

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING
PLACES OF AMUSEMENT & ENTERTAINMENT**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN:

Section 1. Purpose and Objective

To define, regulate, prohibit, or abate acts or conditions detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of Warren County, or to the peace and dignity of the County, the Commissioners of Warren County do enact this ordinance regulating places of amusement and entertainment in accordance with G.S. 153A-135.

Section 2. Applicability

Places of amusement and entertainment include cocktail lounges, nightclubs, beer halls, and similar establishments as set forth in G.S. 153A-135.

Section 3. Hours of Operation

Places of amusement and entertainment must cease all operations and close its doors by 2:00 a.m. and clear the parking lot by 2:30 a.m.

Section 4. Posting of Licenses, Certificates and Permits

All state and locally issued licenses, certificates and/or permits must be displayed in a prominent place at all times. Hours of operation and departure times must be internally and externally posted.

Section 5. Inspection

The Sheriff or any member of his department may inspect all places of amusement and entertainment during hours of operation.

Section 6. Coverage

This ordinance shall apply to all areas in Warren County outside of the corporate limits of the municipalities located therein unless adopted by the municipality pursuant to NC General Statute 153A-122.

Section 7. Violation a Misdemeanor

If any person or persons shall willfully or intentionally violate this ordinance he or she shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars or imprisonment for not more than three (3) days or by both fine and imprisonment. Each separate violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Adopted this the 2nd day of February 2004.

**Ulysses S. Ross, Chairman
Warren County Board of Commissioners**