



Northumberland County Council

PREMISES LICENCE

Premises Licence Number

NPR/1653

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Part 1 - Premises details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description	
Vice City Bar And Club 5 North Seaton Road Ashington	
Post town Northumberland	Post code NE63 0AF
Telephone number	

Where the licence is time limited the dates
N/A

Licensable activities authorised by the licence
Live Music Recorded Music Supply of Alcohol

The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities
Live Music Friday and Saturday 20:00 - 23:00
Recorded Music Monday to Wednesday 10:30 to 22:00 Thursday to Sunday 10:30 to 00:00
JukeBox Monday to Sunday
DJ Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 19:00
Supply of Alcohol Monday to Wednesday 10:30 to 22:00 Thursday to Sunday 10:30 to 00:00

The opening hours of the premises
Monday to Wednesday 10:30 to 22:00 Thursday to Sunday 10:30 to 00:00

Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies

On the Premises

Part 2

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence

[REDACTED]

Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)

14434057

Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol

[REDACTED]

Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

[REDACTED]

Annex 1 - Mandatory conditions

Supply Of Alcohol (ON & OFF SALES)

1. No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence -
 - a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or
 - b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.
2. Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.
3. (1) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.
(2) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises-
 - (a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to-
 - (i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or
 - (ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);
 - (b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
 - (c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
 - (d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner;
 - (e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).
4. The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.
5. (1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.
(2) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.
(3) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either-(a) a holographic mark, or (b) an ultraviolet feature.

6. The responsible person must ensure that-

(a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures-

- (i) beer or cider: 1/2 pint;
- (ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
- (iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml;

(b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and

(c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available."

7. 1. A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.

8. For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph 7.1-

(a) "permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula-where-

(i) P is the permitted price, $P = D + (D \times V)$

(ii) D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and (iii) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;

(c) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence-

- (i) the holder of the premises licence,
- (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or
- (iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;

(d) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question

9. Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.

10.-(1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 on a day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted price on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.

(2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

Door Supervision

(1) Where a premises licence includes a condition that at specified times one or more individuals must be at the premises to carry out a security activity, the licence must include a condition that each such individual must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority.

(2) But nothing in subsection (1) requires such a condition to be imposed:-

(a) In respect of premises within paragraph 8(3)(a) of Schedule 2 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001 (c.12) (premises with premises licence authorising plays or films), or

(b) In respect of premises in relation to -

(i) any occasion mentioned in paragraph 8(3)(b) or (c) of that Schedule (premises being used exclusively by club with club premises certificate, under a temporary event notice authorising plays or films or under a gaming licence), or

(ii) Any occasion within paragraph 8(3)(d) of that Schedule (occasions prescribed by regulations under that Act).

(3) For the purpose of this section:-

(a) "Security activity" means an activity to which paragraph 2(1) (a) of that Schedule applies, and

(b) Paragraph 8(5) of that Schedule (interpretation of references to an occasion) applies as it applies in relation to paragraph 8 of that Schedule.

Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the operating Schedule

1. A CCTV system shall be installed and maintained in proper working order to the satisfaction of Northumbria Police and the Licensing Authority.
2. Such system shall: Ensure the coverage of all entrances and exits to the licensed premises internally and externally and all areas where the sale and supply of alcohol occurs.
3. CCTV shall also be fitted at the side of the building giving coverage of the alleyway which gives access to back Station Road.
4. Provide continuous recording facilities for each camera to a good standard of clarity. Such recordings shall be retained (on disc or otherwise) for a period of 28 days.
5. The CCTV shall be in operation at all times whilst the premises are in use. The system with recording facility and any recordings will be stored in a suitable and secure manner. The CCTV system will display on any recording the correct time and date of the recording.
6. Signs are to be placed both internally and externally at the premises indicating to customers that CCTV is in operation on the premises. The signs are to be a minimum of A5 size.
7. A minimum of two staff will be trained in the operation of the CCTV system and be able to download images onto disc or removable storage device. CCTV footage shall be supplied to the Licensing Authority or Northumbria Police or representative immediately on request.
8. The premises licence holder will operate a Challenge 25 policy whilst the premises are open to the public. This is to be in operation by the door supervisors and the bar staff. All members of door staff and bar staff shall seek credible photographic proof of age from any person who appears to be under the age of 25 years and is either seeking to enter the premises or purchase alcohol. Such credible photographic proof will be a passport, driving licence, or proof of age card carrying the pass logo. In addition military identification cards carrying a photograph and date of birth will also be acceptable for this purpose. If a member of door staff or bar staff knows without doubt that a person is over 18 then such a challenge for proof of age will not be necessary.
9. Signage regarding the age challenge policy to be displayed.
10. All members of staff should have adequate training in the Licensing Act 2003 and any subsequent variation. This training to be delivered every three months for the current staff and on the introduction of new members of staff. This training is to be delivered by a personal licence holder. This training shall be documented and kept on file for inspection by Trading Standards, Licensing Authority and a Police Officer or representative of Northumbria Police on request.
11. The Designated Premises supervisor is to provide written authorisation to all staff involved in the sale of alcohol. Such authorisation is to be retained as part of the staff training records as per condition 6.

