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ARTICLE I

Sec. 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS:

It shall be unlawful for any person, whether as principal or agent, clerk or employee, either for himself or for any other person, or for any body corporate, or as an officer of any corporation, or otherwise, to commence or carry on any trade, calling, profession or occupation in this ordinance specified in the City of Torrance without first having procured a license from said City so to do, or without complying with any and all regulations of such trade, calling, profession or occupation contained in this ordinance; and the carrying on of any trade, calling, profession or occupation mentioned in this ordinance without first having procured a license from said City so to do, or without complying with any and all regulations of such trade, calling, profession or occupation contained in this ordinance, shall constitute a separate violation of this ordinance for each and every day that such trade, calling, profession or occupation is so carried on.

Sec. 2. CREATING OFFICE OF LICENSE INSPECTOR:

The office of "License Inspector" is hereby created. The License Inspector shall be appointed by the personnel office of the City from the Civil Service eligible list. Such License Inspector shall be given the power and authority of a police officer of the City and shall be appointed a policeman by the Chief of Police of the City so that he may have full power and authority to enforce the provisions of this ordinance. It shall be the duty of said License Inspector to prepare and issue a license under this ordinance to every person liable to pay a license hereunder and to issue and sign the same, stating in each license the amount thereof, the period of time covered thereby, the name of the person, firm or corporation to whom issued, the business, trade, calling, profession or occupation licensed and the location or place of business where said business, trade, calling, profession or occupation is to be carried on. Said License Inspector may, from time to time, be given such additional duties by the City Council of said City as his time will permit.

ARTICLE II

Sec. 1. NEWLY ESTABLISHED BUSINESSES:

The first license for any newly established business shall be ascertained and paid for in the following manner: except in cases where the license required is for the whole or any fractional part of any license period, any applicant for a license for a proposed new business shall, at the time of obtaining the first license, pay the license fee required prorated for the unexpired even monthly portion of the license period.

Sec. 2. ISSUANCE OF LICENSE:

No person shall engage in any business, profession, trade, calling or occupation or perform any act required to be licensed under the provisions of this ordinance until such license is first obtained. No license shall be issued hereunder for any business, profession, trade, calling, occupation or act, until such permit is first so applied for or obtained, as the case may be. Any license issued in violation of this Article shall be void.

No license issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall be construed as authorizing the conduct or continuance of any illegal or unlawful business.

Whenever the State of California requires any person to obtain a State license before entering into performing any business, trade, profession, calling, occupation or act within the State of California, and the City of Torrance requires any person to obtain a license before entering into or performing any such business, trade, profession, calling, occupation or act within the City of Torrance, the License Inspector of the City of Torrance, before issuing any such license, may require the presentation, for his inspection, of such State license issued by the State of California. Any license issued in violation of the provisions of this section shall be void.

Sec. 3. CONTENTS OF LICENSES:

All licenses shall be prepared and issued by the License Inspector upon the payment of the sums required to be paid, as hereinafter set forth. Each license so issued shall state upon the face thereof the following:

(a) The person to whom same is issued;
(b) The kind of business licensed thereby;
(c) The amount paid therefor;
(d) The location of such business; and
(e) The date of expiration of such license.

All such licenses shall be countersigned by the License Inspector.

Sec. 4. LICENSE NOT TRANSFERABLE:

No license granted under any provisions of this ordinance shall be, in any manner, transferred or assigned, or authorize any person, firm or corporation, other than is therein mentioned or named, to carry on any trade, calling, profession or occupation therein mentioned, upon a bona fide sale of any business the license therefor may be transferred to the new owner upon permission first had and obtained from the License Inspector. In no case shall any transfer be made until the former owner of said license shall have paid all sales tax due to the City of Torrance, together with a transfer fee of One Dollar ($1.00). No license shall be transferred over to a new owner without first receiving the consent or permission of the City Council of Torrance, which prior to the issuance of said license it was necessary to obtain the permission of the said City Council.

Where a license is issued authorizing a person to conduct a business at a particular place, such licensee may, upon application therefor, have the license previously issued amended so as to authorize the conduct of such business from some other location.

Sec. 5. LICENSE — EXHIBITING:

Every person, firm or corporation having a license under the provisions of this ordinance, and engaged in a trade, calling, profession or occupation at a fixed place of business shall keep such license posted and exhibited while in force in some conspicuous part of said place of business. Every person having such a license, and not having a place of business, shall carry such license with him at all times while carrying on the trade, calling, profession or occupation for which the same was granted. Every person, firm or corporation having a license under the provisions of this ordinance shall produce and exhibit the same when applying for a renewal thereof, and whenever requested to do so by any police officer or by any officer authorized to issue, inspect or collect licenses.

