



City of Santa Barbara
Police Department

Memorandum

DATE: May 23, 2019

TO: Fire and Police Commission

FROM: Liz Scott, Police Technician

SUBJECT: Nightclub Dance Permit: "Dargan's Irish Pub and Restaurant" – 18 E Ortega St

DISCUSSION:

On May 6, 2018, a complete Nightclub Dance Permit application for the business at 18 E Ortega St, dba "Dargan's Irish Pub and Restaurant," 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 May 7, 2019, a notice was posted on the exterior of the business and 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)]. Owner and on-site manager Paul Dargan had previously been Live Scanned when he got his initial dance permit in 2003, and security manager Ian Selbie was Live Scanned when he joined the Dargan's team in 2015. All results met Municipal Code standards.

Dargan's has had a dance permit at this location under the current ownership from October 2003 to January 2017. 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 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm and Friday through Saturday from 7:00 pm to 2:00 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 back. The guards will communicate with one another verbally both face to face and using radios.

On May 15, 2019 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 20 internal and no external security cameras, which retain their data for approximately 2 weeks.
- There are 3 potential points of entry into business, one in the front and two on the side. During hours of dancing, only the front (Ortega Street) door will be open for patron entry/exit.
- No minors will be admitted after 9 pm on nights where dancing will occur.

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. Minimum of 3 security guards on duty during hours of dancing.
3. No live entertainment, dancing, or amplifying system or device permitted on any patio area.
4. Permittee must police surrounding area once an hour to prevent loitering.
5. Permittee must maintain an orderly line of patrons awaiting entry.