

[Registration and Other Requirements for Event Promoters.]

Ordinance adding Article 15.7 to the San Francisco Police Code, requiring event promoters to register with the Entertainment Commission; prohibiting holders of certain entertainment-related permits, and registered promoters, from retaining an unregistered promoter to hold an event; and authorizing under certain circumstances for certain promoters reporting requirements, increased security plan requirements for events they promote, general liability insurance requirements, a criminal background check requirement, and other requirements.

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

Section 1. The San Francisco Police Code is hereby amended by adding Article 15.7 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 15.7: EVENT PROMOTERS

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17 **SEC. 1075.1. DEFINITION OF EVENT PROMOTER.**

18 For purposes of this Article:

19 (a) "Event" means an occasion or happening at which Entertainment is presented or a
20 Dance occurs under circumstances where a Place of Entertainment Permit, Extended-Hours Premises
21 Permit, One Time Event Permit, and/or Dance Hall Permit is required, provided all of the following
22 conditions are met:

23 (1) The venue for the Event, if held indoors, has a legal occupancy limit of 100 persons or
24 more;

25 (2) Some portion of the Event takes place between the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.;

1 (3) Alcoholic beverages are served or available for purchase at the Event;

2 (4) The Event is not of a bona fide social character. To be of a bona fide social character,
3 admission must be limited strictly on invitation of the Person acting as host; no fee, either by way of
4 admission or in any other manner may be charged, other than to cover costs; and no profit is intended
5 to be made;

6 (5) The Event is not a bona fide fundraiser. A bona fide fundraiser is held to raise funds for
7 a charitable, political, religious, or similar purpose, and none of the proceeds can be used for any
8 other purpose, except to cover costs incurred in holding the fundraiser, provided, however, that no
9 proceeds of the fundraiser may inure to the benefit of the Person promoting the event;

10 (6) The Event is not held at the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, the Asian Art Museum
11 of San Francisco, the War Memorial and Performing Arts Center, the California Academy of Sciences,
12 or the San Francisco Public Library including all branches; and

13 (7) The Event is not held at a recreational or social hall or similar venue on the property of
14 a church, synagogue, mosque, or other house of worship.

15 (b) "Hold an Event" means to take action to organize the Event, arrange the program for
16 the Event, or encourage attendance at the Event. To Hold an Event includes but is not limited to the
17 following activities:

18 (1) Contracting for or renting the Event site;

19 (2) Exercising some control over the Event site during the Event;

20 (3) Selecting or contracting for entertainment for the Event;

21 (4) Advertising or publicizing the Event to members of the public; or

22 (5) Soliciting members of the public to attend the Event.

23 (c) "Receives Compensation in Connection with the Event" means one or more of the
24 following:

25 (1) Receiving or sharing in admission or entrance fees paid by those attending the Event;

1 (2) Receiving or sharing in compensation, revenue, or other consideration for Holding the
2 Event; or

3 (3) Receiving or sharing in revenue from food, beverages, or items sold at the Event.

4 (d) "Event Promoter" is any Person who both Holds an Event and Receives Compensation
5 in Connection with the Event, but does not include the following:

6 (1) A Permittee, when the Event is held at the venue of the Permittee's Place of
7 Entertainment Permit, Extended-Hours Premises Permit, One-Time Event Permit, or Dance Hall
8 Permit;

9 (2) A print, broadcast, or internet medium that is paid solely for page space or broadcast
10 time to advertise an event, but exercises no other responsibilities in connection with the Event;

11 (3) A ticket seller who sells admission tickets to an Event from its own place of business, not
12 at the site of the Event and in advance of the Event, but exercises no other responsibilities in connection
13 with the Event;

14 (4) An entertainer or performer who is not compensated, or who is compensated solely for
15 his or her performance or presentation of Entertainment at the Event;

16 (5) An agent of an entertainer or performer described in subsection (d)(4) above;

17 (6) An employee of an Event Promoter; or

18 (7) An agent, official, or employee of the City acting in the course of his or her position as
19 an agent, official, or employee.

20 **SEC.1075.1.1. OTHER DEFINITIONS.**

21 For purposes of this Article, all terms that are used in this Article and defined in Police Code
22 Sections 1022, 1060, or 1070 have the same meaning as in those Police Code Sections. In addition, for
23 purposes of this Article:

24 (a) "City" is the City and County of San Francisco.

25 (b) "Commission" is the Entertainment Commission.