In all cases where a person pays a license fee to do business and, as an incident to such business, uses or operates any motor vehicle in connection therewith, and no license is required for such vehicle, and the fee of such license is not based upon such vehicle, the License Inspector shall issue to such person, at the time of issuing such license, a sticker, at the cost of 25c. Such sticker must be displayed on the vehicle, on the lower right hand side of the windshield, and the same shall not be transferable. If the licensee at any time during any license period should require the replacement of stickers issued, by reason of loss or mutilation, or because some vehicle not in use at the time of payment of license fees, an affidavit setting forth that fact must be filed before such vehicle is put in use. Upon filing of such affidavit, the License Inspector shall issue a sticker for such vehicle.

It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to whom a vehicle sticker has been issued pursuant to this section to give away, sell or transfer any such vehicle sticker or to permit its use by another.

Sec. 6. LICENSE — DUPLICATE: MISTAKES:

The License Inspector may make a charge of Fifty Cents ($.50) for each duplicate license issued to replace any license issued under the provisions of this ordinance which has been lost or destroyed. In no case shall any mistake made by the License Inspector in stating the amount of a license prevent or preclude the collection by the City of the amount which shall be actually due from any one carrying on a trade, calling, profession or occupation subject to a license under this ordinance.

Sec. 7. LICENSE FEE — AMOUNT:

The amount of any license imposed by this ordinance shall be deemed a debt to the City of Torrance and any person, firm or corporation carrying on any trade, calling, profession or occupation mentioned in this ordinance without having a license from said City so to do shall be subject to an action in the name of said City in any court of competent jurisdiction for the collection of the amount of license by this ordinance imposed on such trade, calling, profession or occupation.

CONVICTION — EFFECT ON CIVIL OBLIGATION:

The conviction and punishment of any person for transacting any trade, calling, profession or occupation without a license shall not be construed to exempt such person from the payment of such license due or unpaid at the time of such conviction, and nothing herein shall prevent a criminal prosecution for any violation of any provision of this ordinance.

Sec. 8. LICENSE FEES — PAYABLE IN ADVANCE:

All licenses shall be paid in advance in legal currency of the United States in the office of the License Inspector. Such licenses shall commence as of and be due and payable from and after the first day of January, 1953, and annually thereafter.

SEPARATE FOR EACH BRANCH OF BUSINESS:

A separate license must be obtained for each branch establishment or separate place of business in which the business, trade, calling, profession or occupation is carried on, and each person authorized thereby in obtaining it to carry on, pursue, or conduct only that trade, business, calling, profession or occupation described in such license, and only at the location or place of business which is indicated thereon.

DAILY LICENSES:

The daily licenses in this ordinance provided shall be due and payable to the City each day.

SEMI-ANNUAL LICENSES:

The semi-annual licenses in this ordinance provided shall be due and payable to the City on the first day of January and July, and all such licenses shall expire with the last days of December and June of each year, but the first semi-annual license issued to any person as herein provided shall be issued for the unexpired portion of the current semi-annual period if three months or less of such period remain, except as otherwise in this ordinance specifically provided.

LICENSE FEES PAYABLE:

The annual licenses in this ordinance provided shall be due and payable to the City at the times specified herein, respectively, or when not so specified, on the first day of January of each year, but the first annual license issued to any person, as provided, shall be issued for the unexpired one-quarter, two-quarters or three-quarters of the current year, except as otherwise in this ordinance specifically provided.

No greater or lesser amount of money shall be charged or received for any license than is provided in this ordinance, and no license shall be sold or issued for any period of time other than is provided in this ordinance.

Sec. 9. ISSUANCE TO DEBTOR LICENSEES:

No license for any ensuing, current or unexpired license period shall knowingly be issued to any person who, at the time of making application for any license, is indebted to the City of Torrance for any unpaid license fee required to be paid under the provisions of this ordinance, or any previous license ordinance; provided the License Inspector, or his duly authorized deputy, may enter into an agreement with any person indebted to the City of Torrance for the nonpayment of license fees for any past license period, providing such person that such person may pay delinquent license fees for any past license period in equal installments extending over a period of not to exceed one (1) year. In such agreement, such debtor shall acknowledge the debt to the City of Torrance, and agree, in case default be made in the payment of any installment agreed to be paid therewunder, that the whole amount agreed to be paid shall become immediately due and payable, and that suit may be brought to enforce the collection of the amount agreed to be paid under such agreement, that the debtor will pay all costs of suit incurred by the City of Torrance. In case such agreement is entered into, any current or ensuing license period may be issued to any such person upon such person paying the fee prescribed for the current or ensuing license period, together with penalties, if any.

Sec. 10. INCIDENTAL BUSINESS — PAYMENT IN MERCHANDISE:

Whenever any person is engaged in any business licensed under the provisions of this ordinance and as an incident to such business accepts secondhand goods, wares and merchandise as payment in trade for new merchandise, such person shall not be required to obtain a license and for the doing of such acts shall not be considered as dealing in secondhand merchandise.

