

CHAPTER 217
PAID SEXUAL CONTACT ORDINANCE
TOWN OF GRAY, MAINE
ADOPTED NOVEMBER 2, 1993

SECTION 1 – TITLE

This ordinance shall be known and be cited as Paid Sexual Contact Ordinance.

SECTION 2 – DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following definitions apply:

Sexual Contact: Any touching of the genitals, directly or through clothing, for the purpose of arousing or gratifying sexual desire.

Pecuniary Benefit: Any direct or indirect payment of money or any other object of value.

SECTION 3 – SEXUAL CONTACT FOR PECUNIARY BENEFIT PROHIBITED

Engaging in, or agreeing to engage in, or offering to engage in sexual contact in return for a pecuniary benefit to be received by the person engaging in the sexual contact or buy a 3rd person is prohibited.

Proving or agreeing to provide a person for the purposes of engaging in sexual contact in return for a pecuniary benefit to be received by the person engaging in the sexual contact or by a 3rd person is prohibited.

Causing or agreeing to provide a person for purposes of engaging in sexual contact in return for a pecuniary benefit to be received by the person engaging in the sexual contact or by a 3rd person is prohibited.

Leasing or otherwise permitting a place controlled by the defendant in any action to enforce this Ordinance, alone or in association with others, to be used as a site for sexual contact for pecuniary benefit to any person is prohibited.

SECTION 4 – ENFORCEMENT

The Code Enforcement Officer shall be responsible for the enforcement of this Ordinance. Any enforcement actions shall be brought in the name of the Town of Gray.

SECTION 5 – PENALTIES

The violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine not less than five hundred (\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1000) for each offense. Each act of violation and every day upon which any such violation shall occur shall constitute a separate offense. In addition to such penalty, the Town may enjoin or abate any violation of this article by appropriate action, including but not limited to revocation of any Town license for a premise or business in which sexual contact for pecuniary benefit is transacted.

SECTION 6 – SEVERABILITY

If any section, phrase, sentence or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.