

## CHAPTER 11 – RACE TRACKS

### Article I - Ordinance

**11-1-1 License Required.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation other than a County Fair Association or other not for profit association to engage in or hold any motor vehicle race, motor vehicle stunt, motor vehicle exhibition, or carnival unless a written permit shall have been obtained from the County Board of Jefferson County wherein said motor vehicle race, motor vehicle stunt, motor vehicle exhibition, or carnival shall take place.  
(01/08/90)(55 ILCS 5/5-9001)

**11-1-2 Application.** A person, firm or corporation desiring a license may obtain the same by making application with the County Clerk first.

After being provided the following information in the application, the Board in regular session shall approve or disapprove said application based upon the results of the Sheriff's investigation referred to in Section 11-1-3 and upon the personal resume information provided here, to wit:

- (A) Name and physical description of applicant;
- (B) Permanent home address and local address, if operating from such address;
- (C) A brief description of the business and of the intended entertainment to be provided;
- (D) Name and address of local agent or employees, if any;
- (E) The length of time or the number of events for which the license sought is desired;
- (F) Evidence that the person or agent is acting with official power of the corporation or firm he offers to represent;
- (G) Statement of applicant's criminal record, if any other than minor traffic violations; and;
- (H) Other cities or counties wherein the applicant has other such endeavors or the same kind of where he, or the firm or corporation is seeking a license.

**11-1-3 Investigation of Applicant.** Upon receipt of an application for the above referred to license, it shall be forwarded to the Sheriff of Jefferson County to investigate the business and moral character of the applicant. The result of this investigation shall be made available to the County Board in conjunction with the applicant's personal resume for use in determining whether to approve or deny the license.

**11-1-4 Fee.** The annual fee for a license under this Chapter of the Jefferson County Code shall be twenty-five (25) dollars. In addition, a permit fee of five hundred (500) dollars for all events for full sized motor vehicles, two hundred (200) dollars for midget motor vehicles and

one hundred (100) dollars for motor vehicles go-carts shall be charged per permit period. Each county board shall fix a permit fee not to exceed one hundred (100) dollars for all races and events held by a person, other than a county fair association, state fair or other not for profit association or corporation, on a single day. Each permit shall specify the day or days for which the permit is effective. (55 ILCS 5/5-9002)

11-1-5 Insurance. No permit shall be issued under this ordinance, of this, the Official Code of Jefferson County to any person, firm, or corporation until proof of sufficient liability insurance in the amount of not less than one million (1,000,000) dollars is on file with the County Clerk unless not-for-profit association provides sufficient information acceptable by state insurance codes for such events and same.

11-1-6 Time of Payment of Fee and Issuance of License and Permit. The license fee as established by the County Board shall be tendered to the County Clerk who in his capacity as Clerk of the County Board being in full knowledge of the Board's deliberation as to approval or denial of said application shall reflect the Board's decision and then and there either issue or deny said license. The fee for a permit, along with proof of insurance required by this ordinance, shall be submitted to the County Clerk seven (7) days in advance of the first day of such motor vehicle race, motor vehicle stunt, motor vehicle exhibition, or carnival is to take place. (55 ILCS 5/5-9002)

11-1-7 Gambling – Moral Turpitude. No license shall be issued under this Code to any person, firm or corporation, the principal person of which shall have been convicted of a felony, or violating any federal, state, or county ordinance involving gambling or moral turpitude.

11-1-8 Cancellation of Events. Due to weather, act of God, or other happenings beyond the control of said applicant thereby forcing a cancellation of the event, the said permit shall be valid for the stated event at any time during the next eight (8) days following the date of original approval. (55 ILCS 5/5-9002)

11-1-9 Fee Disbursement. One half of the fee shall be paid to the township board of the township wherein the event shall have taken place to be used for maintenance of its roads and bridges. The other one half of said fee shall be paid in the County General Corporate Fund to be used as the County Board deems proper.

11-1-10 Cancellation of License. The license to hold motor vehicle races, motor vehicle stunts, motor vehicle exhibitions, or carnivals shall be cancelled and withdrawn upon proof of failure to provide sufficient insurance, creating a nuisance, or the violation of any part of this ordinance or other state statutes.

\*No Race Shall Begin After 10:30 p.m. with All Events Completed By 11:00 p.m.