Sec. 11. LICENSE — PENALTY FOR DELINQUENCY:

The License Inspector, at the close of business on any day on which a daily license shall be required, shall add to any such license fee remaining unpaid at such time a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amounts of such delinquent daily license; provided, however, that when the day on which such license is required falls on a Sunday or on a holiday, such penalty shall be added to each such delinquent daily license at the close of business on the last business day preceding such Sunday or holiday.

At the end of thirty (30) days following the due date of all annual and semi-annual licenses, the License Inspector shall thereupon add to all such annual and semi-annual licenses due hereunder and unpaid on said date a penalty of ten percent (10%), and when any such delinquent licenses are paid, the full amount of the license fee plus such ten per cent (10%) penalty shall be collected.

The License Inspector shall deposit with the City Treasurer all moneys collected by him for licenses issued and shall, on or before the seventh day of each month, report the amount thereof to the Treasurer.

Sec. 12. LICENSES — EXEMPT, WHAT PERSONS:

Nothing in this ordinance contained shall be deemed or construed as applying to any person, firm or corporation conducting, managing or carrying on or engaged in any business or occupation exempt from taxation by municipal corporations by virtue of Section 14, Article XIII of the Constitution of the State of California, or by the Constitution of the United States, or by any statute of the State of California.

The provisions of this section shall not be construed to require the payment of any license fee to operate or carry on the functions of any charitable or religious institution, organization or association organized for charitable or religious purposes and conducted solely for such purposes, nor the payment of any license fee to engage in teaching, preaching or other ministrations of any religious tenets or beliefs of any religion, nor shall a license fee be required for the conducting or staging of any concert, exhibition, lecture or entertainment where the net receipts, if any, derived therefrom are to be used solely for charitable or benevolent purposes, and not for the purpose of private gain, nor shall any license fee be required to be paid by any religious, charitable, fraternal, educational, military, or county or municipal organization or association for the conducting or staging of any entertainment, dance, concert, exhibition or lecture when the net receipts derived from any of the same are to be used wholly for the benefit of such organization and not for the purpose of private gain of any individual, or by any Credit Union Corporation organized under the provisions of Act 1887, Statutes of 1927, page 51, as amended, and actually operating for the purposes of and in the manner prescribed by said Act 1887.

An independent contractor who for profit or gain undertakes to carry on any business or activity for the conduct or operation of which a license is required by any section of this ordinance shall NOT be exempted from the payment of the fee established therefor because of the fact that he has paid or agreed to pay or turn over to any charitable institution or organization a portion of the receipts or profits of the business or activity, as a reward or recompense for the sponsorship of the business or activity, or for any other reason, and such a contractor shall not be deemed to be acting for charitable purposes only.

Any applicant for a license who claims exemption from the payment of the license fee, pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this section, shall make an application for such exemption upon a form furnished by the License Inspector. The application shall be forwarded to the City Council, which Council shall make, or cause to be made, such investigation of the applicant and the business or activity carried on or proposed to be carried on by the applicant as shall be necessary to determine whether or not such business or activity is in fact conducted for charitable purposes only and whether the proceeds thereof are to be used for the purposes mentioned in the first paragraph hereof. The City Council shall report its finding upon the application and return the same to the License Inspector. If the finding aforesaid is to the effect that the business or activity is in fact carried on or proposed to be carried on for charitable purposes and that the proceeds thereof are to be used for the purposes mentioned in the first paragraph hereof, then said License Inspector shall issue the license to the applicant without the payment of the license fee provided, provided the applicant has complied with all other applicable provisions of this ordinance, and the license so issued shall show on its face that it was issued under this section and that the holder thereof is entitled to the privileges provided in this section. The License Inspector shall not issue the license unless the regular fee therefor be first paid, as in any other case.

Sec. 13. REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION OF LICENSE:

(a) Should any section in this or any other ordinance of the City of Torrance require the filing of an application with the City Council as a condition precedent to engaging in business, and a license is required therefor, no license shall be issued to such person by the License Inspector until such permit shall have been so applied for or obtained, as the case may be. Any license issued contrary to this section shall be void.

(b) Any permit or certificate granted pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance to any person to conduct, carry on or engage in any business, profession, trade, calling or occupation, unless provided otherwise specifically made, shall not be revoked or suspended except as provided in this section.

