



City of Santa Barbara
Police Department

Memorandum

DATE: June 28, 2012
TO: Fire and Police Commission
FROM: Holly Perea, Police Technician
SUBJECT: Dance Permit Application – “El Paseo” – 10 El Paseo

DISCUSSION:

On May 30, 2012, Paul Jakubowski, owner of the “El Paseo Restaurant” at 10 El Paseo, submitted an application for a dance permit. The restaurant has been operating under different ownership since 1922, and has had a dance permit since May 1994. Mr. Jakubowski, the former manager of the business, recently purchased “El Paseo Restaurant” from the former owners, necessitating a new dance permit application. On the application Mr. Jakubowski is listed as the sole proprietor as well as the only General Manager and Security Manager for the business, so he is the only person requiring Live Scan fingerprints. Results of the fingerprint scan were received back from the Department of Justice in early June, and meet Municipal Code requirements. Mr. Jakubowski received all necessary approvals from Community Development for the dance permit.

The applicant anticipates that dancing will take place until 1:30 a.m. on the nights that dancing is scheduled. The business plan is such that dancing will be available to patrons primarily during holidays, special events, and special occasions throughout the year. The owner plans to use 1 security guard per 50 occupants during hours of dancing, with the guards being contracted out through a security company. Security guards will be dressed in black branded shirts imprinted with the word “security.” The guards will communicate verbally with one another.

On June 14, 2012, Santa Barbara Police Department staff conducted a site visit. The following information was learned during this visit:

- The premise has 6 speakers.
- The open roof has a sliding cover, which can be closed to minimize exterior noise
- The property has no security cameras.

A review of the crime statistics for this premise shows there was no significant criminal activity at the location in the past two years. 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 under prior owners.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that a dance permit be issued for “El Paseo Restaurant” with the following conditions:

- Music &/or entertainment shall not be audible beyond fifty (50) feet from the premise in any direction.
- Rear doors must be closed but unlocked during dancing.
- No patrons shall enter or exit through the rear doors.
- Permit holder must have at least 1 security guard per 50 patrons during hours of dancing, with a minimum of 2 security guards at any time dancing takes place. Permit holder is responsible for keeping an accurate count of patrons at all times.
- All security guards must have valid California guard cards, and must be hired through a company that is registered as a Private Patrol Operator in Santa Barbara and holds a valid Santa Barbara business license.
- All staff must attend RBS training.
- Dancing prohibited after midnight when patrons under the age of 21 years are on premise.