

**ARTICLE VII: SPECIFIC LAND USE PROVISIONS****DIVISION I: SPECIFIC PERMITTED LAND USES****Chapter 19.240****ADULT-ORIENTED BUSINESSES**

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**19.240.010 Purpose.**

- A. The purpose of this Chapter is to prevent community-wide adverse economic impacts, increased crime, decreased property values, and the deterioration of neighborhoods that can be brought about by the concentration of adult-oriented businesses, as defined in Section 9.40.020 of the Riverside Municipal Code, in close proximity to each other or proximity to other incompatible uses such as schools for minors, assemblies of people - non-entertainment and residentially zoned properties or uses.
- B. The City Council finds that it has been demonstrated in various communities that the concentration of adult-oriented businesses causes an increase in the number of transients in the area and an increase in crime, in addition to the effects described above, and can cause other businesses and residents to move elsewhere. It is, therefore, the purpose of this Chapter to establish reasonable and uniform regulations to prevent the concentration of adult-oriented businesses or their close proximity to incompatible uses, while permitting the location of adult-oriented businesses in certain areas. (Ord. 7331 §25, 2016; Ord. 6966 §1, 2007)

**19.240.020 Definitions.**

- A. Establishment of an Adult-Oriented Business. As used herein, to "establish" an Adult-Oriented Business shall mean and include any of the following:
1. The opening or commencement of any Adult-Oriented Business as a new business;
  2. The conversion of an existing business, whether or not an Adult-Oriented Business, to any Adult-Oriented Business defined herein;
  3. The addition of any of the Adult-Oriented Businesses defined herein to any other existing Adult-Oriented Business; or
  4. The relocation of any such Adult-Oriented Business.
- B. All other terms relative to Adult-Oriented Business are contained in Section 9.40.020 of the Riverside Municipal Code and are incorporated into this Chapter by reference. (Ord. 7331 §25, 2016; Ord. 6966 §1, 2007)

**19.240.030 Permit Requirements.**

- A. Every person who proposes to maintain, operate or conduct an adult-oriented business in the City of Riverside shall file an application with the Police Chief upon a form provided by the City of Riverside and shall pay a filing fee, as established by resolution adopted by the City Council from time to time, that shall not be refundable.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in, conduct or carry on, or to permit to be engaged in, conducted or carried on, in or upon any premises in the City of Riverside, the operation of an adult-oriented business unless the person first obtains and continues to maintain in full force and effect a permit from the City of Riverside as herein required.
- C. It shall be unlawful for any persons to engage in or participate in any live performance depicting specified anatomical areas or involving specified sexual activities in an adult-oriented business unless the person first obtains and continues in full force and effect a permit from the City of Riverside as herein required.
- D. Adult-oriented businesses are regulated by Chapter 9.40 of the Riverside Municipal Code and subject to the minimum proximity requirements contained in Section 19.250.040. (Ord. 7331 §25, 2016; Ord. 6966 §1, 2007)

**19.240.040 Minimum Proximity Requirements.**

- A. Adult-oriented businesses shall only be established, located, or operated in the I (Industrial) Zone and only when within the ascribed distances of the certain specified land uses or zones set forth here. These distances shall be measured from the closest point upon the outside walls of the building or building lease space containing the adult-oriented business to the nearest point upon the outside walls or property lines of the building or property of concern.
  - 1. The business shall not be located within 600 feet of any other adult-oriented business.
  - 2. The business shall not be located within 1,000 feet of a historic district.
  - 3. The business shall not be located within 600 feet of any residential dwelling unit, residential zone or homeless shelter.
  - 4. The business shall not be located within 1,000 feet of any school, religious assembly or day care home/center.
  - 5. The business shall not be located within 600 feet of any park.
  - 6. The business shall not be located within 600 feet of a freeway corridor.
  - 7. The business shall not be located within a ½ mile (2,640 feet) of the Santa Ana River Trail.
  - 8. The business shall not be located within 100 feet of a railway corridor.
- B. No variances shall be granted from these location requirements. (Ord. 7331 §25, 2016; Ord. 6966 §1, 2007)