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## WALSH COUNTY DANCE CONTRACT REVISED 2/18/2022

**NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE 53-02-08:** Officer of law to be in attendance at public dance, music festival or public concert. The sheriff in any county in which any public dance, music festival or public concert is held outside of an incorporated city and the chief peace officer of the city where the dance, music festival or public concert is held within the limits of the city may police such dance, music festival or public concert so that law and order are there maintained. The sheriff or the chief peace officer shall determine the number, if any, of deputy sheriffs or special officers needed to police the dance, music festival or public concert properly. The person conducting any such dance, music festival or public concert, before the dance, music festival or public concert is held, shall pay to the sheriff or peace officer the expense of any deputy sheriff or special officer required for the proper policing of such dance, music festival or public concert, and no such dance, music festival or public concert may be permitted to proceed unless such officer or officers are present and fees therefore are paid. The holding of such dance, music festival or public concert without making provision for policing thereof, is unlawful. No person, directly or indirectly interested or concerned in the giving, holding or conducting of such public dance, music festival or public concert, or connected with the person conducting the same, is eligible to appointment under this section as special officer.

**NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE 53-02-15:** General penalty. Except as otherwise may be provided, any person violating any provision of this chapter is guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor (Maximum penalty of \$1500 fine and or up to 30 days in jail).

### DANCE SECURITY RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The following Rules and Regulations will be followed concerning public and private dances in Walsh County and in incorporated cities that do not have a Chief Peace Officer appointed.

1. At least ONE of either Deputy Sheriff or licensed private security officers are required at any public dance where alcoholic beverages are being consumed.
2. At least ONE of either Deputy Sheriff or licensed private security officers are required at any public dance where NO alcoholic beverages are being consumed.
3. At least ONE deputy is required at any public wedding dance where alcoholic beverages are being consumed.
4. A *minimum* of TWO Deputies or licensed private security officers at any street dance under any circumstances.
5. If additional deputies are required to help, the entity sponsoring the dance will be charged accordingly.

If applying for private party or private dances only – no deputy is required if the following criteria are met:

- a. There must be no publication of the dance.
- b. A sign saying "Private Dance or Private Party" must be posted on entry doors.
- c. Must be written invitation only.
- d. Written invitation must accompany person attending or there will be no other admissions.
- e. No charging of admission.

- f. Someone must be at all entry doors and check written invitations as guests arrive.
- g. Law enforcement MUST be allowed admittance to check compliance.

#### **DANCE RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

1. **Dance should not last more than 5 hours.** If a longer time is requested, permission must be granted by the Sheriff prior to the dance and the cost of security will be more.
2. The band will stop playing on or before 1:45 a.m.
3. All liquor sales will end on or before 1:30 a.m.
4. If a bar is open, it must be properly licensed for the location.
5. If there is no bar, no private kegs or liquor will be allowed to be dispensed at the dance.
6. The band will not incite the dance patrons to allow playing **past 1:45 a.m.**
7. Street dances – a fenced or cordoned off dance area is required and must stay in place until the dance ends.
8. Street dances - admission charges are strongly suggested with access to the area to be limited, two entrances suggested and ID checking is required, preferable with ID scanners.
9. Street dances – youth access in gated off areas (under 21) is not allowed unless a clearly different, non-removable wristband is worn.
10. Street dances – alcohol servers are prohibited from drinking alcohol and no alcohol sales to obviously intoxicated guests.
11. Street dances – deputies will stay up to 1 extra hour (about 3:00 a.m.) as necessary to disperse the crowd.  
*\*\*\*In the event the dance continues past 1:45 a.m. and the deputies leave the premises, the person in charge of the dance or whoever signs this form will be responsible and could be charged under NDCC 53-02-05.\*\*\**
12. Cost of policing will be set by the Sheriff. Fees must be attached to this application before approval of such dance is given by the Sheriff. Deputy will then be covered by Worker's Compensation and liability insurance.
13. The above rules and regulations also apply to all private dances where a Deputy Sheriff or licensed private security officers is requested.

#### **CANCELLATION:**

A full refund will be provided for events cancelled more than 48 hours in advance of the start time indicated on the application. Events cancelled less than 48 hours but more than 12 hours will be eligible for 50% refund. Refund will be issued to person on application and sent to listed address.

NO refunds if event is cancelled less than 12 hours prior to start, or if ends earlier than on the application.

To request a cancellation, you must contact the Walsh County Sheriff's Office (701-352-2041) and speak with Sheriff, Chief Deputy or Sergeant.

