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Amending Title 13, Chapter 266 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations: Rental Halls.

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 266.10 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

266.10. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall mean:

Entertainment event. Any event open to the general public through the use of pre-purchased or pre-provided tickets, ticket sales at the door, or similar practices, which includes entertainment as that term is defined in section 267.1110.

Event center. A rental hall that hosts private events or functions, but which also hosts or provides entertainment events open to the general public.

Rental hall. Also known as reception or meeting hall or a banquet hall. A building, facility, room, or portion thereof, which is rented, leased or otherwise made available to any person or group for a private event or function, that is not open to the general public, whether or not a fee is charged.

Section 2. That Chapter 266 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances be amended by adding thereto a new Section 266.90 to read as follows:

266.90. Event center certification. (a) Any establishment applying for licensure as a rental hall pursuant to this chapter may additionally seek to obtain a rental hall license with a certification to operate as an event center. A rental hall license issued with an event center certification shall allow the establishment to operate as a rental hall with respect to private events occurring at the facility, but also to provide entertainment events open to the general public in conformance with the requirements of this section.

(b) The licensed establishment shall be operated in accordance with all other requirements of this chapter, except that the following shall apply for the purposes of the operating requirements imposed by section 266.60:

(1) A written, signed lease shall be required for all private events for which a rental hall license is required. Any public events must be managed, staged, and facilitated under the on-site direction and oversight of the license holder and not primarily by any other individuals, parties, promoters, or groups. The license holder must maintain overall control of and responsibility for any event, public or private, occurring on the licensed premises.

(2) Upon request of the licensing official the licensee shall report all upcoming events involving both dancing by guests and live or recorded music.

(3) Alcohol is not allowed to be present for any events open to the general public unless provided with a temporary alcohol license issued by the City of Minneapolis.

(c) The fee for a rental hall license with event center certification shall be as established in Appendix J, License Fee Schedule.