1 (c) "Permit" is a Place of Entertainment Permit, Extended-Hours Premises Permit, One
2 Time Event Permit, or Dance Hall Permit.

3 (d) "Permittee" is the holder of a Place of Entertainment Permit, Extended-Hours Premises
4 Permit, One Time Event Permit, or Dance Hall Permit.

5 (e) "Registrant" is an Event Promoter who has registered with the Commission under
6 Sections 1075.2.1 and 1075.2.2.

7 (f) "Registration Receipt" is the record issued to a Registrant by the Director under Section
8 1075.2.3

9 **SEC. 1075.2. EVENT PROMOTER REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

10 Any Person who acts as an Event Promoter in the City shall register with the Commission as an
11 Event Promoter.

12 **SEC. 1075.2.1. SUBMISSION OF REGISTRATION INFORMATION.**

13 (a) To register as an Event Promoter, a Person shall complete a form or forms prescribed
14 by the Director, and submit the completed form(s) to the Director. The form(s) shall be submitted
15 under penalty of perjury.

16 (b) The form(s) shall include the following information:

17 (1) The Person's name, address, phone number, e-mail address (if any), and fax number (if
18 any).

19 (2) The Person's trade name or business name when acting as an Event Promoter.

20 (3) All trade names or business names used by the Person when acting as an Event
21 Promoter during the three years prior to submission of the form(s).

22 (4) If the Person is a corporation, the name of the corporation shall be set forth as shown in
23 its articles of incorporation, along with the date and place of incorporation and the name and address
24 of officers, directors, and of each shareholder owning ten percent or more of the stock of the
25 corporation.

1 (5) If the Person is a partnership, the name and address of each of the partners, including
2 limited partners. If one or more of the partners is a corporation, the information required in
3 subsections (b)(1) through (b)(4) above pertaining to a corporate applicant apply for that partner.

4 (6) If the Person is a corporation or partnership, the names and business telephone
5 numbers, cell phone numbers, email addresses, fax numbers, and any other business contact
6 information for the day-to-day manager(s) of the corporation or partnership.

7 (7) The name(s) and address(es) that appear on any business registration certificate for the
8 Person.

9 (8) The address to which notice to the Person, when required, is to be sent or mailed, and
10 the name and address of the individual(s) authorized to accept service of process for the Person.

11 (9) At the discretion of the Director, other identification and contact information similar in
12 nature to the information in subsections (b)(1)-(8) above.

13 (c) A Registrant shall update the information required to be submitted under subsection (b)
14 above within 30 days after the information becomes inaccurate or incomplete.

15 **SEC. 1075.2.2. ONLINE REGISTRATION AND POSTING.**

16 (a) The City shall make the form(s) described in Sections 1075.2.1(a) and (b) available
17 online. Persons shall be permitted to complete and submit the forms to the Director online.

18 (b) All completed forms shall be publicly available online on the Commission's website or
19 such other website as the Director, in consultation with the Department of Technology, shall determine.
20 Any completed forms submitted in hard copy to the Director shall be placed online by the Director with
21 the other completed forms submitted online. In lieu of the requirement that completed forms be posted
22 online, the Director may post online a registry of Registrants containing the information submitted
23 under Sections 1075.2.1(b)(1) and (2), and such other information submitted under Sections
24 1075.2.1(b)(3)-(9) as the Director chooses to include in the registry.

1 (c) The Director shall make a public announcement when the online registration system
2 described in subsections (a) and (b) above become operational. The Director's announcement shall be
3 made by posting a prominent notice on the Commission's website; by mailing or emailing the notice to
4 all Event Promoters for which the Director has contact information; by mailing or emailing the notice
5 to all Permittees and requesting that they forward the notice to Event Promoters; and, in the Director's
6 discretion, by mailing or emailing the notice to trade associations, if any, connected to Event
7 Promoters. The Director may take other measures, in the Director's discretion, to publicize the online
8 registration system. The Director's failure to comply with this subsection (c) shall not invalidate this
9 Article or affect its operative date.

10 **SEC. 1075.2.3. REGISTRATION RECEIPT.**

11 Upon submission of the completed form(s) required under Sections 1075.2 and 1075.2.1, the
12 Director shall issue a Registration Receipt to the Registrant. The Director shall determine the form
13 and content of the Registration Receipt.

14 **SEC. 1075.2.4. SALE OR CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP.**

15 (a) When there is a sale of the Registrant's business or a change of ownership, the
16 Registrant shall notify the Director, who shall remove the Registrant from the online system described
17 in Section 1075.2.2(b).

