



## LOMBARD POLICE DEPARTMENT



Date: September 2, 2008

To: David A. Hulseberg, AICP, ICMA-CM  
Village Manager

From: Raymond J. Byrne  
Chief of Police

**Re: Teen Cabarets / Juice Bars Ordinance Revisions**

At your request, I have reviewed the current ordinance provisions that regulate teen clubs and juice bars in the Village of Lombard. The applicable ordinance provisions are contained in sections 110.50 through 110.59 of the Lombard Village Code. After reviewing the current provisions, I believe the regulations can be modified to improve and strengthen the existing provisions. Specifically:

**Section 110.55(E)** should be modified in two ways:

1. Language should be added that all managers and employees should be at least 21 years of age.
2. Background investigations shall include the submission of fingerprints with the cost of the fingerprint submissions to be borne by the employee or the teen club.

**Section 110.55(F)** should have all language stricken which allows an exemption for some felons to obtain a license.

**Section 110.55(I)** should reflect that teen clubs will close at 2:00 a.m. and no patron should be allowed to enter after 12:00 a.m.

**Section 110.55(J) 1.** should be clarified to state that parents of patrons shall be admitted to the licensed premises to observe without having to pay an admission fee.

**Section 110.56(F)** should be placed under the General Conditions of License (section 110.55).

**Section 110.58** (Educational Training – Condition Of License) This is the area of the current ordinance that requires the most consideration. You may recall that the Village Board requested that “crowd control” training be provided through the police department.

Specifically, the behavior sought to be monitored here is better termed “crowd management.” Under the current ordinance, the police department is responsible for providing this training. This is not actually an area of expertise for most law enforcement agencies. In fact, when the prior teen club opened, the training had to be outsourced to a firm that specialized in such training.

The firm that we utilized (Crowd Management Strategies, Inc.) has relocated to California. They were contacted and could not make a recommendation to a reputable firm in this area. There are some online courses available through a couple of state fire marshall offices throughout the country, but as with any online course, the quality of instruction may be lacking. My recommendation is that the police department should not be involved in the training of employees for a teen club. It is not an area of expertise for us and I believe our involvement only serves to increase our liability exposure in the event of an accident or serious incident. The business should bear the responsibility for properly hiring and training a competent staff. To that end, I would recommend eliminating all references to training of crowd managers and crowd control.

For ease of review, I have attached a copy of the current ordinance with strikethroughs and underlining to represent the proposed modifications. If you should have any questions, or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.