(c) No such permit or certificate shall be revoked or suspended until a hearing, upon written notice to the permittee or certificate holder shall have been had by the City Council. Written notice of such hearing shall be served upon the permittee or certificate holder, either by personal delivery thereof to the person to be notified or by deposit in the United States mail, in a sealed envelope, postage prepaid, addressed to such person to be notified at his last known business or residence address as the same appears in the public records or other records pertaining to the matter to which such notice is directed. Service by mail shall be deemed to have been completed at the time of deposit in the post office. Such notice shall state:

(1) The grounds for complaint or reason for the revocation or suspension of such permit or certificate;
(2) The time when and the place where such hearing is to be held;
(3) If a verified complaint is required to be filed with the City Council, then a true and correct copy of such complaint shall be served on the permittee or certificate holder in lieu of stating the grounds of complaint herein provided for in (1) above, and the place where such hearing is to be held shall be served with such complaint.

(e) Such notice or copy of complaint shall be served or given to the permittee or certificate holder at least five (5) days and not more than ten (10) days prior to the date set for said hearing.

(f) At any such hearing, the permittee or certificate holder shall be given an opportunity to be heard and defend himself, and he may call witnesses in his behalf.

(g) The City Council may continue such hearings from time to time upon good cause being shown therefor.

(h) After conducting such hearing, the City Council may suspend or revoke any such permit or certificate upon such terms and conditions as, in the reasonable and sound discretion, it shall determine.

(i) The City Council, after revoking or suspending any such permit or certificate, shall notify the License Inspector of such fact, and thereupon the License Inspector shall notify the permittee or certificate holder to conduct, carry on or engage in the business or activity for which such permit or certificate was granted until a new permit or certificate shall have been granted therefor.

(j) Whenever a regulatory permit is required for the conduct of any business or occupation upon which an occupational license tax is imposed, the failure to pay such license fee will be a ground for the suspension of the permit.

(k) No person shall make any false, misleading or fraudulent statement or misrepresent any fact in any application for a permit or in any notice or record required to be filed with the City Council or any authorized person of this City. In addition to any penalties provided, such conduct shall be grounds for suspending or revoking any permit issued to such person.

(l) No person whose permit or certificate has been revoked or suspended pursuant to this section, or any other section of this ordinance, shall engage in or carry on any business or do any act permitted to be done pursuant to such permit or certificate during the period of such suspension or after revocation thereof, until a new permit or certificate shall have been granted.

Sec. 14. HEALTH CERTIFICATES:

Any person, firm or corporation conducting any business, trade, calling or profession which deals in any manner whatsoever with any food stuffs, whether cooked or raw, or with any livestock, fish or fowl, must furnish the City Council with a health certificate for each employee before making the sale or operating any business, trade, calling or profession requiring a health certificate.

Provided, however, this section shall not be applicable to persons or firms making regular deliveries to retail merchants within the City of Torrance and delivering such food stuffs from cities or counties having local health inspection.

Sec. 15. REFUNDS:

Whenever any money is collected or received by this City, it may be refunded as herein provided, and not otherwise, if a verified claim in writing therefor is filed with the City Clerk within ninety (90) days after the date of payment. The claim shall be audited by the proper authorities of the City in the same manner as is provided for other claims and shall be made on forms prescribed by the City Clerk. Such refund may be made only under the following circumstances:

(a) Where a refund is specifically authorized by the provisions of law requiring payment of the license, permit or application fee;

(b) Where the money is paid to secure a license or permit not required by law;

(c) Where the amount paid was in excess of the amount required by law;

(d) Where the money paid was not required by law;

(e) Where the applicant for any license or permit has not, at any time after the commencement of the period or term during which the requested license or permit would have been effective, commenced to engage in the business or occupation, or performed any act, for which the license or permit was required; provided, however, that the City has not made any investigation, inspection, examination, or done any similar work, whether required or contemplated by law or not, entailed as a result of the filing of the application; and, provided, further, that the license or permit, if the same has in fact been issued, must be surrendered for cancellation and a written request for such cancellation must be filed with the License Inspector by the person issuing the same on or before the date of refund. In case of refunds made under this condition, 15% of the amount paid for the license or permit shall be deducted therefrom and retained by the City to cover clerical and other overhead costs and expenses entailed by the transaction.

ARTICLE III

Sec. 1. ENFORCEMENT—AUTHORITY OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN:

The License Inspector and his deputies, and all police officers and persons charged with the duty of enforcement of license ordinances or collecting license fees shall have and exercise the power

(1) To make arrests for the violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance;

(2) To enter free of charge, at any time, any place of business for which a license is required by this ordinance, and to demand the exhibition of such license for the current term by any person engaged or employed in the transaction of such business; and if such person shall then and there fail to exhibit such license, such person shall be liable to the penalty provided for a violation of this ordinance.

Sec. 2. RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The License Inspector is hereby authorized to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to aid or assist in the enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance.

Sec. 3. SEPARATE OFFENSE:

Every person, firm or corporation shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each day, during any portion of which any violation of any provision of this ordinance is committed, continued, or permitted by such person, firm or corporation, and shall be punished therefor as provided in this ordinance.