18 (b) A sale of the Registrant's business or a change of ownership does not make the Person
19 that is the new owner a Registrant. To act as an Event Promoter, the Person that is the new owner
20 must become a Registrant by complying with Sections 1075.2 and 1075.2.1.

21 (c) For a Registrant that is a corporation, a change of ownership occurs when (i) a Person
22 who, at the time of the Registrant's submitting information to the Director under Section 1075.2.1, did
23 not own or control more than 50% of the shares of stock in the corporation, acquires or gains control
24 over more than 50% of the shares, or (ii) Persons who, at the time of the Registrant's submitting
25 information to the Director under Section 1075.2.1, did not cumulatively own or control more than

1 50% of the shares of stock in the corporation, cumulatively acquire or gain control over more than
2 50% of the shares, provided that each of those Persons has acquired or gained control over at least
3 10% of those shares.

4 (d) For a Registrant that is a partnership, a change of ownership occurs when (i) a Person
5 who, at the time of the Registrant's submitting information to the Director under Section 1075.2.1, did
6 not own or control more than 50% of the partnership or its assets, gains ownership or control of more
7 than 50% of the partnership or its assets, or (ii) Persons who, at the time of the Registrant's submitting
8 information to the Director under Section 1075.2.1, did not cumulatively own or control more than
9 50% of the partnership or its assets, cumulatively gain ownership or control of more than 50% of the
10 partnership or its assets, provided that each of those Persons has gained ownership or control over at
11 least 10% of the partnership or its assets.

12 **SEC. 1075.3. EVENT PROMOTER RECORDS AND INFORMATION.**

13 Any Event Promoter or Permittee shall cooperate with City officials, including but not limited to
14 the Director and the Commission, in providing access to records or any other information relevant to
15 determining:

16 (a) The Event Promoter's compliance with this Article or with any Order imposed under
17 Sections 1075.5 or 1075.5.1;

18 (b) A Permittee's compliance with this Article; and

19 (c) The Event Promoter's role and involvement in promoting an Event. The purpose of this
20 subsection (c) is to ascertain the Event Promoter's connection, if any, to the risk or actual occurrence
21 of injury to persons, damage to property, or other safety problems associated with an Event.

22 **SEC. 1075.4. PERMITTEES' USE OF REGISTERED EVENT PROMOTERS.**

23 A Permittee may not have a Person act as an Event Promoter at or in connection with an Event
24 at a Place of Entertainment, Extended-Hours Premises, location of a One Time Event, or Dance Hall
25 unless the Event Promoter is a Registrant. For purposes of this requirement, the Permittee may

1 conclude that an Event Promoter is a Registrant if the Event Promoter is listed online in the system
2 described in Section 1075.2.2(b). In circumstances where the Permittee does not have access to the
3 online system, or where a Registrant is not included in the online system due to the City's delay, failure,
4 or error, the Permittee may conclude that the Event Promoter is a Registrant based on (1) the Event
5 Promoter's possession of a valid Registration Receipt and (2) confirmation from the Director that the
6 Event Promoter is a Registrant.

7 **SEC. 1075.5. DIRECTOR'S POWERS REGARDING EVENT PROMOTERS.**

8 If an Event Promoter has promoted one or more Events (i) whether or not within the territorial
9 limits of the City, at which the Director determines, in consultation with the Police Department, that
10 there has been a significant risk or actual occurrence of injury to persons, damage to property, or other
11 serious safety problems, or (ii) within the territorial limits of the City, at which the Director determines,
12 in consultation with the Police Department, that there has been an actual occurrence of serious
13 neighborhood disturbance including but not limited to traffic, litter, and noise problems, and if the
14 Director determines, in consultation with the Police Department, that the Event Promoter bears
15 significant responsibility for the risk or actual occurrence referenced in (i) above or the actual
16 occurrence referenced in (ii) above, the Director may issue an Order that:

17 (a) Requires the Event Promoter to report to the Director some or all future Events within
18 the City for which the Event Promoter will be Holding the Event. The report shall be promptly made
19 following the Event Promoter's knowledge that the Event Promoter will be Holding the Event;

20 (b) Requires that enhanced Security Plan requirements shall apply to some or all Permittees
21 that use the Event Promoter to hold an Event;

22 (c) Requires that the Event Promoter hold commercial general liability insurance to cover
23 bodily injury and property damage arising from an Event. The Director's Order shall specify the
24 amount of insurance to be held and other conditions pertaining to the insurance. The Director's Order
25 may extend to insurance for a particular Event or for all Events promoted by the Event Promoter;

1 (d) Requires that the Event Promoter's managers, employees, and other personnel be
2 subject to criminal background checks; and/or

3 (e) Requires that the Event Promoter adhere to other conditions and requirements that are
4 warranted in light of the facts and circumstances giving rise to the Order.

