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**TOWN OF BRISTOL
PROPOSED ORDINANCE
No. 2024-20
AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT TO
CHAPTER 5
OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BRISTOL TOWN CODE**

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IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island, that
Chapter 5 of the Town Code be amended as follows.

ARTICLE III. - SHOWS, EXHIBITIONS AND ENTERTAINMENT

DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

DIVISION 2. - LICENSE

Sec. 5-91. - Required.

No person shall maintain, operate or conduct any show, exhibition or similar form of entertainment within the town without first obtaining a license from the town council.

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Sec. 5-97. - Restrictions.

- (a) The chief of police and fire chief may restrict the number of persons allowed in the entertainment area as deemed necessary for the protection of the public health, welfare and safety.
- (b) The hours of entertainment shall be limited for all such licenses. All indoor entertainment shall cease by 10:00 p.m. on nights from Sunday through Thursday, and by 12:00 midnight on Friday and Saturday nights. All outdoor entertainment shall cease by 10:00 p.m. on nights from Sunday through Thursday, and by 11:00 PM on Friday and Saturday nights.
- (c) In granting a license under this section, the town council may make such other restrictions as are necessary for the protection of the public health, welfare and safety, for the prevention of nuisances, excess noise and maintenance of public peace, including but not limited to prohibiting amplified music, limiting the number of musicians to no more than three, and requiring that all entertainment cease at other times than as set forth in subsection (b) above..

- (d) The director of public safety shall determine whether and to what extent additional police protection reasonably necessary for the purposes of traffic, crowd control and security will be required for the event or entertainment. Payment of all police officers assigned or provided by the director of public safety shall be paid by the applicant according to the director's instructions.

The Town Council will be in session in the Town Hall, Council Chambers, on January 15, 2025. If remonstrance in the meantime, a petition bearing the valid signatures of at least twenty (20) qualified voters must be filed with the Town Clerk requesting a Public Hearing, such hearing must be held before final action may be taken on said ordinance.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

By Order of the Town Council
Melissa Cordeiro
COUNCIL CLERK

Date: December 26, 2024