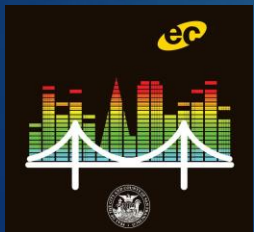


File No. 230861: Modernizing Entertainment Permitting

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Background

- File No. 230861 is legislation introduced by the Mayor to reform the Police Code to support the nightlife & entertainment sector
- Emerged from City Administrator and Entertainment Commission goals to improve the customer experience, simplify business processes, and improve regulatory coordination
- Would provide relief to support businesses in continuing outdoor music and entertainment activities started during the pandemic
- Would also implement variety of streamlining measures and technical fixes to improve entertainment permitting
- This Police Code-focused legislation complements pending small business reform legislation being led by the Office of Small Business to improve Planning Code

Fee Waivers, Supporting Outdoor Activities

- Waive entertainment permit application fee for any business moving from a Just Add Music (JAM) Permit to a brick-and-mortar entertainment permit to continue offering outdoor entertainment or amplified sound
 - A business getting a permit for the first time will also have its initial license fee waived
- Waive entertainment permit application and initial license fees for existing businesses that are newly able to apply for entertainment permits due to zoning changes
- Clarify where businesses may acquire Limited Live Performance permits to include outdoor patios that are not surrounded by enclosed buildings

Streamlining Referrals and Requirements

- Eliminate referrals of:
 - Place of Entertainment permit applications to the Department of Building Inspection where a premises has held a Place of Entertainment permit within the past year
 - Fixed Place Amplified Sound permit applications to the Department of Public Health
- Remove the mandatory hearing requirement for a billiard parlor permit
- Delete outdated and unnecessary operating standards that mandated staffing and infrastructure to receive a permit to operate an arcade
- Reform several technical pieces of the entertainment permitting process

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