5 **SEC. 1075.5.1. PROCEDURES AND APPEAL RIGHTS.**

6 (a) The Director shall send an Order imposed under Section 1075.5 to the Event Promoter
7 electronically and by mail or personal delivery. The Order shall state its date of issuance and its
8 effective date.

9 (b) To provide the Event Promoter an opportunity to appeal, the Director's Order shall not
10 take effect for ten City business days from the date the Order issues. Any Event Promoter directed to
11 comply with the Director's Order may appeal the Director's Order within ten City business days of the
12 date that the Order issues by filing a written request for review with the Secretary of the Commission.
13 The Event Promoter shall not be required to comply with the Director's Order pending the
14 Commission's action on the matter. If the Event Promoter withdraws the appeal, the Director's Order
15 shall take effect immediately upon the withdrawal of the appeal or upon the effective date of the
16 Director's Order, whichever is later.

17 (c) When acting on the appeal, the Commission may affirm, overturn, or modify the
18 Director's Order.

19 **SEC. 1075.5.2. DURATION OF DIRECTOR'S OR COMMISSION'S ORDER.**

20 (a) An Order imposed by the Director under Section 1075.5 may, at the Director's
21 discretion, include an expiration date. An Order imposed by the Commission under Section
22 1075.5.1(c) that modifies the Director's Order may, at the Commission's discretion, include an
23 expiration date.

24 (b) An Event Promoter who is the subject of an Order imposed by the Director under
25 Section 1075.5 may at any time request that the Director lift the Order or shorten its duration. The

1 Director's decision in response to the request shall not be appealable to the Commission. An Event
2 Promoter who is the subject of an Order imposed by the Commission under Section 1075.5.1(c) that
3 modifies the Director's Order may at any time request that the Commission lift the Order or shorten its
4 duration. The Commission may make a decision in response to the request, or delegate the decision to
5 the Director.

6 **SEC. 1075.5.3. ONLINE DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTOR'S OR COMMISSION'S ORDER.**

7 (a) The Director shall include in the online system described in Section 1075.2.2(b) a
8 reference to any Order that is in effect, imposed by the Director under Section 1075.5 or by the
9 Commission under Section 1075.5.1, against an Event Promoter. The Director shall determine the
10 degree of detail pertaining to the Order to be included in the online system.

11 (b) When using an Event Promoter in connection with an Event, Permittees have an
12 obligation to ascertain whether there is an Order in effect, imposed by the Director under Section
13 1075.5 or by the Commission under Section 1075.5.1, against an Event Promoter that requires
14 enhanced Security Plan requirements for Events to be Held by the Event Promoter or requires the
15 Event Promoter to have commercial general liability insurance in connection with an Event. If a
16 Permittee contracts with or otherwise engages the services of an Event Promoter, the Permittee (in
17 addition to the Event Promoter) has a duty to proceed with the Event in a manner that is consistent with
18 the requirements of the Director's or Commission's Order.

19 **SEC. 1075.6. MULTIPLE EVENT PROMOTERS FOR A SINGLE EVENT.**

20 (a) The definition of Event Promoter does not limit the number of Persons who may qualify
21 as an Event Promoter for a single Event. There can be more than one Event Promoter for a single
22 Event.

23 (b) An Event Promoter may not contract with or otherwise engage another Event Promoter
24 to Hold the same Event unless the other Event Promoter ("Other Event Promoter") is a Registrant. For
25 purposes of this requirement, the Event Promoter may conclude that the Other Event Promoter is a

1 Registrant if the Other Event Promoter is listed online in the system described in Section 1075.2.2(b).
2 In circumstances where the Event Promoter does not have access to the online system, or where the
3 Other Event Promoter is not included in the online system due to the City's delay, failure, or error, the
4 Event Promoter may conclude that the Other Event Promoter is a Registrant based on (1) the Other
5 Event Promoter's possession of a valid Registration Receipt and (2) confirmation from the Director
6 that the Other Event Promoter is a Registrant.

7 (c) An Event Promoter that contracts with or otherwise engages another Event Promoter to
8 Hold the same Event must promptly notify the Permittee that the Other Event Promoter is also Holding
9 the Event.

