

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 OPTIONAL PROVISIONS: PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT –EXTENSION OF LICENSING RESOLUTION

The Highland Council resolves, in terms of Section 9 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, to vary its existing resolution of 26 February 1998 with the effect that from 1st January 2017, the following changes to the licensing of public entertainment activities will apply within the Highland Council area :-

- 1. Premises used for exhibitions, lectures and illustrated talks (categories ii and xiii in the existing resolution)**
Change: Remove the requirement for the abovementioned activities to be licensed when they take place indoors. Only events which take place outdoors or which involve the use of a temporary structure and where there is an admission fee or charge to the public will require a licence.
- 2. Premises used for fireworks displays, laser displays and war games (categories iii and v)**
Change: Extend the requirements of this category to include fireworks displays and laser displays where there is no admission fee or charge.
- 3. Premises used for trampolines and bungee trampolines**
Change: Introduce a new category and license these activities only where there is an admission fee or charge to the public.
- 4. Premises used for entertainment/variety shows**
Change: License such events only where there is an admission fee charge to the public (to be included in category xii musical performances).
- 5. Premises used for concerts and musical performances**
Change: License outdoor concerts and musical performances where there is no admission fee or charge and which have a capacity of over 250 and where amplified music, or use of a public address system, is the principle activity of the event (to be included in category xii musical performances).
- 6. Premises used for raves**
Change: Include raves and similar impromptu musical events within category xii musical performances
- 7. Premises used for the performance of plays**
Change: License the use of premises for the performance of plays where there is a charge to the public. This activity will only be licensed under the public entertainment category once the provisions in the Theatres Act 1968 governing the licensing of premises used for the performance of plays are repealed, and corresponding changes to the 1982 Act are brought into effect to allow the use of premises for the performance of plays to be included as an activity which requires a public entertainment licence.

It will be an offence under Section 7(1) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 to do any of the above activities without a licence.

The Council will consider applications for licences for any of the above activities from 3rd March 2016. Applications can be made at the Council's website at www.highland.gov.uk. Application forms are also available from appropriate Council Offices and all Service Points.

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