ORDINANCE ADDING RMC SECTION 7.10.091, "LIVE PERFORMANCE"

City Attorney's Office

City Council
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BACKGROUND

- February 25, 2025: The City Council approved an ordinance amending Riverside Municipal Code Title 7 (Noise Control).

- Newly Added Section: RMC 7.35.010(D), intended to be enforceable against noise violations involving live music and sound amplifying equipment.

- "The emitting or transmitting of any loud music or noise disturbance from any sound amplifying equipment or **live performance**, which is plainly audible from a distance of 25 feet or more from the edge of the property, structure, or unit from which the source is located, shall be prohibited." (Emphasis added).

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WHAT IS A "LIVE PERFORMANCE?"

- Currently, "sound amplifying equipment" is defined in RMC Section 7.10.185. "Live performance" is **not**.

- A definition is necessary for City personnel to better understand what type of activity is enforceable and citable under RMC Section 7.35.010(D).

- "'Live performance' means any presentation or act designed to amuse or divert the attention of guests, patrons, attendees, or any present individuals."

- "It includes, but is not limited to, presentations or acts by bands, musicians, singers, and individuals operating sound amplifying equipment as part of a performance."

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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Strategic Priority #2 Community Well-Being, Goal 2.4

Community Well-Being
Ensure safe and inclusive neighborhoods where everyone can thrive.

Cross-Cutting Threads

Community Trust   Fiscal Responsibility   Sustainability & Resiliency

Equity   Innovation

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Receive this report summarizing the proposed ordinance adding Section 7.10.091, "Live Performance," to the Riverside Municipal Code; and

2. Recommend that the City Council introduce and subsequntly adopt the proposed ordinance adding Section 7.10.091, "Live Performance," to the Riverside Municipal Code.

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