULATIONS

(Sections 26)

[17th March, 1973.]

1. These Regulations may be cited as the INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSING REGULATIONS.

Building Requirements as to Licensed Premises

2. The premises in respect of which a publican’s general license is applied for or is to be renewed shall-

(a) contain at least one room actually ready and fit for public accommodation as a refreshment room, independent of the bar or any apartment occupied by the publican or his family or servants;

(b) have an entrance or entrances from the street, such entrance or entrances not being through a store, shop or business premises and not affording access to any store, shop or business premises;

(c) be provided with adequate sanitary conveniences in or near the building for the use of the customers thereof, in order to prevent nuisances or offences against public decency.
3. (1) The premises in Belize City for which a hotel licence is applied for or is to be renewed shall contain at least ten bedrooms above the basement, exclusive of those occupied by the hotel-keeper, his family or servants, properly furnished to accommodate lodgers. Every such bedroom shall contain at least eighty square feet of floor area and at least six hundred cubic feet of air space.

(ii) The premises shall also have-

(a) a dining room containing at least three hundred square feet area, not being a part of the bar-room which shall be supplied with tables, suitable table furniture and other accommodation for at least twenty guests at one and the same time;

(b) a kitchen with conveniences for cooking meals therein adequate to provide bona fide meals for at least twenty guests at one and the same time; and

(c) proper and sufficient sanitary arrangements and conveniences to meet the needs of all the guests.

(2) The requirements in sub-regulation (1) shall apply to the premises outside Belize City for which a hotel licence is applied, except that the number of bedrooms for guests shall not be less than five, the dining-room shall contain not less than one hundred and fifty square feet of floor area and the kitchen conveniences and sanitary arrangements and conveniences shall be adequate for at least ten guests.
4. (1) The premises in Belize City for which a restaurant license is applied for or is to be renewed shall have:

(a) a dining-room containing at least three hundred square feet of floor area which shall be supplied with tables, suitable table furniture and other accommodation for at least twenty customers at one and the same time, and shall be enclosed to ensure for its customers privacy from the public gaze;

(b) a kitchen with convenience for cooking meals therein adequate to provide bona fide meals for at least twenty customers at one and the same time; and

(c) proper and sufficient sanitary arrangements and conveniences to meet the needs of all the customers.

(2) The requirements in sub-regulation (1) of this regulation shall apply to the premises outside Belize City for which a restaurant licence is applied, except that the dining-room shall contain not less than one hundred and fifty square feet of floor area and the kitchen conveniences and the sanitary arrangements and conveniences shall be adequate for at least ten customers.

5. (1) The licensed premises in which liquor is sold or supplied under a publican’s general licence shall be closed-

(a) on Christmas Day and Good Friday;

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(b) at 11:00 p.m. on Saturday until 7:00 a.m. on the following Monday; and

(c) on other days between 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. of the following day.

(2) The licensed premises in which liquor only is sold under a shop licence or a beer licence shall be closed-

(a) on Sunday, on any public or bank holiday;

(b) on all other days, between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and at 9:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. of the following day.

(3) The licensed premises in which liquor is sold under a malt licence shall be closed-

(a) on Christmas Day and Good Friday;

(b) at 11:00 p.m. on Saturday until 10:00 a.m. on the following day,

(c) at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday until 7:00 a.m. on the following day,

(d) on all other days between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of the following day.

(4) The holder of a hotel licence shall not sell liquor between 12:00 midnight and 7:00 a.m.:

Provided that during the visit of any tourist ship to Belize or on the occasion of any dance, ball, or other entertainment at a hotel, the Chairman
of the Licensing Board of any licensing district may authorise in writing the holder of a hotel licence to supply liquor to the tourists or the guests at such dance, ball or entertainment during such hours as may be specified in the authority and upon obtaining such authority it shall be lawful for the licence holder to keep his premises open for such time beyond the commencement of the closing period as may be specified in the authority.

(5) The licensed premises in which liquor is sold under a restaurant licence shall be closed between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. on the following day.

(6) The licensed premises in which liquor is sold under a publican’s special licence shall be closed-

   (a) on Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. and at 11:00 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. of the following day;

   (b) on all other days, between 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. of the following day.

(7) The licensed premises in which liquor is sold or supplied under a members’ club licence shall be closed between 3:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on the following day.

(8) In addition to the restrictions imposed by the Act and these Regulations, all licensed premises located in San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye, in which liquor is sold or supplied –

   (a) under a publican’s special license, shall be closed on Good Friday;

   (b) under a shop license, hotel license or a restaurant license, shall not sell or deliver any liquor on Good...
(9) The licensed premises in which liquor is sold under a convenience store license shall be closed between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m.

(10) The licensed premises in which liquor is sold under a night club license shall be closed-

(a) on Sundays to Wednesdays, at 12:00 midnight until 10:00 a.m. of the following day; and

(b) on Thursdays to Saturdays, at 2:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. of the following day.

(11) The licensed premises in which liquor is sold under a special license shall be closed between 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. of the following day.

6. During this period when the licensed premises are required to be closed by this Order, no such licensed premises shall be opened or kept opened, nor any liquor consumed, sold or supplied therein or therefrom, nor any person other than the licence-holder or his employees be on the licensed premises.