



ORDINANCE ADDING RMC SECTION 7.10.091, "LIVE PERFORMANCE"

City Attorney's Office

Safety, Wellness, and Youth Committee
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BACKGROUND

- February 25, 2025: The City Council approves 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 Safety, Wellness, and Youth Committee:

1. Receive the following report and presentation proposing an amendment to the Riverside Municipal Code in order to add Section 7.10.091, "Live Performance";
2. Make a motion to refer the following report and presentation to the City Council to adopt an ordinance amending the Riverside Municipal Code adding Section 7.10.091 "Live Performance."



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