Sec. 4. VIOLATION — PENALTY FOR:

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00) or by imprisonment in the City Jail or the County Jail for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Every such person, firm or corporation shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for every day during any portion of which any violation of any provision of this ordinance is committed, continued, or permitted by such person, firm or corporation, and shall be punishable therefor as provided by this ordinance.

Sec. 5. CONSTITUTIONALITY:

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council of the City of Torrance hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

ARTICLE IV

LICENSES SPECIFICALLY

Sec. 1. AMUSEMENT MACHINES:

A. No license shall be issued for any pin game, pinball game, marble game, one-shot marble game, horse race machine, pool table, automatic pay-off machine, or any machine, contrivance, appliance, device, game, ticket, chance, share, interest, instrument or article operated, used, kept, possessed, placed or maintained in violation of the provisions of:

(a) Section 330a of the Penal Code of the State of California;
(b) Any section enumerated in Part 1, Title 9, Chapter 9 of the Penal Code of the State of California.

B. A license shall be obtained for each and every other such machine described in paragraphs 24 and 25 of Resolution No. 2344, and amendments thereto, and shall apply to any owner of such machine, device, apparatus, game, table or board; the person in whose place of business any such machine, device, apparatus, game, table or board is placed, for use by the public, or any person having control over such machine, equipment or device, game, table or board; provided, however, that the payment of any such fee as may be hereinafter required shall be deemed a compliance with this section.

C. Each such apparatus, machine, device, game, table or board, of the kind or character referred to herein, shall have stamped upon the same a serial number to identify such machine and any license issued pursuant hereto shall be issued for a particular machine, apparatus, device or game, table or board. Such license shall be affixed upon the machine for which the same was issued in a conspicuous place and shall remain upon said machine, device, apparatus, game, table or board until a new and different license is issued for such machine, device, apparatus, game, table or board. No license shall be transferable to any person, or from one machine, device or device to another.

Sec. 2. AUTO WRECKING:

No license shall be issued without first making formal application to the City Council, which shall have a particular regard for all applications made under this section, and to revoke any license issued under and by virtue of this section in its discretion. A permit must be secured from the Police Department prior to making application to the City Council and shall be attached to such application.

Sec. 3. BENCHES:

A. No person shall install or maintain any bench:

(a) within the Central Traffic District, as defined in Sec. 3 of Article I, Ordinance No. 446 of the City of Torrance, introduced, approved, adopted and passed on the 11th day of January, 1949, or as later amended;
(b) in any alley;
(c) at any location where the distance from the face of the curb to the property line is less than ten (10) feet;
(d) at any location less than fifty (50) feet from the nearest intersecting street; provided that whenever, in the opinion of the Traffic Division of the City of Torrance, observance of this requirement would result in inconvenience or hardship, this requirement may be waived by said Traffic Division.

B. No person shall install or maintain any bench on any street, at any place except an existing passenger bus stop, without a permit from the City Council; a separate permit must be obtained for each bench, which permit shall be valid only for the particular location specified thereon. Each permit shall bear a separate number, and not more than two (2) permits shall be issued to any one location.

C. No bench permit shall be issued except upon written application, made upon a form prescribed by the City Clerk, showing the proposed location of each bench, the advertising, if any, to appear thereon, and such other information as the City Council may require to be contained in such form.

D. Detailed plans and specifications of each bench shall be supplied by the applicant.

E. Each application must be accompanied by a writing, signed by the owner or person in lawful possession or control of the property abutting upon the street at the place where the bench is proposed to be located, giving his consent to the installation and maintenance of the bench.

F. Each permit shall expire on the date that all other permits of a like or synonomous nature are set forth in this ordinance to expire.

Sec. 4. BILLIARD OR POOL HALL:

The conditions and requirements set forth in this section shall apply regardless of whether the table is maintained as an incident to the conduct or operation of a social or athletic club, or as an adjunct of any other private institution or activity if a charge is imposed for the use thereof.

B. Any license granted hereunder shall include the privilege of selling soft drinks, cigars and tobacco at retail only; provided, however, that no license shall be issued to any persons to conduct a business as set forth or described in Resolution No. 2344 except on written application to the City Council in such form as may be provided by the Council, and that after such investigation and hearing as may be deemed reasonable by the Council it may authorize the License Inspector to issue such license; and, provided further, that the Chief of Police shall have the power to temporarily suspend such license when, in his opinion, such place of business is not conducted properly; and, provided, immediately thereafter such matter shall be placed before the City Council in writing, with the public health, safety and morals require such action.

Sec. 5. BOXING—WRESTLING:

No contest or exhibition of boxing or wrestling shall be licensed under this ordinance until an application for permit has been filed with the City Council and received favorable action therefrom.

