

TIGARD MUNICIPAL CODE

Chapter 11.10 THEATER REGULATIONS

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11.10.010 Purpose.

This section is intended to protect the public health and safety of the citizens of Tigard through the regulation of theaters by prohibiting enclosed viewing booths in order to reduce the potential for spread of fire, disease, and criminal activity.

11.10.020 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) "Theater" means any establishment used for the retail presentation or viewing of motion pictures, films or videotapes of any type, but shall not include public or private schools, residences or any other establishment where the principal activity is not the retail presentation of motion pictures, films or videotapes of any type.

(b) "Viewing booth" means any booth, cubicle, room or stall that is physically separated from other areas by a door, curtain, partition, drapery or other device or material, and is designed, intended or used to provide for viewing of motion pictures, films or videotapes in private by one (1) or more persons. "Viewing booth" does not include a theater designed, intended or used to provide for viewing of motion pictures, films or videotapes by an audience seated together in a room or auditorium designed or intended for use by more than one (1) person.

11.10.030 Regulations.

(a) All theaters shall be physically arranged so that the entire portion of any and all viewing booths shall be visible from a common area of the premises. Visibility shall not be blocked or obscured by doors, curtains, partitions, drapes, or any other device or material whatsoever.

(b) All viewing booths shall be lighted so that the persons in them are visible from the adjacent common area, but such lighting shall not be of such intensity as to prevent the viewing of motion pictures, films, or videotapes.

(c) All theaters shall be required to comply with the requirements of Section 11.10.030(a) and (b) when any building permit is issued for the theater. (Ord. 93-22 §1(part), 1993). ■