

ORDINANCE NO. 959, FOURTH SERIES

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE BUSINESS, OR PROFESSION, OR ART OF ASTROLOGY, PALMISTRY, PHRENOLOGY, LIFE-READING, FORTUNE TELLING, CARTOMANTY, CLAIRVOYANCE, CLAIRAUDIENCE, CRYSTAL GAZING, HYPNOTISM, MEDIUMSHIP, PROPHECY, AUGURY, DIVINATION, MAGIC, NECROMANCY, CHARACTER ANALYSIS, OR OTHER CRAFTY ART OR SCIENCE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING SECTIONS 52 AND 52½ OF ORDINANCE NO. 18, FOURTH SERIES, PASSED SEPTEMBER 22 1921, ORDINANCE NO. 95, FOURTH SERIES, PASSED SEPTEMBER 14 1922, ORDINANCE NO. 202, FOURTH SERIES, PASSED JANUARY 29 1925, ORDINANCE NO. 410, FOURTH SERIES, PASSED FEBRUARY 28 1929, ORDINANCE NO. 525, FOURTH SERIES, PASSED AUGUST 27 1931, AND ORDINANCE NO. 546, FOURTH SERIES, PASSED MARCH 24 1932; PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION HERETO; AND MAKING THIS ORDINANCE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO;

SECTION 1. No person shall carry on, practice, or profess to practice the business or art of astrology, palmistry, phrenology, life-reading, fortune telling, cartomanty, clairvoyance, clairaudience, crystal gazing, hypnotism, mediumship, prophesy, augury, divination, magic, necromancy, character analysis, or other crafty art or science, in the City of Sacramento.

Provided, however, that nothing in this ordinance shall apply to any ordained or duly accredited minister of any form of religious belief, or to the faith, practice, or teaching of any religious body, or to a teacher or practitioner of astrology, duly accredited by the National Astrological Association, a California corporation, who shall have received a permit as hereinafter provided to practice his profession in the City of Sacramento.

Any person desiring to secure the exemption hereinabove provided must file with the Chief of Police of the City of Sacramento an affidavit signed by him setting forth the credentials upon which the request for exemption is based, the proposed manner of operation of his said business, and such other information as the Chief of Police may require to be inserted therein.

Upon receipt of the application, the Chief of Police shall cause to be investigated the reputation and credentials of the applicant and his proposed manner of operation; if approved, the Chief of Police shall issue a written permit to the applicant for a period of three months. Such permit, at the end of that period, may be renewed if the conduct of the business of applicant has been orderly and lawful. Such permit may be used by only the person named therein and is not transferable.

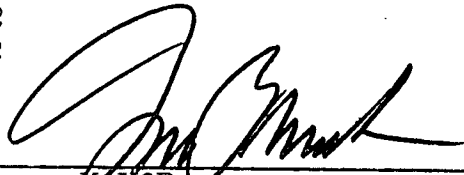
SECTION 2. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by a fine of not more than

five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in the City Jail for a period of not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

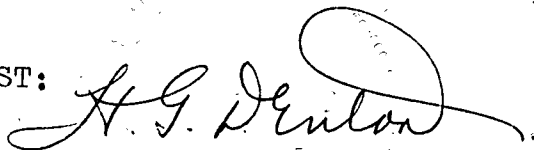
SECTION 3. Sections 52 and 52 $\frac{1}{2}$  of Ordinance No. 18, Fourth Series, passed September 22 1921, Ordinance No. 95, Fourth Series, passed September 14 1922, Ordinance No. 202, Fourth Series, January 29 1925, Ordinance No. 410, Fourth Series, passed February 28 1929, Ordinance No. 525, Fourth Series, passed August 27 1931, and Ordinance No. 546, Fourth Series, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect immediately; such emergency being that, unless prohibited, it is probable that many fortune telling establishments will open which are objectionable and against the public welfare in that fortune tellers, from street doorways and on sidewalks, entice and solicit persons to come into their parlors or offices.

PASSED: July 24, 1942  
EFFECTIVE: July 24, 1942

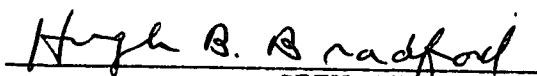
  
MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

  
CITY ATTORNEY.

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