Sec. 6. CANVASSERS, ITINERANT MERCHANTS, PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS:

The practice of going in and upon private residences by peddlers, hawkers, itinerant merchants and transient vendors, not having been requested or invited so to do by the owner or owners, occupant or occupants, of said private residences, for the purpose of selling goods, wares and merchandise, and/or for the purpose of soliciting orders for the sale of and/or selling or hawking the same, is hereby prohibited and declared to be a nuisance and punishable as such as a misdemeanor.

The hawking of any street or alley of the City of Torrance for the purpose of vending or displaying goods, wares, merchandise, books, magazines or newspapers upon any such street or alley is hereby declared to be unlawful and a misdemeanor, punishable as in this ordinance set forth.

D. The uninvited entry to private homes, and the annoyance of the home occupants by solicitors not having been requested or invited so to do by the owner or occupant or occupants, residents of said private residences, and the knocking or ringing of door bells upon door premises of residences for the purpose of soliciting orders for the sale of magazines, books, pamphlets or periodicals, not having a fixed place of business in the City of Torrance, is hereby prohibited and declared to be a nuisance and punishable as such as a misdemeanor.

E. The purpose of this section is to protect the citizens of the City of Torrance, is hereby prohibited and declared to be unlawful.

Sec. 7. COIN-OPERATED MUSIC MACHINES:

A. Each loud-speaker or similar device which is used to emit music supplied from another place shall be deemed a separate machine for the purpose of this section if the use thereof is paid for by means of one or more coin-slot devices.

B. Every person who has a business interest in the maintenance of any such coin-operated machine and who receives the profits of any share thereof from its operation, or who for profit or gain manages any premises where his place of business for either a fixed or variable charge or recompense, shall be deemed to be in the business of operating the machines and shall be liable for the payment of the license fee hereinafter established; but where two or more persons are interested financially in the maintenance and operation of such machine, the payment of the fee hereinafter imposed by any one of them shall constitute full compliance with this section.

C. The License Inspector shall issue one stamp or label for each machine operated by any licensee, which shall be affixed thereto to indicate that the required fee has been paid for each current year. The License Division shall seal the coin opening or slot on each machine upon the gearing such a label. It shall be unlawful for any person to break any seal affixed hereunder without written authorization to do so issued by the License Inspector.

Sec. 8. DANCE HALL:

The City Council shall have the right at any time, without notice, to cancel any license to operate or conduct a public dance hall issued under this section if, in its opinion and judgment, licensee has failed to comply with the laws and regulations of said City, or if licensee, in the opinion of said Council, has conducted said business or establishment in a manner prejudicial to the public welfare or good morals.

Sec. 10. DISTRIBUTING HANDBILLS:

The license fee hereinafter established for the distributing of handbills, posters, dodgers, cards, samples or other advertising matter over and in the City of Torrance shall not apply to any merchant having a regularly established place of business in the City and engaged in advertising his own goods, wares or merchandise, provided, however, that all such advertising matter must be delivered to the house door or premises of residences or business places, but not upon cars, along streets, alleys, sidewalks, parks or other public places within said City, or placed within automobiles to be distributed, and, further, that no samples containing drugs or medicine shall be distributed.

Sec. 11. DISTRIBUTING RELIGIOUS LITERATURE:

Every person, whether a resident of the City of Torrance or not, who travels in this City on foot, or who by any other mode or manner, for the purpose of distributing religious literature, or who is distributing any such literature, register his name and address with the License Inspector. Such person shall disclose to the Inspector whether he is distributing religious literature for non-residents of the City of Torrance, as their representative, and, providing further, that any religious literature distributed shall not contain any advertising matter of any kind or description whatsoever, and must also disclose the name and address of the non-resident or resident they represent.

Sec. 12. ENDLESS CHAIN:

It shall be unlawful for any person, co-partnership, firm or corporation to use, or adopt for use, any plan or scheme wherein any person sells, transfers, assigns or issues to any person any right, property, ticket, coupon, certificate, contract or other token, and wherein the purchaser, transferee or assignee thereof, or the person to whom the same is issued, undertakes or is required or permitted to undertake for himself, or as the agent, representative or attorney of such person, to sell, transfer, assign or issue to another any right, property, ticket, coupon, certificate, contract or other token which may under certain conditions entitle the purchaser or recipient thereof to any right, property, ticket, coupon, certificate, contract, or other token and wherein the purchasers, transferees, or assignees thereof from the original purchasers, assignees, or transferees, or from subsequent purchasers, assignees, or transferees, are also given as a consideration for their entry into or participation in such plan or scheme and their purchase or receipt of such right, property, ticket, coupon, certificate, contract, or other token, the right, privilege or obligatory, ticket, coupon, certificate, contract, or other token.

Sec. 13. FROZEN FOODS — LOCKERS:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the sale of frozen food products is a business separate from that of renting frozen food lockers and, accordingly, separate licenses must be obtained. The sale of frozen food is not incidental to the rental of such frozen food locker or locker.

