BILL NO. 24-101

ORDINANCE NO. 8011

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETERS, MISSOURI, DELETING SECTION 210.280 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETERS AND ENACTING, IN LIEU THEREOF, A NEW SECTION 210.280

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ST. PETERS, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION NO. 1. That Section 210.280 of the Code of the City of St. Peters, Missouri, be and hereby is amended by deleting Section 210.280 and enacting, in lieu thereof, a new Section 210.280 to read as follows:

Section 210.280 Indecent Exposure

- A. Except as otherwise provided in Subsections (B), (C), and (D) of this Section 210.280, any person twelve (12) years of age or older who knowingly or intentionally, in a public place, does or engages in any of the following shall be guilty of indecent exposure:
 - 1. Any person who engages in sexual conduct.
 - 2. Any person who appears in a state of nudity or semi-nudity.
 - 3. Any person who displays films, video programs or pictures depicting persons in a state of nudity or semi-nudity or engaging in sexual conduct.
 - 4. Any person who is the legal owner of a public place, has the authority to control access to the public place, or otherwise exercises authority over a public place and who expressly authorizes, employs or permits a person to appear in a state of nudity or semi-nudity or to engage in sexual conduct.
- B. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 210.280 to the contrary, a mother may breast-feed her child or express breast milk in any public or private location where the mother is otherwise authorized to be. The act of a mother breast-feeding a child or expressing breast milk in a public or private location where the mother and child are otherwise authorized to be shall not:
 - 1. Constitute sexual conduct or sexual contact; or
 - 2. Be considered an act of indecent exposure.

C. Any person who knowingly or intentionally does or engages in any of the actions described in Subsection (A), Subparagraphs 2, 3 and 4 shall not be guilty of indecent exposure if the action(s) takes place in an "adult oriented business, bookstore, video store or peep show" as defined in Section 405.100 and that is operated in accordance with Section 405.530 and other applicable laws and ordinances of the City.

D. Any person who knowingly or intentionally does or engages in any of the actions described in Subsection (A), Subparagraphs 2, 3 and 4 shall not be guilty of indecent exposure if the action(s) take place at a theater, concert hall, art center, museum, or similar establishment as part of a production or display that has serious artistic merit.

SECTION NO. 2. Savings Clause

Nothing contained herein shall in any manner be deemed or construed to alter, modify, supersede, supplant or otherwise nullify any other Ordinance of the City or the requirements thereof whether or not relating to or in any manner connected with the subject matter hereof, unless expressly set forth herein.

SECTION NO. 3. Severability Clause

If any term, condition, or provision of this Ordinance shall, to any extent, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder hereof shall be valid in all other respects and continue to be effective and each and every remaining provision hereof shall be valid and shall be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law, it being the intent of the Board of Aldermen that it would have enacted this Ordinance without the invalid or unenforceable provisions. In the event of a subsequent change in applicable law so that the provision, which had been held invalid is no longer invalid, said provision shall thereupon return to full force and effect without further action by the City and shall thereafter be binding.

SECTION NO. 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage by the Board of Aldermen and its approval by the Mayor of the City of St. Peters, Missouri.

Read two times, passed, and approved this 22nd day of August, 2024.

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Len Pagano, as Presiding Officer and as Mayor

Attest.

Lisa L. Schroeder, City Clerk