



**City of Santa Barbara**  
Police Department

**Memorandum**

**DATE:** April 24, 2014  
**TO:** Fire and Police Commission  
**FROM:** Holly Perea, Police Technician  
**SUBJECT:** Dance Permit Request – Whiskey Richards, 435 State Street

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**DISCUSSION:**

On March 20, 2014, Matt Olufs, business broker for the property at 435 State Street, submitted an application for a dance permit. The business at 435 State Street is currently in escrow by buyers Phillip Wright and Kourtney Wright, equal members of "Drinks, LLC", dba "Whiskey Richards." The current buyers have received all necessary approvals from Community Development for the dance permit, have completed all pages of the application, and have successfully undergone Live Scan fingerprinting as required for the permit process.

The applicants anticipate that dancing will take place daily between 4:00 pm and 1:30 am, with the majority of dancing occurring at night on a regular basis.

The owners plan to have a minimum of 3 security guards on duty during hours of dancing. Security guards will be dressed in company-branded shirts with the word "security" on the back and front of the shirts.

On April 15, 2014 Santa Barbara Police Department staff conducted a site visit. The following information was learned during this visit:

- The premise has 4 interior speakers: two at the front of the building and two at the designated dance area. There are no exterior speakers.
- Restrooms were insulated and windows to the rear were removed and replaced with tile walls to mitigate noise concerns at the rear of the building.
- No sub-woofers are used on the premise.
- The premise has 4 internal security cameras and 1 external camera. The cameras are set to record continuously. Footage from the cameras is stored for approximately 4.5 days.
- Patrons are not allowed to enter and/or exit through the rear door. The rear door remains shut but unlocked during hours of dancing.

Granting this dance permit would not add to the total number of dance permits in the downtown Entertainment District as this location has had a dance permit for many years.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that a dance permit be issued with the following conditions to Phillip Wright and Kourtney Wright of Drinks LLC, dba "Whiskey Richards":

- Music and/or entertainment shall not be audible beyond 50 feet from the premise in any direction.
- Rear doors and front windows must be closed but unlocked during dancing.
- No patrons shall enter or exit through rear doors.
- No live entertainment, dancing, or amplifying system or device permitted on any patio area.
- Minimum of 3 security guards must be on duty during dancing.
- All security guards must complete LEADS and Responsible Beverage Server Training.
- All security guards must be currently licensed with the California Department of Consumer Affairs as a Proprietary Security Officer.
- The individual, partnership, corporation or LLC must possess a proprietary Private Security Employer's License issued by the California Department of Consumer Affairs.
- A restroom attendant must be stationed at the restroom area nightly from 9:00 pm until close. The restroom area must be checked often to ensure no illegal activity is occurring.
- Permittee must police surrounding area once an hour to prevent loitering, particularly in rear alleyway.
- Permittee must maintain an orderly line of patrons awaiting entry. The queue of prospective patrons must not block passage on the public walkway, nor may it extend into any nearby street.