Sec. 14. HOG RANCH:

No license to operate or conduct a hog ranch shall be issued by the License Inspector until application has been made to the City Council and approved by said Council. No such application will be considered by the Council unless the proposed location of such hog ranch complies with Ordinance No. 216.

Sec. 15. JUNK DEALERS AND COLLECTORS, SECONDHAND DEALERS AND SECONDHAND AUTO PARTS DEALERS:

A. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to engage in, conduct, manage or carry on the business of secondhand dealer, secondhand auto parts dealer, junk dealer or junk collector without first having procured a license so to do and having paid the fee for such license as in this ordinance provided.

B. A license must be procured immediately before the continuance hereunder or the commencement of any business or occupation liable to a license fee as herein provided from the License Inspector, which license shall authorize the party obtaining the same to transact the business described in such license for the period named therein. A separate license must be obtained for each branch establishment or separate house or place of business located in this City.

C. Every person, firm or corporation desiring to obtain a license to conduct or carry on or continue any business herein mentioned shall file an application, in writing, with the City Council Chief of Police of this City, specifying by street number, such place or place where such business is proposed to be conducted or carried on, or, in the case of a junk collector who has no fixed place of business, then such application shall specify street and number and town of such place of residence. Said application shall be signed by the applicant and shall contain the address of such applicant. If the applicant is a firm, the application shall state the residence address of the individuals of such firm, if the applicant is a corporation, the application shall state the residence address of the President, Secretary and Managing Agent, if any, of such corporation.

D. No license to conduct or carry on any business in this section mentioned shall be granted or issued except upon order of the City Council, this section, which order shall be expressed in a resolution duly passed by a four-fifths vote of the members of the Council.

E. Every license granted under this ordinance, or any article or section thereof, is granted and accepted by the person receiving such license with the express understanding that the City Council may revoke the same, or the order for the issuance thereof, at any time when it shall appear to them that any state of facts existed upon which they would be authorized to deny an application for such license, or that the person, firm or corporation to whom such license was issued, or any of his or her agents, servants or employees, has violated or been convicted of violating any of the terms of this ordinance, or of any other ordinance, or of any law of the State now or hereafter in force regulating the occupation or business for which such license was issued, or that the license was obtained by fraudulent representations, or that the holder of the license is an unfit person to be entrusted with the privileges granted by said license, or is conducting the business in an immoral or disorderly manner, provided, however, that no license shall be revoked without giving the holder thereof an opportunity to appear before said City Council in his own behalf. On the revocation of the license no part of the money in the hands of the License Division shall be returned, but said license fee shall be forfeited to the City. When a license of any person, firm or corporation is revoked for any cause, no new or other license shall be granted to the same person, firm or corporation within six (6) months after such revocation.

F. Every person, firm or corporation licensed under this section shall keep a complete record of all goods, wares, auto parts, merchandise or things received, pledged or purchased by him, or otherwise disposed of. Every such record and all goods, wares, merchandise, auto parts, as aforesaid, and/or things pledged, purchased or received by any such person, firm or corporation shall be produced for inspection to any officer holding a warrant authorizing him to search for personal property, or to any person appointed by said Chief of Police, or to said Chief of Police, or to any person holding an order of a judge of a court of competent jurisdiction directing such officer to inspect such register, record or account, or to examine such articles. Every such record required by this ordinance to be filed or kept shall be written or printed entirely in the English language, in a clear and legible manner. A failure or neglect to keep a true and complete record as above stated shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable as such.

G. If any person, firm or corporation shall engage in, conduct, manage or carry on, at the same time, more than one of the businesses referred to in this section, such person, firm or corporation shall be deemed to be engaging in, conducting, managing and carrying on each such business separately and apart from the other, and such person, firm or corporation shall comply in all respects with the provisions of this ordinance relating to each such business, and it shall be unlawful for any such person, firm or corporation to fail, refuse or neglect so to do.

Sec. 16. SLAUGHTERHOUSES:

The operation, conducting or operating or managing of a slaughterhouse within the city limits of the City of Torrance is hereby prohibited.

Sec. 17. STANDS ON STREET OR HIGHWAY:

No stand shall be constructed on any temporary highway or street stand until a permit is obtained from the City Council. The application for such permit must be accompanied by the written consent of the owner or occupant of the premises adjoining the highway upon which the stand, on the street or highway which the applicant desires to use, and said City Council shall have the right to grant or refuse such permit under this section, and discretion without the same having first been submitted to the Planning Commission.

Sec. 18. USED CAR DEALERS:

A. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to engage in, conduct, manage, or carry on the business of buying, selling or offering for sale, consigning to be sold, or otherwise dealing in new motor vehicles or used motor vehicles which are sold or offered for sale at a fixed and established place of business, unless the vehicle bears the fixed retail price of motor vehicles of the same type or model, without first securing from the City Council a permit to deal therein, and payment of the proper license fee.

