

Chapter 16
PRIVATE SCHOOLS¹

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SEC. 16.1 PERMIT REQUIRED

It shall be unlawful for any person to carry on, conduct, manage, direct or maintain any private school in the City, without a permit therefore. (Ord. No. 176 N.S., ' 1)

SEC. 16.2 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT-FILED WITH CITY CLERK; FEE

An application for a permit to carry on, conduct, manage, direct or maintain a private school must be made in writing and filed with the city clerk. such application must be accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars. (Ord. No. 176 N.S., ' 2)

SEC. 16.3 SAME-INVESTIGATION BY CLERK REQUIRED; REQUIREMENTS TO BE FULFILLED

The city clerk shall investigate each application for a permit required by this chapter, and, except as provided in the following section, no application for such permit shall be granted, unless the clerk finds and determines that the following requirements have been fulfilled:

- (a) One-story Building. The building wherein the proposed school is to be located must be of no more than one story above grade construction.

For state law as to sale of books to private schools, see Ed. C., ' 11243. As to transportation of pupils attending private schools, see Ed. C., ' 16257. As to exemption of children instructed in private schools from compulsory attendance, see Ed. C., ' 16624.

For charter provisions as to board of education, see Char., Article VII.

As to license for private schools, see ' 16.2.

(b) Construction Requirements. Such building must satisfy all of the requirements for group C occupancies, as such occupancies are defined by the Uniform Building Code, then in effect as an ordinance of the City, and any and all regulations of the state which apply to the construction of public schools in the Piedmont Unified School District.

(c) Off-street Parking. The property where such school is to be located must have provision made thereon for off-street paved parking areas for motor vehicles in the ratio of one such parking space for every six pupils, based upon the estimated attendance at such school.

(d) Curriculum Generally; Attendance. The school must be taught in the English language and must offer instruction in the several branches of study required to be taught in the corresponding public schools of the state. The attendance of the pupils shall be kept by private school authorities in a register, and the record of attendance shall indicate clearly every absence of each pupil from school for half a day or more during each day that school is maintained during the year.

(e) Classification of Grades. The school must be an educational institution offering instruction to pupils in all or any of the following classifications:

1. "Kindergarten", which for the purposes of this chapter, is defined to be a school for the instruction of pupils between the ages of four and one-half and six years.
2. "Elementary", which for the purposes of this chapter, is defined to be a school in which instruction is given in the first to eighth grades, inclusive, or in any one or more of such grades.
3. "Junior High School", which for the purposes of this chapter, is defined to be a school in which instruction is given in the seventh to tenth grades, inclusive, or in any one or more of such grades.
4. "High School", which for purposes of this chapter, is defined to be a school in which instruction is given in the ninth to twelfth grades, inclusive, or in any one or more of such grades.

(f) Residence Limitation. No person other than the principal administrative officer of such private school, his spouse, and immediate family, shall reside, room or lodge upon the premises upon which such school is to be located. (Ord. No. 176 N.S., '3; Ord. No. 181, N.S., '1)

SEC. 16.4 COUNCIL MAY BY RESOLUTION PERMIT DEVIATION OR VARIATION
FROM REQUIREMENTS; PROCEDURE

The City Council may, by appropriate resolution, permit deviation or variation, in part, from the specific requirements of the preceding section, upon application; provided, that all plans and specifications of the building in which the school is to be located, as well as an outline of the proposed method of operation of such school, is submitted in writing to the City Council. (Ord. No. 181 N.S., '2)