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and lewdly make any exposition of himself or herself or his or her person in any public place or any place where there are present other persons to be offended or annoyed thereby, or to take part in any model artist exhibition or make any other exhibition of himself or herself to public view or to the view of any number of persons, such as is offensive to decency or is adapted to excite vicious or lewd thoughts or acts or which is directly suggestive of the immoral or which shall tend directly to lascivious suggestions in the minds of any persons susceptible to such suggestions.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any person, persons, firm or corporation owning or having control of any theatre, hall, building or place to permit therein any exhibition of the human body or dress, actions, postures to the public view or to the view of any number of persons such as is offensive to decency or is adapted to excite vicious or lewd thoughts or acts, or which shall tend directly to lascivious suggestions in the minds of any persons susceptible to such or which is suggestive of the immoral.

Section 4. That the Common Council shall constitute a standing committee which, with the Mayor, shall act as a Board of Censors, which shall meet at the request of any member of said Board of Censors whenever by reason of advertising of any proposed play, entertainment, show or moving picture there shall be reasonable grounds to believe that such show, play, entertainment or moving picture, if exhibited, would violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance. -Such Board may require the person, persons, firm or corporation proposing to exhibit such show, play, entertainment or moving picture to disclose, by evidence satisfactory to said board of censors, the character and features of the same sufficient for censoring the same by such board of censors in advance of any such exhibition of the same and for such purpose, should said board so require, it may require any moving picture to be exhibited to said board of censors. The said board of censors shall by majority vote have the power of refusing the exhibition of any show, play, entertainment or moving picture which in their judgment would be in violation of any pro-

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vision of this ordinance if exhibited. Should said board of censors decide that any show, play, entertainment or moving picture should be prohibited they shall notify the person, persons, firm or corporation proposing to exhibit the same, by a written notice signed by the said Board of Censors to the effect that said show, play, entertainment or moving picture is deemed by them to be in violation of this ordinance and the exhibition thereof prohibited. The proceedings of said board of censors and their procedure shall be summary and their investigations shall be held under such reasonable regulations as they may require. The said board shall at all times have free access to any and all shows, entertainments, theatres, plays and moving picture exhibitions, for the purposes herein provided.

Section 5. Should any person, persons or corporation refuse to submit the evidence required by said board of censors concerning any show, play, entertainment or moving picture proposed to be shown or should any show, play, entertainment or moving picture after investigation by said board of censors be found and decided by them as aforesaid to be in violation of this ordinance, if exhibited, it shall thereafter be unlawful for any such person, persons, firm or corporation to exhibit such show, play, entertainment or moving picture within the City of Drain.

Section 6. Should any arrest be made for violation of this ordinance or any of the provisions thereof, the officer making such arrest shall seize any and all moving pictures the exhibition of which will violate the provisions of this ordinance for for which such arrest was made and the same shall be retained by such official so long as necessary for the purpose of evidence in the said cause. It shall further be permissible for any person who may be accused of violating the provisions of this ordinance to introduce into evidence the exhibition of any picture the exhibition of which may be the grounds of any charge against him of violating this ordinance, and it shall not be necessary in the trial of any such cause for such accused person to produce any

