

ORDINANCE TO AMEND RMC TITLE 13 TO REGULATE STREET PERFORMANCES

Police Department

Public Safety Committee
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Performers typically show up at about 1:30am and start to play as the bars and clubs let out for the night. Crowds gather and may stay until about 3am.



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Crowds block the sidewalks



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Crowds spill out into the street



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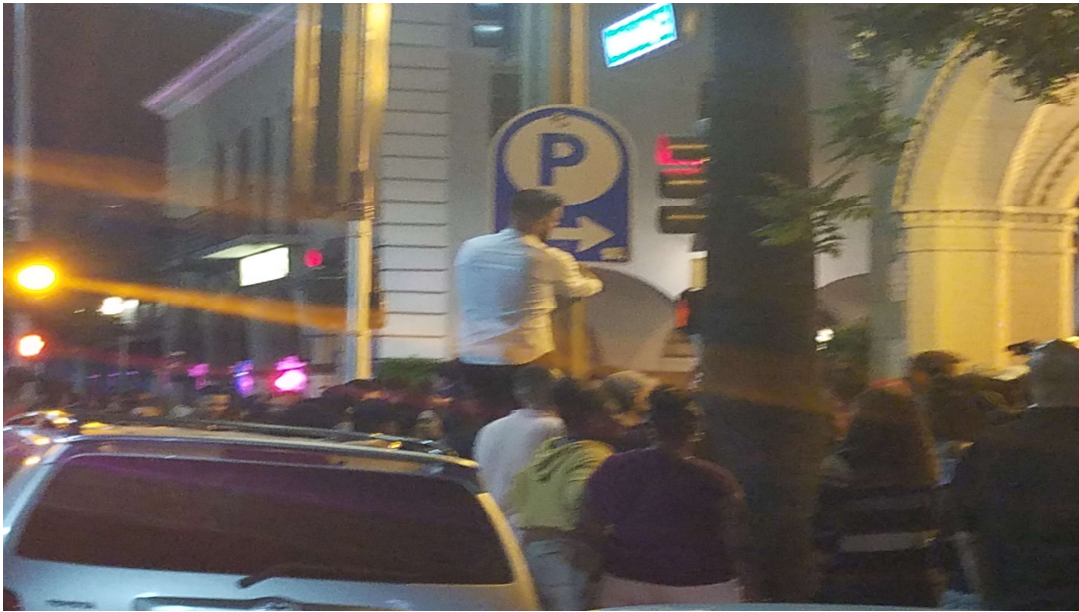
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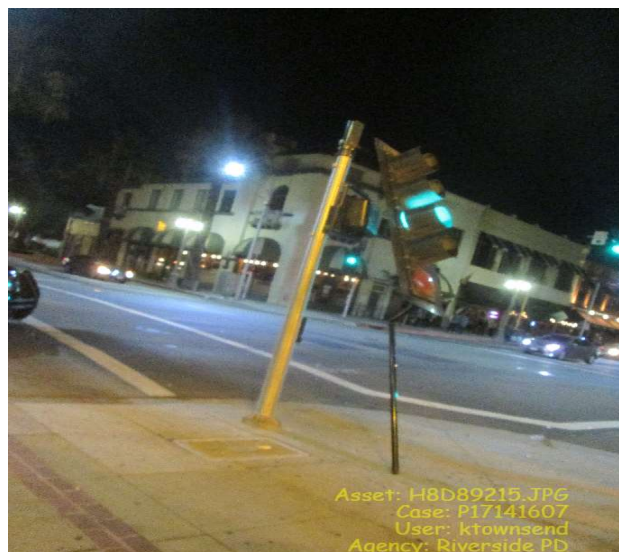
Pedestrians climb trees



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Crowds damage traffic signals



