

**VILLAGE OF TANNERSVILLE  
VILLAGE BOARD**

**Local Law # 1 of the year 2003**

Be it enacted by the Village Board of the Village of Tannersville as follows:

**Section 1. Title.**

This Local Law shall be referred to as the "Local Law Imposing a Temporary Six Month Moratorium on Adult Entertainment Businesses."

**Section 2. Definitions**

**ADULT USES** – Whenever used in this local law, the words "adult use" or "adult uses" apply to the following types of establishments:

- a) **Adult bookstore.** An establishment which has as a substantial or significant portion of its stock in trade, books, pamphlets, magazines or other periodicals, sculptures, photographs, pictures, slides, videotapes, films, or sound recordings and which establishment excludes any minor by reason of age.
- b) **Adult entertainment cabaret.** A public or private nightclub, bar, restaurant or similar establishment which presents topless or bottomless dancers, go-go dancers, strippers, male or female impersonators, exotic dancers, or other similar entertainment, and which establishment excludes any minor by reason of age.
- c) **Adult video store.** An establishment having as a substantial or significant portion of its stock in trade, videotapes or films for sale or viewing on premises by use of motion picture devices, video equipment or other coin operated means, and which establishment excludes any minor by reason of age.
- d) **Peep show.** A theater which presents material in the form of live shows, films, or videotapes viewed from an enclosure for which a fee is charged and which excludes any minor by reason of age.
- e) **Massage establishment.** Any establishment having a fixed place of business where massages are administered for pay, including but not limited to massage parlors, sauna baths and steam baths. This definition shall not be construed to include a hospital, nursing home, medical clinic, or the office of a physician, surgeon, chiropractor, osteopath, or duly licensed physical therapist or duly licensed massage therapist, or barber shops or beauty salons in which massages are administered only to the scalp, face, neck or shoulders. This definition shall also exclude health clubs, which have facilities for physical exercise such as tennis courts, racquet ball courts or exercise rooms, and which do not receive their primary source of revenue through the administration of massages.
- f) **Adult motel.** A motel which excludes minors by reason of age, or which makes available to its patrons in their rooms films, slide shows, or videotapes, which if presented in a public movie theater would exclude any minor by reason of age.
- g) **Adult theater.** A theater that customarily presents motion pictures, films, videotapes, or slide shows and that excludes any minor by reason of age.
- h) **Body painting studio.** An establishment or business which provides the service of applying paint or other substance whether transparent or non-transparent to or on the human body and which excludes any minor by reason of age.
- i) **Adult model studio.** Any establishment where, for any form of consideration or gratuity, figure models are provided to be observed, sketched, drawn, painted, sculptured, photographed, or similarly depicted by persons other than the proprietor, paying such consideration or gratuity and which excludes any minor by reason of age. This provision shall not apply to any school of art which is operated by an individual, firm, association, partnership, corporation or institution, which meets the requirements established in the New York State Education Law for the issuance of conferring of, and is in fact authorized to issue and confer a diploma.

**Section 3. Purpose and Intent.**

Pursuant to the statutory powers vested in the Village of Tannersville to regulate and control land use, and to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents, the Village Board hereby declares a temporary six month moratorium on the establishment or development of adult entertainment business activity in the Village, or the issuance of any approvals or building permits therefore.

The Village Board is now in the process of considering various options relating to this issue. The Village Board finds and determines that it needs the period of time covered by the moratorium imposed herein in order to carefully study the issue, draft proposed amendments to the Village Code, make appropriate changes to the draft of the proposed new Local Law, schedule and hold the required public hearing on the Local Law, comply with applicable provisions of law, adopt the Local Law, and file a copy of the Local Law (as adopted) with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.

#### Section 4. Scope of Controls.

##### A. During the effective period of this Local Law:

1. The Village Board shall not grant any approvals which would have as the result the establishment or development of any new adult entertainment business activity within the Village.
2. The Village Planning Board shall not approve any site plan, approve any special use permit or other permit which would have as a result the establishment or development of any new adult entertainment business activity within the Village.
3. The Village Zoning Board of Appeals shall not grant any variance, special use permit or other permit for any use which would result in the establishment or development of any new adult entertainment business activity.
4. The Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector of the Village shall not issue any building permit or other permit which would result in the establishment or development of any adult entertainment business activity within the Village.

B. The Village Board reserves the right to direct the Village Building and Code Inspector to revoke or rescind any Building Permits or Certificates of Occupancy issued in violation of this Local Law.

#### Section 5. No Consideration of New Applications.

No applications for any adult entertainment business activity affected by this Local Law or for approval for a site plan, a variance, a special use permit or other permits relating to adult business entertainment shall be considered by any board, officer or agency of the Village while the moratorium imposed by this Local Law is in effect.

#### Section 6. Term.

The moratorium imposed by this Local Law shall be in effect for a period of six (6) months from the effective date of this Local Law. In the event that a local law relating to mining is adopted prior to the date that the moratorium imposed by this Local Law expires, then in that event the moratorium imposed by this Local Law shall expire immediately on the date that the Local Law relating to mining takes effect in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

#### Section 7. Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation that shall establish or develop any new adult entertainment business activity in violation of the provisions of this Local Law shall be subject to:

- A. Such penalties as may otherwise be provided by applicable local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations of the Village violations; and
- B. Injunctive relief in favor of the Village to cease any and all such actions which conflict with this Local Law and, if necessary, to restore any adult entertainment business which may have taken place in violation of this Local Law.

#### Section 8. Validity.

The invalidity of any provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other provision of this Local Law which can be given effect without such invalid provision.

#### Section 9. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately when it is filed in the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.