

## Chapter 34

## CIRCUSES AND EXHIBITIONS

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[**HISTORY:** Adopted by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City 11-6-20. Amendments noted where applicable.]

## GENERAL REFERENCES

Licensed amusements — See Ch. 17.

Coin-controlled devices — See Ch. 36.

Theaters — See Ch. 83.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City, in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey, that:

- § 34-1. License required; penalty.

No person or persons shall show forth or exhibit or cause to be shown forth or exhibited in any place whatsoever in the City of Gloucester City for any price, gain or reward, any beast or animal or menagerie or collection of beasts or animals or any like show or exhibitions, or any carnival or any circus or any

curiosity or curiosities of nature or art, or any show or exhibition of any kind whatsoever, or conduct a merry-go-round, swings or other public amusements, without having first obtained, a license for that purpose as hereinafter mentioned, under the penalty of two hundred dollars for each and every offense.

**§ 34-2. Minimum and maximum license fees.**

The Mayor of the City of Gloucester City shall and may in his discretion, on application for that purpose, give a license in writing for any such shows, circus, exhibition, performance, merry-go-round, swing, carnival or other public amusements, and shall designate the license fees to be paid for each license which shall be such sum as in the judgment of the Mayor shall be reasonable and fair or as may be regulated from time to time by the Mayor and Common Council by a resolution, but in no case shall said license fee for a one-ring show or circus be less than two hundred dollars; for a three-ring show or circus, less than four hundred dollars (\$400.); for a two-ring show or circus, less than three hundred dollars (\$300.), for each day said license shall continue, and in no other case shall said license fee exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.) for each day said license shall continue.

**§ 34-3. Bond required.**

The Mayor of the City of Gloucester City shall not give any license for any show, circus, carnival, exhibition, performance, swing or merry-go-round until the applicant enters into a bond to the City of Gloucester City with sufficient sureties to be approved by the Mayor and in form to be approved by the Common Council, conditioned for the payment of all damages caused or to be caused to any person or persons or property through the act or neglect of the proprietors, managers or operators of such show, exhibition, carnival, circus or other amusement, their

servants or agents, while operating within the limits of the City of Gloucester City under any such license, which bond for every one-ring show or circus, exhibition or performance shall be of the sum of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.); for every two-ring show or circus, exhibition or performance, shall be of the sum of not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.); and for every three-ring show or circus, exhibition or performance, shall be in the sum of not less than three thousand dollars (\$3,000.); and any such bond shall be subject to assignment by the Mayor to or for the benefit of the person or persons injured or owning property damaged, or for the benefit of his, her or their heirs or legal representatives, for the purpose of recovery thereon.

**§ 34.4. Contents of license; time of taking effect.**

Every license granted as aforesaid shall set forth the place or places in which such show, exhibition, carnival, circus, performance, swing or merry-go-round shall be authorized to be held, the time during which it may continue and the price or prices which may be demanded for admission to the same, and such license shall not take effect until the license fees shall be paid.

**§ 34.5. Theaters not covered by ordinance.<sup>1</sup>**

Nothing in this ordinance contained shall authorize the licensing thereunder of theaters or moving picture shows.

**§ 34.6. When effective.**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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<sup>1</sup> Editor's Note: As to the licensing of theaters, see Ch. 83, Theaters.