

Note: New York City businesses must comply with all relevant federal, state, and City laws and rules. All laws and rules of the City of New York, including the Consumer Protection Law and Rules, are available through the Public Access Portal, which businesses can access by visiting www.nyc.gov/consumers. For convenience, sections of the New York City Licensing Law (and Rules, if enacted) are included as a handout in this packet. The Law (and Rules) are current as of January 2009.

Please note that businesses are responsible for knowing and complying with the most current laws, including any City Council amendments. The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) is not responsible for errors or omissions in the handout provided in this packet. The information is not legal advice. You can only obtain legal advice from a lawyer.

NEW YORK CITY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

TITLE 20: CONSUMER AFFAIRS

CHAPTER 2: LICENSES

SUBCHAPTER 4: BILLIARD AND POCKET BILLIARD TABLES AND BILLIARD AND POCKET BILLIARD ROOMS

* § 20-215 License; general provisions. a. It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain, operate, conduct or engage in the business of conducting and maintaining a billiard or pocket billiard room or place unless the premises are licensed by the commissioner in the manner prescribed herein.

b. A membership corporation, club, association or society in whose premises billiards or pocket billiards are played or in whose premises billiard or pocket billiard tables are maintained which are available or held out as being available to persons for the playing of billiards or pocket billiards, shall be deemed to be conducting a billiard or pocket billiard room.

* NB There are 2 § 20-215's

* § 20-216 Definitions. Whenever used in this subchapter, the following terms shall mean:

1. "Billiard and pocket billiard room". Any room or place in the city in which billiards or pocket billiards are played, and which includes three or more billiard or pocket billiard tables, which are available or held out to persons as being available, for the purpose of playing billiards or pocket billiards.

2. "Person". An individual, corporation, club, partnership, association, society or any other organized group of persons and shall include officers, directors and trustees of a corporation club association or society.

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§ 20-217 Prohibitions. It shall be unlawful for a person, firm, corporation, association, society or any other organized group of persons holding such license to:

1. Suffer or permit any game of chance to be played or gambling in any manner on the licensed premises.
2. Suffer or permit the licensed premises to become disorderly.
3. Sell, barter, furnish or possess in such billiard room or place any habit forming drugs or any appliances for administering same.
4. Suffer or permit any minor under the age of sixteen years to enter or remain in such billiard or pocket billiard room or place unless accompanied by his or her parent or guardian, or by an adult person authorized by his or her parent or guardian.

§ 20-218 Fees; term. The biennial license fee for a billiard or pocket billiard room or rooms shall be three hundred forty dollars for the first billiard or pocket billiard table and forty dollars for each additional billiard or pocket billiard table in the same room or place.

§ 20-219 Exemptions. This subchapter shall not apply to:

1. Premises owned, occupied and used exclusively by a membership corporation, club, society or association where the billiard or pocket billiard facilities for the playing of billiards or pocket billiards are incidental to the other facilities or activities of the organization and are not the dominant facility or activity of the organization.
2. Premises owned, occupied and used exclusively by a religious, charitable, eleemosynary or educational corporation or institution.
3. Premises owned, occupied and used exclusively as a private residence.

§ 20-220 Regulations. The commissioner may make and promulgate such rules and regulations and prescribe such forms as are necessary to carry out any provision of this subchapter.