B. Each applicant shall file a petition with the City Council for such permit, which application shall be accompanied by an affidavit showing the place at which the applicant intends to conduct his business at a fixed place where such vehicles will be displayed for sale.

C. Before any such permit shall be issued by the City Council, the applicant shall file with the City Clerk a bond in the sum of Five Thousand ($2,000.00), which said bond shall be conditioned upon the faithful performance of the terms and conditions thereof, and likewise undertake and guarantee to pay all and all personal dealing with such person, firm or corporation from any loss or damage resulting from any dealings with such person, firm or corporation.

D. Every such dealer shall keep a record of the purchase, consignments, sales or exchanges of each and every motor vehicle purchased, sold, consigned to be sold or exchanged by him, or them, and said record shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Chief of Police, or any peace officer, or the City Manager, or the City Attorney. Said record shall contain the name and address of the person, firm or corporation from whom purchased or received; the make, State license number, motor number, serial number, and other capacity of any used motor vehicle purchased or received. Said record shall be written in the English language in a clear and legible manner.

E. Every such dealer shall display a sign in letters of not less than six inches (6") in height, said sign to be placed in a conspicuous place on the front building line of the premises, and the same must be legible at all times, said sign to be of the following wording: "Name of person, firm or corporation authorized by the State law and the City ordinance to conduct the business of such dealer. The sign must have painted on it figures and letters not less than twelve (12) inches in height, the number of the permit issued by the said City Council to engage in such business.

F. Every person, firm or corporation operating under the provisions of this section shall be held strictly responsible for the conduct of his, or their, employees insofar as the sales or purchase of such motor vehicles are concerned; it shall be the duty of such dealer that no such motor vehicles are sold or purchased by his, or their, agent or agents, or any other person or persons in or upon his or their premises or location or locations other than his, or their own motor vehicles unless such person, or persons, has a permit as provided hereunder.

G. Any violation of this section shall be deemed sufficient grounds to suspend or revoke the permit of any person, firm or corporation so licensed to allow, or permit, any one to sell such cars on the premises unless the person so selling was either the agent or employee of the person holding a permit, or unless such person so selling has a permit of his own to deal in such cars. It shall be mandatory upon the police to enter this section to determine whether or not a person he allows or permits to sell cars other than cars belonging to the permittee from any such automobile lot or premises licensed under this section, or the permit revoked permit from the City Council to engage in such automobile business.

H. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to engage in conduct, or carry on the business of automobile wrecker in the Torrance who, or which, does not first receive therefor a permit as herein provided, and who, or which, does not have a fixed and determined place of business for the conduct of such business of such dealer, and which place of business he, or it, displays the vehicles offered for sale.

I. It shall be unlawful for any such dealer to sell an automobile from any place other than a fixed and established place of business, for which a permit has been granted to conduct the business of selling such automobiles.

J. In the event that any person, firm or corporation holding a permit as such used car dealer shall violate, or cause, or permit to be violated, any of the provisions of this section, or any provision of any other ordinance of the City relating to or regulating such automobile business, or shall conduct or carry on such business in an unlawful manner, or shall cause or permit such business so to be conducted or carried on in violation of the duty of the City Council. In addition to the other penalties provided by this ordinance, to suspend or revoke the permit issued for conducting or carrying on such business.

K. This section shall not apply to dealers actually engaged in the sale of new motor vehicles in the City of Torrance whose dealings in used motor vehicles consist merely in receiving used motor vehicles in trade and disposing of same.

Sec. 19. PAWNBROKER — PAWNSHOPS:

Ordinance No. 555 of the City of Torrance, regulating the business of a "Pawnbroker" is hereby incorporated in this ordinance, by reference, as if set forth herein in full.

ARTICLE V

Sec. 1. LICENSE FEES — AMOUNTS OF:

The amount or rate of license fees to be paid to the City of Torrance by any person, firm, association or corporation engaged in or carrying on any profession, trade, calling or occupation hereinafter designated, is hereby fixed and established as hereinafter in this ordinance provided and such license fee shall be paid by every person, firm, association or corporation engaged in carrying on such profession, trade, occupation or calling in the City of Torrance.

	ANNUAL RESIDENT	ANNUAL NON-RESIDENT	PER DAY
Advertising: By means of—			
Billboards	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	
Capitol Balloon		(not to exceed $30)	$ 3.00
Decorative Displays		(not to exceed $30)	3.00
Distributing Handbills, etc.			50.00
Open House Realtors	None	50.00	3.00
Posting, tacking of signs			5.00
Show Cards	24.00	24.00	
Sign Devices			5.00
Signs on Buses	24.00	24.00	
Signs on Fences:			
Maintaining	24.00	24.00	
Erecting			5.00
Stereopticon, etc.		