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Title : Taichung City Self-Government Ordinance for Fire Prevention 

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Content : Article 1 For the purpose of fire prevention and effective control of building fire safety, Taichung City has enacted this Self-Government Ordinance.

Article 2 The competent authority of this Self-Government Ordinance is the Fire Bureau of Taichung City Government (hereinafter the "Fire Bureau").

Whenever a provision of this Self-Government Ordinance involves the activities of a competent authority of a relevant industry, such authority shall cooperate.

Article 3 Specific places in this Self-Government Ordinance refer to music halls, ballrooms (dancing parlors), night clubs, clubs, audio-visual sing-along halls (KTV, karaoke, etc.), bars, pubs, places that sell liquor (clubs), beauty parlors, saunas, and other places designated by the Fire Bureau through public announcement.

The number of persons allowed onsite in the specific places designated under the previous paragraph is calculated based on the table attached hereto. The Fire Bureau may make adjustments in consideration of conditions such as the type of business, floor of the building in which the business is located, fire safety equipment installed, floor openings, and fire prevention management. The total number of persons allowed onsite after such adjustment shall not exceed twice the original number of persons allowed.

Article 4 The person with management authority over a specific place shall file with the Fire Bureau the number of persons allowed onsite. A filing is also required when the number of persons allowed onsite is re-calculated due to changes in the calculation basis.

The person with management authority over a specific place shall install a sign in a conspicuous location at the main business entrance showing the number of persons onsite.

Specific places designated by the Fire Bureau shall be equipped with equipment to automatically calculate the number of persons onsite on a live basis.

When the number of persons onsite has reached the limit, the person with management authority over the specific place shall install a sign at the main business entrance announcing that the maximum number of permitted persons onsite has been reached to prevent further entry persons.

The procedure for filing information on the number of persons allowed onsite in specific places, the documents required, review and approval process, when adjustments are required, and other matters of compliance shall be determined by the Fire Bureau.

Article 5 In any building over a certain scale publicly announced by the central competent authority, the person with management authority shall display an emergency escape route map in locations such as main entrances/exits, corridors, rooms, and other facilities.

Article 6 Special lighting and audio equipment in music halls, ballrooms, and night clubs shall be equipped with an interruption function, immediate reinstatement of original lighting, and emergency broadcast for emergencies.

When the floor space of any place under the previous paragraph spans 300 square meters or more, it should be linked to automated fire alert equipment.

Article 7 In any of the below places where the installation of automated fire alert equipment is not required in accordance with the law and where the installation of residential fire alert devices is required under paragraph 4, Article 6 of the Fire Services Act, the person with management authority shall install and maintain residential fire alert devices:

1. Off-campus student accommodation filed with a school.
2. Migrant worker accommodation filed with the Labor Affairs Bureau of Taichung City Government.
3. Any place under subparagraph 1, Article 12 of the Standard for the Installation of Fire Safety Devices Based on Use and Occupancy.
4. Any other place designated by the Fire Bureau through public announcement.

The location and manner of installation, and type and maintenance of the residential fire alert device under the previous paragraph shall abide by the Regulations Governing the Installation of Residential Fire Alert Devices.

Article 8 In case of any of the following events, the person with management authority shall be penalized with a fine of between NT\$20,000 and NT\$100,000:

1. Failure to report the number of persons allowed onsite.
2. The number of persons onsite exceeding the limit.

When the number of persons allowed onsite in a specific place exceeds the limit, access may be denied. If required, mandatory evacuation and prohibition against entry may be imposed directly in accordance with Article 32 and Article 36 of the Administrative Execution Act.

Article 9 Any person with management authority in a special place who evades, interferes with, or refuses inspection by the competent authority designated in this Self-Government Ordinance shall be penalized by a fine of between NT\$6,000 and NT\$100,000 and may also be subject to mandatory inspection or ordered to provide relevant information.

Article 10 In case of any of the following events, the person with management authority shall be penalized with a fine of between NT\$6,000 and NT\$30,000, with the possibility of multiple penalties imposed in case of multiple offenses:

1. Failure to install a sign showing the number of persons onsite or a sign announcing that the number of persons onsite has reached the limit.
2. Failure to comply with the specifications, text, or content of the sign showing the number of persons onsite or sign announcing that the number of persons onsite has reached the limit.
3. False indication of the number of persons allowed onsite.
4. Failure to establish a mechanism to control the number of persons onsite.

The specifications, text, and content of the sign showing the number of persons onsite or the sign announcing that the number of persons onsite has reached the limit under the previous paragraph shall be determined by the Fire Bureau.

Article 11 Any breach of any provision under Article 5 to Article 7 is subject to a notice from the Fire Bureau demanding correction before a deadline by the person with management authority. If correction is not made in a timely manner, the person with management authority shall be penalized with a fine of between NT\$6,000 and NT\$30,000. If correction is not made after the fine is imposed, multiple fines may be imposed for multiple offenses.

Article 12 This Self-Government Ordinance is effective from the date of publication.

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