



ENTERTAINMENT PERMITS, NOISE CONTROL, LOUD OR UNRULY GATHERINGS AND STREET PERFORMERS (PSP19-0040)

Community & Economic
Development Department

Public Safety Committee
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BACKGROUND



- Noise
- Traffic
- Blocked Sidewalks



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Updates to the Riverside Municipal Code



Title 5

Business Taxes, Licenses
and Regulations



Title 7

Noise Control



Title 9

Peace, Safety and
Morals



Title 13

Streets, Sidewalks,
Trails and Trees



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DISCUSSION – TITLE 5 UPDATES (ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT)



Zoning
(CUPs)



Business
Regulations



Equity

- Operating hours
- Time of entertainment
- Amplification of music
- Security
- Queuing



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DISCUSSION – TITLE 5 UPDATES (ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT)

Tier 1

- Least restrictive
- “Baseline” conditions
- All new permits

Tier 2

- 3 noise complaints/incidents in 30 days or a significant violent incident
- Additional security
- Restricted:
 - Noise levels, hours, queuing, etc.

Tier 3

- Failure to resolve Tier 2 issues in 30 days or a significant violent incident
- Additional operating restrictions
- Further violations – revocation



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DISCUSSION – TITLE 5 UPDATES (ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT)

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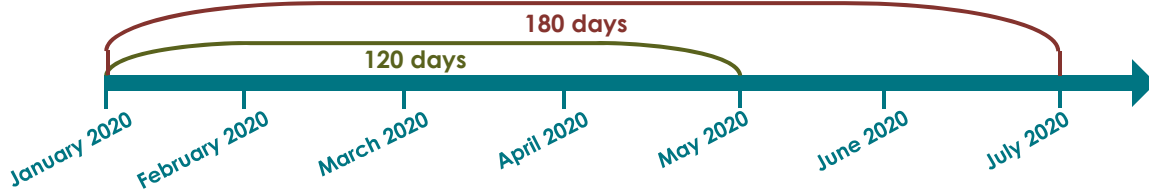
- Initial application fee
- CUP conditions voided
- First 120 days

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- After 120-day grace period
- \$1,224.50 initial application
- \$649 renewal every two years



- Ordinance becomes effective January 2020
- Grace period through April 2020
- All venues must obtain permit by July 2020



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DISCUSSION – TITLE 7 UPDATES (NOISE CONTROL)



Clarify
and
Simplify



- Improved enforcement
- Additional remedies
- Common-sense exemptions
- Standard of reasonability



Enforcing Officers (RPD/Code) :

- Determine what activities are noise disturbances
- Consider context (time of day, ambient conditions)
- Cite and fine if a violation is observed



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DISCUSSION – TITLE 9 UPDATES (LOUD OR UNRULY GATHERINGS)

Reduce Public Nuisance

from loud parties and social gatherings



Identifies a Responsible Party (owner, manager, promoter, guest)



Prohibits admission charges, advertising (except when permitted)



Enables officers to disperse guests, issue escalating penalties



Severe or repeat offenses may result in posting the property



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DISCUSSION – TITLE 13 UPDATES (STREET PERFORMERS)

Peace
and public safety



Freedom
to perform and speak



Performers
must

- Manage crowds
- Maintain clearances
- Respect City property
- Keep public safe



Officers
may

- Disperse crowds
- Relocate performers
- Issue citations
- Repeat offenses
escalate penalty



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RECOMMENDATIONS

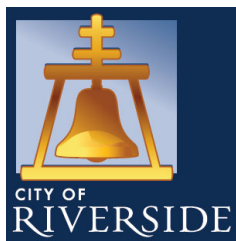
That the Public Safety Committee recommend to the City Council the adoption of ordinances amending the Riverside Municipal Code as follows:

1. Title 5 (Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations) – establishing an Entertainment Permit with corresponding regulations;
2. Title 7 (Noise Control) – clarifying and simplifying noise disturbances;
3. Title 9 (Peace, Safety & Morals) – establishing rules and regulations regarding Loud or Unruly Gatherings; and
4. Title 13 (Streets, Sidewalks, Trails and Trees) - establishing rules and regulations regarding Street Performers.

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