

**CHAPTER 717**  
**Bowling Alleys**

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**CROSS REFERENCE**

Power to regulate bowling alleys - see Ohio R.C. 715.51,  
715.61

**717.01 DEFINITIONS.**

"Bowling", as used in this Chapter, shall mean any of the several games, by whatever name known, played on a bowling alley.

"Bowling alley" shall mean any public place where the game of bowling is permitted to be played.  
(Ord. 1056. Passed 7-17-45.)

**717.02 LOCATION RESTRICTED; STREET FRONTAGE REQUIRED.**

No bowling alley shall be built, operated, maintained, established or allowed to remain within a distance of three hundred (300) feet measured at right angles from either side walls or rear wall of such bowling alley building, from any district classified as a Residential District by Section 1123.01 of the Codified Ordinances, provided, however, the architectural designed front of the bowling alley building must face and front on a public street or highway with the direct or main entrance thereof being from such street. (Ord. 1056. Passed 7-14-45.)

**717.03 LICENSE REQUIRED; EXCEPTIONS.**

No person shall open, conduct, maintain or operate a bowling alley within the City unless such person shall have first been duly licensed for such purpose. The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to private residences, schools or churches.  
(Ord. 1056. Passed 7-17-45.)

#### 717.04 LICENSE APPLICATION.

Every person desiring to open or maintain a bowling alley must make application to the Safety-Service Director for a license. The application shall be filed at least ten (10) days prior to the time of granting such license. (Ord. 1056. Passed 7-17-45.)

#### 717.05 CITIZENSHIP REQUIRED.

No license shall be granted to a person who is not a citizen of the United States. (Ord. 1056. Passed 7-17-45.)

#### 717.06 APPLICATION INFORMATION.

Every applicant for a license shall file with the Safety-Service Director a written application stating the full name and address, including street and number, of the applicant, or if more than one (1) person or an association or firm, the full names of all parties interested and the addresses, including street and number. If the applicant is a club, society or corporation, the application shall contain a complete list of the officers of such club, society or corporation, with their names and addresses, including street and number, and shall also give the State in which such club, society or corporation is organized, and the names of one (1) or more persons whom the club, society or corporation desires to designate as its manager or person in charge, with their addresses. The application shall also state the following:

- (a) The premises where the bowling alley is to be conducted, including the street and number.
- (b) The age of the applicants in the case of individuals, and the age of the manager and officers in the case of a club, society or corporation.
- (c) Whether the applicant has ever been engaged in operating a bowling alley, and, if so, when, where and how long in each place within the preceding five (5) years.
- (d) The name of the owner of the premises in which the bowling alley is to be located and the complete address of such owner.

The application shall be signed by the applicants, or in the case of a club, society or corporation, the application shall be signed by the manager or any of its duly authorized officers.

(Ord. 28-89. Passed 3-13-89.)

**717.07 INVESTIGATION; REJECTION.**

The Safety-Service Director shall cause an investigation to be made as to the character of the applicants or the officers of the club, society or corporation and of the person who is to have general management of the business. The application shall be rejected if the Director shall find any of the persons named in the application are not of good moral character or that any of such persons have previously been connected with bowling alleys where the license has been revoked, or where any of the provisions with reference to bowling alleys have been violated, or if the bowling alley sought to be licensed does not comply in every way with the regulations, ordinances and laws applicable thereto. (Ord. 185-62. Passed 11-12-62.)

**717.08 RESURFACING OPERATIONS; PIN REFINISHING PROHIBITED.**

Resurfacing operations shall not be carried on in any bowling alley while the establishment is open for business. The Fire Chief shall be notified when alleys are to be resurfaced.

During such operations:

(a) Proper ventilation shall be provided. Heating, ventilating or cooling systems employing recirculation of air shall not be operated.

(b) All motorized or other equipment in the area which might be the source of ignition shall be disconnected and all smoking and open flames prohibited during resurfacing operations involving the application of flammable finishes and for one (1) hour thereafter.

Pin refinishing is prohibited in the City.  
(Ord. 31-57. Passed 2-25-57.)

**717.09 LICENSE FEE.**

Every person to whom a license is granted shall pay an annual fee in accordance with Section 1321.06 of the Codified Ordinances, provided, however, that where the applicant is a society or club not organized for profit, no license fee shall be charged for the use of any alley. All money received by way of license fees shall be paid into the General Fund of the City.  
(Ord. 38-76. Passed 6-14-76.)

**717.10 EXPIRATION AND TERM.**

All licenses granted under the provisions of this Chapter shall expire on December 31 following the date of issuance. No license shall be issued except for the full license period and for the full license fee as herein provided.  
(Ord. 185-62. Passed 11-12-62.)

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717.11 LICENSE TRANSFER.

No transfer of a license, either as to person or place, shall be permitted except with the consent of the Safety-Service Director, which consent shall be endorsed upon the license, provided, further, that the applicant applying for the transfer of any license shall comply with all the provisions of this Chapter.

(Ord. 1056. Passed 7-17-45.)

717.12 GAMBLING PROHIBITED.

No dice shall be thrown nor shall cards or other games of chance, or any form of gambling be permitted in any bowling alley or bowling alley premises, nor shall any checks be given which can be redeemed for merchandise or cash.

(Ord. 185-62. Passed 11-12-62.)

717.13 SANITATION AND HEALTH.

All bowling alleys shall be kept at all times in a clean, healthful and sanitary condition.

(Ord. 1056. Passed 7-17-45.)

717.14 POSTING OF LICENSE.

Every licensee shall keep his license conspicuously posted in the bowling alley.

(Ord. 1056. Passed 7-17-45.)

717.15 REVOCATION.

The license of any bowling alley may be revoked by the Safety-Service Director for disorderly or immoral conduct on the premises or for the violation of any rules, regulations, ordinances and laws governing or applying to bowling alleys.

(Ord. 185-62. Passed 11-12-62.)

717.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this Chapter shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor for the first offense. Whoever violates any provision of this Chapter shall be guilty of a fourth degree misdemeanor for the second offense or subsequent offenses.

(Ord. 7-82. Passed 2-8-82.)