

ORDINANCE NO. 807

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN FINES FOR VIOLATIONS
BY LIQUOR LICENSE HOLDERS**

WHEREAS, The Governing Body of the City of Mills desires to have an effective means of enforcing its provisions concerning liquor licenses; and

WHEREAS, Providing for the safety and welfare of the residents of Mills and those who visit Mills is an important consideration of the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, Providing for the safety of emergency responders is likewise a responsibility of the Governing Body,

NOW THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of Mills hereby amend Title 5 of the Mills Code to amend Chapter 5.08 of the Mills City Code to add the following Section 5.08.190.

5.08.190 – Disorderly Establishments, Over-serving and intoxicated agents.

In addition to those provisions set forth above, the City of Mills, in keeping with its desire to keep the peace and provide for the welfare of residents and visitors to the City of Mills, provides the following concerning liquor license holders who serve alcohol at their establishments:

a. It shall be unlawful for an establishment to be habitually disorderly. A habitually disorderly premises shall be defined as an establishment which is routinely is associated with fighting, including but not limited to patrons or employees routinely engaging in armed and unarmed assaults, prostitution, illegal gambling, public intoxication, and other illegal activities. Habitual, for purposes of this ordinance, shall be defined as requiring the response by law enforcement and emergency services more than four times per month over a three-month period.

b. It shall additionally be unlawful for an establishment to allow the conduct referenced in section a above, but to ignore or discourage the calling of emergency services or law enforcement when reasonably required.

c. It shall be unlawful for any employee or agent of a licensed establishment, other than stated herein, to be present on the licensed premises while intoxicated and while acting in any capacity, or purporting to act, as an agent of the licensee or permit holder; an employee or agent for purposes of this section shall not mean or include: a proprietor, a general partnership's partners, a corporation's president, a limited liability company's member(s) or a limited general partner.

d. All employees and agents of any business operating with a city-issued liquor license, who are engaged in the selling (including door person, ID checkers, and bouncers) or serving of alcoholic or malt beverages or the managing thereof, hereinafter "alcohol server staff," shall successfully complete an alcohol server training program as approved by Wyoming Statutes

Section 12-2-402, within ninety days of the start of their employment. All alcohol server staff shall complete any additional or further training to maintain their server training certification. Every license holder shall maintain a server training record for all alcohol server staff, including their date of hire, and proof that each has successfully completed the alcohol server training required by this section, and any additional or further training to maintain their server training certification. The city shall furnish an appropriate server training record log to maintain the records required in this section. In addition, every license holder shall keep their server training records available for review by police officials, at any time when the premises is open for business, to ensure compliance with the server training requirements of this section.

e. Violations of this section are subject to a graduated fine schedule, based on a calendar year. For the first violation, a fine of up to one hundred fifty dollars shall be imposed; for violation two a fine of up to two hundred dollars shall be imposed; for violation three a fine of up to two hundred fifty dollars shall be imposed. All violations thereafter in that same calendar year shall result in a fine of two hundred fifty dollars. All violations after the first two in each calendar year shall require a representative of the licensee/permittee to appear at a regular meeting of the city council. After the third violation in a calendar year (the fourth violation and each one thereafter) shall result in a seven-day suspension of the license/permit in question; the suspension may be imposed in either the calendar year of the violations and depending upon the timing of the violations (some may not get to court or be decided during the year of violation) in the subsequent calendar year. No more than one violation per licensee/permittee may be issued per inspection and not more than one failed inspection can be conducted per week per licensee/permittee.

5.08.200 - Licensure considerations and administrative fees.

Violations of the Mills Municipal Code and/or Wyoming State Statutes may also be factors in the consideration of suspensions, revocations, nonrenewals or conditional renewals of licenses and permits.

In recognition of the fact that license holders who repeatedly violate the provisions of this code create an undue burden of the city in administering liquor licenses, in addition to any other penalties or remedies, licensees shall be subject to administrative fees of one thousand dollars for the third violation of this chapter within any consecutive twenty-four-month period, and five thousand dollars for a fourth or subsequent violation within a consecutive twenty-four-month period. Any violation relating to the license holder or licensed premises shall apply to this subsection, regardless of whether separate individual employees or agents of the licensee committed the individual violations. The violations need not be of the same section or subsection of this chapter to be counted in this total.

A notice to pay said fee shall be issued by the city clerk to the licensee upon notification by the court of licensee's convictions for the relevant offenses. The time frame for accumulation of the violations shall be the date of violations, not the dates of conviction. If such fee is not paid, or an appeal hearing before council requested in writing to the city clerk and accompanied by a bond in the amount of the fee at issue within ten days of the notice being given by the clerk, the

license shall be suspended until such time as the fee is paid to the city clerk. If an appeal hearing is requested, it shall be in council's sole discretion, after hearing all the relevant facts in the matter, whether to suspend part or all of the fee. The hearing shall not be a contested case hearing, and the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act shall not apply to such hearing.

PASSED on 1st reading the 14th day of November, 2023.

PASSED on 2nd reading the _____ day of _____, 2023.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on 3rd and final reading this _____ day of _____, 2023

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