

**Chapter 17****AMUSEMENTS, LICENSED**

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**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City 5-6-1920. Amendments noted where applicable.]**

**GENERAL REFERENCES**

Alcoholic beverages — See Ch. 15.  
Circuses and exhibitions — See Ch. 34.  
Coin-controlled devices — See Ch. 36.  
Disorderly persons — See Ch. 41.  
Theaters — See Ch. 83.  
Zoning — See Ch. 93.

- § 17-1. License required for bowling alleys, billiard tables and other amusement devices.

No person or persons shall set up, keep or maintain, or permit to be set up, kept or maintained, within the City of Gloucester City (private dwellings and clubhouses excepted), any ball alley, bowling alley, billiard tables, pool tables, bagatelle tables, shuffleboards or skating rink without first

having obtained a license for that purpose, as hereinafter mentioned.

**§ 17-2. Application for license.**

No license shall be granted for that purpose except upon application in writing, setting forth the place and premises where the said ball alley, bowling alley, billiard tables, pool tables, bagatelle tables, shuffleboards or skating rink are proposed to be set up or maintained, and the number of each ball alley, bowling alley, billiard table, pool table, bagatelle table, shuffleboard or skating rink proposed to be kept, with an affidavit of the applicant that the matters set forth in the application are true.

**§ 17-3. Contents of license; expiration date.**

All licenses under this ordinance shall expire on June 1 in each year, and they shall contain the number of the license, location of the place or the premises, number of ball alleys, bowling alleys, billiard tables, pool tables, bagatelle tables, shuffleboards or skating rinks, and the time for which the licenses are granted, and which shall be signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

**§ 17-4. License fees. [Amended 4-6-1995 by Ord. No. 7-1995]**

The license fee for each ball alley, bowling alley, billiard table, pool table, bagatelle table, shuffleboard shall be at the rate or sum of fifteen dollars (\$15.) per annum for the first table, alley or board, and the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) for each additional table, alley or board in the same room or building, and the license fee for each skating rink shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.) per annum, which shall be paid to the City Clerk upon the filing of the application for said license.

**§ 17-5. Display of license.**

The licensee, before he, she or they shall set up or maintain, or permit or suffer to be set up or maintained, any ball alley, bowling alley, billiard tables, pool tables, bagatelle tables, shuffleboards or skating rinks under this ordinance, as aforesaid, shall place his, her or their license certificate in a conspicuous place in the room or rooms where he, she or they propose to carry on business under such license, and any omission or failure to do so shall be presumptive evidence that he, she or they have no license under this ordinance.

**§ 17-6. Violations and penalties. [Amended 12-5-1974<sup>1</sup>]**

If any person or persons shall set up or maintain, or permit or suffer to be set up or maintained (except in private dwellings or clubhouses), any ball alley, bowling alley, billiard tables, pool tables, bagatelle tables, shuffleboard or skating rinks without first having obtained license therefor in accordance with this ordinance, or shall set up or have in use a larger or greater number of ball alleys, bowling alleys, billiard tables, pool tables, bagatelle tables, shuffleboards or skating rinks than are mentioned in the license granted, such person or persons shall, upon conviction thereof before the Judge of the Municipal Court of said city, be punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.) or by imprisonment for any term not exceeding ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Judge before whom conviction is had.

**§ 17-7. Inconsistent ordinances repealed; when effective.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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<sup>1</sup> Editor's Note: See Ch. 1, § 1-6B(1).

