

Info Sheet on City - Strip Club Partnership

1.) Drew Karedes / KHOU 11 News khou.com Posted on November 27, 2013 at 10:10 PM
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HOUSTON – The City of Houston has struck a deal with 16 strip clubs within city limits in an agreement that's going to cost one million dollars a year.

Dancers at those clubs will now be allowed to perform topless in exchange for that annual payment. The city has required Houston strippers to wear pasties and cover up since 1997.

2.) City to Work with Topless Clubs on Human Trafficking By Chronicle staff

November 27, 2013 The city of Houston has reached a settlement with a group of strip clubs that would halt enforcement of the three-foot rule and allow dancers to be fully topless in exchange for an annual \$1 million donation to help combat human trafficking, Mayor Annise Parker announced Wednesday.

3.) Strange Bedfellows: City of Houston Partners with Strip Clubs to Combat Human Trafficking
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After 16 long years, the city and more than a dozen strip clubs have come to a rather surprising settlement. To combat Houston's ever-growing reputation as a hub for human trafficking, Mayor Annise Parker announced Wednesday that law enforcement will partner with a rather unlikely ally . . . strip clubs.

Ending a decade-and-a-half legal battle over regulations for sexually-oriented businesses, 16 gentlemen's clubs will pay more than \$1 million annually to fund a new nine-person human trafficking unit within the Houston Police Department's Vice Division. As part of the arrangement, the participating clubs are permitted to operate as they did prior to the city's strict 1997 ordinances, meaning that a mandatory three-foot rule between dancers and patrons will be gone with the wind. HPD, of course, will continue to enforce laws against public lewdness, prostitution, indecent exposure and narcotics.

This arrangement was crafted by city attorney David Feldman and the Mayor's office.

To register your objection by mail please write:

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