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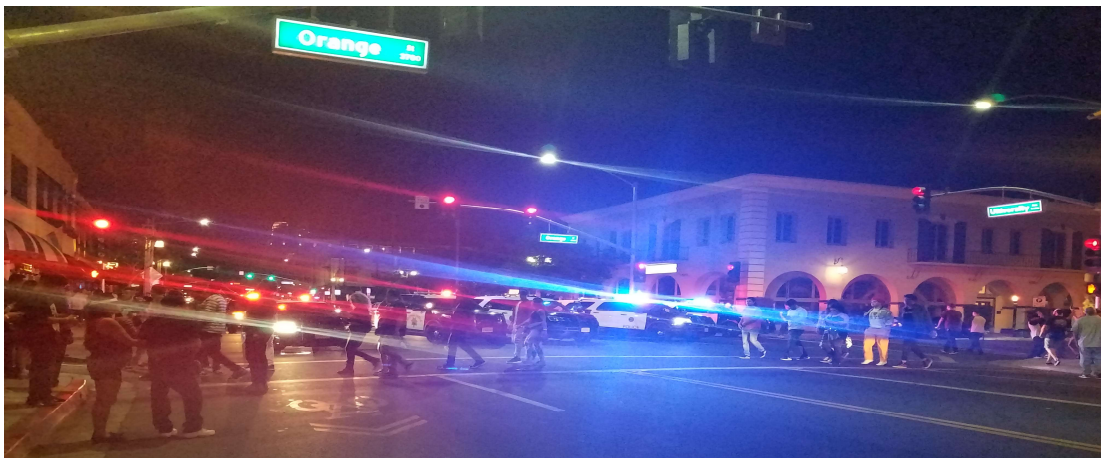
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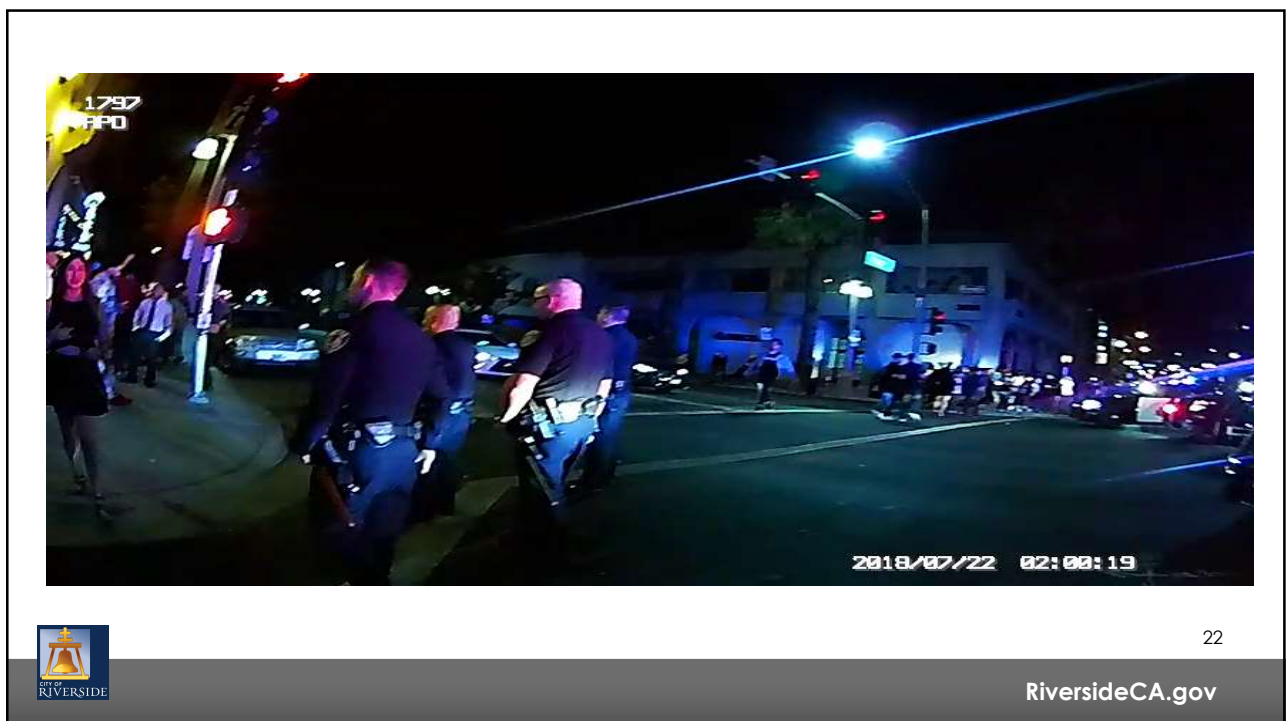
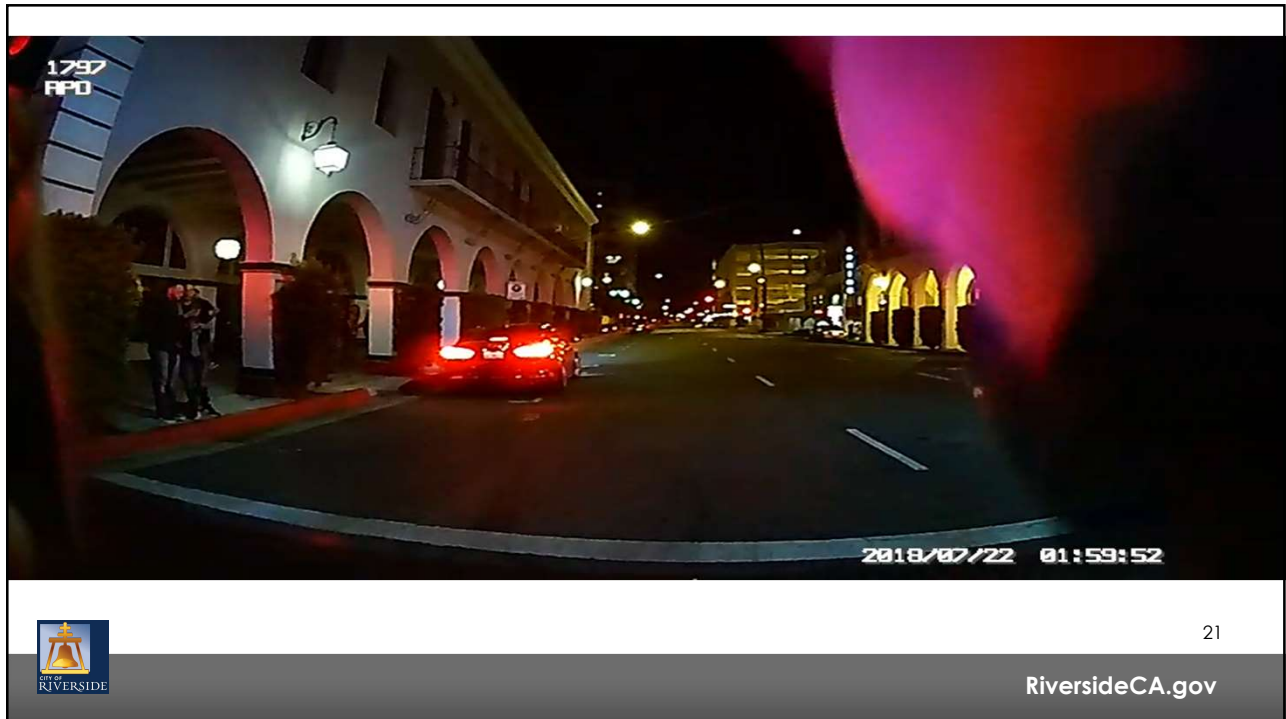
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Because it is unregulated, it can get out of control and then require a large police response.