12. The Designated premises supervisor or a designated senior member of staff who is a personal licence holder shall be in charge of and be present in the licensed premises at all times when they are open for the purpose of this licence.

13. A refusals register (electronic or paper based) is to be kept and maintained on the premises. This shall be supplied promptly to Trading Standards, Licensing Authority and a Police Officer or representative of Northumbria Police on request.

14. The Designated premises supervisor is to sign the refusals register once a month to verify refusals are taking place.

15. No open bottles or glass containers are to leave the premises.

16. There will be a minimum number of two SIA registered door supervisors employed on a Friday and Saturday night from 6:30pm until thirty minutes after the terminal hour.

17. A minimum of two SIA door supervisors to be employed from 18:30 on a Sunday night until thirty minutes after the terminal hour.

18. A minimum of two door supervisors will be employed on all Bank holiday weekends /Thursday preceding a Bank Holiday/ New Year's Eve and Christmas Eve from 18:30 until thirty minutes after the terminal hour.

19. A minimum of two door supervisors will be employed on Boxing Day, New Year's Day from 12:00 until the terminal hour.

20. Door staff to remind people to leave quietly. SIA staff will also have responsibility for the pavement area for the full curtilage of the building including the alleyway at the side of the building.

21. Door staff to carry out spot checks with customers seeking to gain entry in relation to drugs and retail alcohol being brought into the premises.

22. The premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor will maintain a dynamic risk assessment for the general operation of the premises, for individual bespoke events/key calendar dates and for circumstances which potentially may increase the risk of crime and disorder, increase the likelihood of harm to children, undermine public safety and increase the likelihood of public nuisance. Such risk assessments will identify not only the potential risks but also an action plan to reduce such risks. They shall also take into account the level of staffing particularly regarding numbers of SIA registered door staff to be employed at the premises and whether it is felt necessary that the DPS should be in attendance at the premises. If the minimum number of SIA registered door supervisors is deemed insufficient by the DPS then the identified additional SIA registered door supervisors must be in attendance otherwise licensable activity, including the supply of alcohol must not take place. Such risk assessments must give due cognisance to any information the management or staff become aware of particularly information supplied by Northumbria Police. The risk assessment must be documented and must be produced to a Police Officer or representative of Northumbria Police or representative of the local authority immediately on request. An example this would be builders Friday, Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve when SIA door staff may have to be employed earlier.

23. Any private functions will be subject of a risk assessment. Entry to the private function will have restricted access by way of ticket or invitation only as an example Weddings. A risk assessment must be completed for each private function not a generic assessment.

24. Last entry policy 23:30.

25. The Designated Premises Supervisor will ensure that the music is lowered 15 minutes before the end of licensable activity.

26. Dress code to be adopted as an example (No track suits).

27. There shall be displayed on the exit doors notices requesting customers to leave the premises quietly.

28. The doors and windows of the premises shall be kept closed during any entertainment function held on the premises except for the purposes of access, egress or in the case of emergency.

29. Noise Limiter to be fitted and checked by the Northumberland County Council Environmental Health Department prior to any Licensable activity taking place.

30. An area to the side of the premises will be identified by the Premises licence holder /DPS for patrons to smoke, a SIA registered door supervisor is to monitor the entry and exit of such patrons. The DPS/Premises licence holder will instigate a system to monitor those persons leaving the building to smoke. Receptacles to be provided for waste cigarettes. In addition to the provision of CCTV monitoring this area, the DPS will ensure that this area is suitably lit.

31. No smoking from customers to take place on the pavement at the front of the building.

32. No one under 18 to be admitted or permitted to be on the premises the only exemption being condition 23.

33. Litter bins to be placed at the exit points of the building.

34. To be a member of pub watch and a representative from the premises to attend all pub watch meetings.

35. The premises personal licence holder/designated premises supervisor shall ensure that no public nuisance is caused by noise emanating from the premises or vibration transmitted through the structure of the premises.

36. The licence holder shall ensure that all windows remain closed in any room where regulated entertainment is taking place to prevent noise emanating from the premises which is likely to give rise to public nuisance.

37. The lobby doors at the premises shall be kept closed except for access and egress when regulated entertainment is taking place.

38. The licence holder shall ensure that all external and lobby doors are fitted with suitable working self-closing devices to prevent noise emanating from the premises which is likely to give rise to a public nuisance.

39. The licence holder or his representative shall conduct regular assessments of the noise coming from the premises on every occasion the premises are used for regulated entertainment and shall take steps to reduce the level of noise where it is likely to cause a disturbance to local residents. A written record shall be made of those assessments in a log book kept for the purpose and shall include the time and date of checks, the person making them and the results including any remedial action. All refuse emanating from the premises shall be placed in appropriate receptacles with close-fitting lids and appropriate measures shall be taken to ensure that all glass and other sharp or hazardous waste is secured against public access.

40. The licence holder shall provide clear and legible notices to be displayed at prominent positions adjacent to exits and other circulatory areas requesting patrons to leave the premises having regard to the needs of local residents, in particular emphasising the need to refrain from shouting, slamming car doors and the sounding of car horns. The design and appearance of such notices to be approved by the Licensing Authority.

Annex 3 - Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority

NONE

Annex 4 - Plans

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