



## City of Santa Barbara

Police Department

### Memorandum

**DATE:** December 6, 2018

**TO:** Fire and Police Commission

**FROM:** Liz Scott, Police Technician

**SUBJECT:** Nightclub Dance Permit: "Whiskey Richards" – 435 State St

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#### DISCUSSION:

On October 30, 2018, a complete Nightclub Dance Permit application for the business at 435 State St, dba "Whiskey Richards," was submitted to the Police Technician. Signed City clearance forms and a premise site plan were included with the application, in accordance with Santa Barbara Municipal Code requirements. On November 16, 2018, a notice was posted on the exterior of the business and on November 15, 2018, notices were mailed to properties within 200 feet of the applicant premise according to the terms set forth in the Municipal Code [SBMC § 5.20.060(A)]. Owners Phillip and Kourtney Wright, who are also the on-site management team, had previously been Live Scanned when they initially bought the business in 2014. All results met Municipal Code standards.

Whiskey Richards had a dance permit at this location under the current ownership from April 2014 to April 2016. A new application was required due to the permit expiring without renewal. During the previous permitted time period, there were no significant law enforcement problems with the establishment.

The applicants anticipate that dancing will take place Thursday through Saturday between 9:00 pm and 1:30 a.m. A minimum of 3 security guards will be on duty during hours of dancing, depending upon the night. Security guards will be dressed in company logo shirts with the word "Security" on the front and back. The guards will communicate with one another verbally through head sets and using flashlights.

On November 15, 2018 Santa Barbara Police Department staff conducted a site visit. The following information was learned during this visit:

- There are no exterior speakers.
- The premise is equipped with 4 internal and 1 external security cameras, which retain their data for approximately 1 week.
- There are 2 potential points of entry into business, one in the front and one in the rear. During hours of dancing, only the front door will be open for patron entry/exit.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Based upon a review of the application, a walkthrough of the premise, and the crime statistics at this location and the surrounding area for the past year, the Santa Barbara Police Department recommends approval of this application with the following conditions:

1. Music and/or entertainment shall not be audible beyond 50 feet from the premise in any direction.
2. The rear patio door and front windows must be kept closed, but unlocked, at all times during the hours of dancing.
3. Except in the case of emergency, no patrons shall enter or exit the premise through the rear door.
4. No live entertainment, dancing, or amplifying system or device shall be permitted in any patio or outdoor area.
5. No patrons may loiter in the rear alleyway.
6. Permit holder is responsible for maintaining an orderly line of patrons awaiting entry into the premises.
7. A minimum of 3 security guards must be on duty during hours of dancing.
8. All security guards must be currently licensed with the California Department of Consumer Affairs as a Proprietary Security Officer.
9. All staff must have LEADS and RBS training.
10. 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.