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Police Department is trying to break it up



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This is a public safety issue



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The City desires to balance the significant and substantial governmental interests related to the public health, safety, and welfare for pedestrians, vendors and businesses with First Amendment rights.



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To ensure there are safe and free flowing paths of travel, staff is recommending this ordinance to ensure that a street performer and the performer's equipment will not block or obstruct the free and safe movement of pedestrians.



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“A Performer and the Performer’s equipment may not block or obstruct the free and safe movement of pedestrians. If a Performer attracts a crowd sufficient to block the passage of the public through a public area, the City may disperse that portion of the crowd that is blocking or obstructing the passage of the public. If efforts to move the crowd fail to adequately protect the public safety or order, the City may cause the Performer to leave the location or require that the Performer relocate his or her equipment, but shall not prevent the Performer from occupying another location in compliance with this Chapter that does not block the free and safe movement of pedestrians or vehicular traffic.”



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That City Council:

1. Approve an Ordinance adding Chapter 13.30 “Street Performers” to the Riverside Municipal Code, establishing regulations for street performers and amending Chapter 13.21 “Festival of Light Regulations” to include compliance with Chapter 13.30; and
2. Recommend that the City Council adopt an Ordinance adding Chapter 13.30 “Street Performers” to the Riverside Municipal Code, establishing regulations for street performers and amending Chapter 13.21 “Festival of Light Regulations” to include compliance with Chapter 13.30.



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