

CHAPTER 5

PUBLIC GATHERINGS

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6-5-1: REGULATIONS: It shall be unlawful to hold, manage and conduct any meeting or entertainment of any kind in the Village, in any premises other than a building constructed in full compliance with the ordinances and laws pertaining thereto for auditorium, theater or lodge room purposes, excepting in compliance with the provisions of this Chapter. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 572)

6-5-2: INSPECTIONS: No such gathering or entertainment shall be held or presented in any premises other than a building as described in the preceding Section, unless such premises have been examined by the Fire Chief or Building Inspector not more than three (3) days before the date of such gathering and found to be free of any fire hazard and found to be suitable for the purpose. No structure enclosed by a roof shall be used for such purpose unless the same is constructed of noninflammable materials. Provided that tents or structures covered by canvas or similar material may be so used if such canvas or other material has been properly treated so as to be rendered fire resistive. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 573)

6-5-3: EXITS: Adequate unobstructed exits shall be provided in all premises used for such purposes to permit rapid egress of all persons attending, and there shall be at least two (2) separate exits located at least thirty feet (30') from each other. There shall be two (2) lineal feet of doorway or exit space for each one hundred (100) people accommodated. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 574)

6-5-4: SEATS: Any stands or rows of seats used in such premises shall be constructed as to be safe for the use designed, and shall be sufficiently strong to carry the same weight and stress as is required for the construction of the auditorium floors of theater buildings, not less than one hundred (100) pounds per square foot.

It shall be unlawful to admit to any such premises a number of persons to exceed the number of actual seats maintained for their accommodation. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 575)

6-5-5: DOORS: All doors or gates on exits from premises used for such purposes shall open outward and no such exit shall be so constructed or locked that egress from inside the premises is blocked. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 576)

6-5-6: NOTICE: It shall be the duty of any person or persons conducting, calling for or managing any gathering in any premises other than a theater, lodge room, or auditorium building constructed as provided in the first Section of this Chapter, to notify the Village Clerk of the date of such intended use at least ten (10) days before such meeting is to take place; upon such notice the Fire Chief or the Building Inspector shall inspect the premises to determine whether or not they comply with the provisions hereof. Any permit issued for any such gathering shall be subject to the condition that this Chapter be fully complied with, whether or not such condition is embodied in the permit. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 577)

6-5-7: PENALTY: Any person violating any provision of this Chapter shall be fined not less than twenty five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense; and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 578)