10 (d) A Permittee's obligation under Section 1075.4 to only use registered Event Promoters
11 for an Event applies to all Event Promoters Holding the Event.

12 **SEC. 1075.7. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES FOR EVENT PROMOTERS.**

13 Any Event Promoter who violates Sections 1075.2, 1075.2.1, 1075.2.4, 1075.3, 1075.6, or an
14 Order imposed under Sections 1075.5 or 1075.5.1 shall be subject to administrative penalties as set
15 forth in Administrative Code Chapter 100, "Procedures Governing the Imposition of Administrative
16 Fines," which is hereby incorporated in its entirety and which shall govern the amount of fees and the
17 procedure for imposition, enforcement, collection, and administrative review of administrative
18 citations. The Director shall impose fines for violation of the aforementioned Sections or Orders as set
19 forth in Section 100.5(a) of the Administrative Code. Each day during which a Section or Order is
20 violated shall be considered a separate violation.

21 **SEC. 1075.8. SANCTIONS FOR PERMITTEES.**

22 Any Permittee who violates Sections 1075.3, 1075.4, or 1075.5.3 shall be subject to the
23 following sanctions:

24 (a) Permit suspension under Sections 1027, 1060.20 et seq., and 1070.17 et seq. of the
25 Police Code;

1 **(b) Permit revocation under Section 1027 of the Police Code and, where applicable,**
2 **Sections 1060.20.4, 1060.20.5, 1070.20(a)(4), and 1070.20(a)(5) of the Police Code;**
3 **(c) Criminal penalties under Sections 1027, 1060.25(a), and 1070.24(a) of the Police Code;**
4 **and**
5 **(d) Administrative penalties as set forth in Administrative Code Chapter 100, "Procedures**
6 **Governing the Imposition of Administrative Fines," which is hereby incorporated in its entirety and**
7 **which shall govern the amount of fees and the procedure for imposition, enforcement, collection, and**
8 **administrative review of administrative citations. The Director shall impose fines for violation of this**
9 **Article as set forth in Section 100.5(a) of the Administrative Code. Each day during which a Section or**
10 **Order is violated shall be considered a separate violation.**

11 **SEC. 1075.9. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER MUNICIPAL CODE PROVISIONS.**

12 **This Article is intended to enhance the City's powers regarding the matters covered in the**
13 **Article. It is not intended to limit the City's existing powers. By way of example but not limitation:**

14 **(a) This Article does not limit the duties and responsibilities of Permittees, or the sanctions**
15 **and penalties that may be imposed against Permittees under Articles 15.1 and 15.2 of the Police Code.**
16 **Imposition of an Order against an Event Promoter under Section 1075.5 or 1075.5.1 does not absolve a**
17 **Permittee of responsibility for the safety problems that gave rise to the Order against the Event**
18 **Promoter.**

19 **(b) This Article does not limit the City's powers regarding dances and Dance Halls as**
20 **specified in Sections 1022-1027 of the Police Code.**

21 **SEC. 1075.10. ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS.**

22 **The Commission may adopt regulations implementing the provisions of this Article.**

23 **SEC. 1075.11. PROMOTION OF GENERAL WELFARE.**

24 **In undertaking the enforcement of this Article, the City is assuming an undertaking only to**
25 **promote the general welfare. It is not assuming, nor is it imposing on its officers and employees, an**

1 obligation for breach of which it is liable in money damages to any person who claims that such breach
2 proximately caused injury.

3 **SEC. 1075.12. AUTHORITY OF SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

4 Nothing in this Article is intended to restrict or alter in any way the authority vested in the San
5 Francisco Police Department under Federal, State, or local law.

6 **SEC. 1075.13. SEVERABILITY.**

7 If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Article or
8 any part thereof, is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of
9 competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining
10 portions of this Article or any part thereof. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would
11 have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof,
12 irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences,
13 clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective.

14 **SEC. 1075.14. OPERATIVE DATE.**

15 When the online registration system described in Sections 1075.2.2(a) and (b) is operational,
16 the Director shall post a notice to that effect on the Commission's website and shall file a notice to that
17 effect with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. This Article shall become operative on its effective
18 date if 30 days have elapsed since the aforementioned posting of the website notice and filing of the
19 notice with the Clerk. Otherwise, this Article shall become operative after its effective date once 30
20 days have elapsed since the posting of the website notice and filing of the notice with the Clerk.

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