

1 [Removing references to "moral character" from dance hall permit ordinance.]

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3 **Ordinance amending Section 1024 of the San Francisco Police Code to remove**  
4 **references to "moral character" of applicant and to allow Chief of Police to consider**  
5 **criminal and permit history of applicant in determining whether to grant or deny**  
6 **application.**

7 Note: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman;  
8 deletions are ~~strikethrough italics Times New Roman~~.  
9 Board amendment additions are double underlined.  
Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

10 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

11 Section 1. The San Francisco Police Code is hereby amended by amending Section  
12 1024, to read as follows:

13 Sec. 1024. APPLICATION FOR PERMIT.

14 Applications for said permit shall be made in writing to the Chief of Police and shall be  
15 made in such form and shall contain such information as the Chief of Police shall require.  
16 Every applicant for a permit may be required to furnish such evidence of ~~good moral character~~  
17 criminal history and permit history as the Chief of Police shall require. In granting or denying a  
18 permit, the Chief of Police shall give particular consideration to the peace, order, and moral  
19 welfare of the public; provided, however, that only one type of dance, as enumerated in  
20 Section 1022(a) of this Chapter, shall be permitted in any dance hall on the same day, up to  
21 and including 2:00 a.m. of the following day. Upon application for a dance hall permit the  
22 Chief of Police shall set a time, date, and place for a public hearing thereon and shall cause a  
23 notice thereof to be conspicuously posted upon the premises concerned not less than 10 days  
24 before the date set for public hearing. The notice shall set forth the name of the applicant, the

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1 purpose for which the application is made, and the time, date, and place of the public hearing  
2 on the application.

3 The Chief of Police may consider, but is not limited to the following factors in the  
4 issuing or granting of a permit:

- 5 (1) The ~~moral character~~ *criminal history and permit history* of the applicant;
- 6 (2) Suitability of the premises in relation to the surrounding neighborhood;
- 7 (3) Number of permits in the immediate vicinity;
- 8 (4) Physical suitability of the premises with reference to floor space and  
9 lighting;
- 10 (5) Proximity to bar facilities, if any;
- 11 (6) Type of dance to be conducted.

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