



Request for City Council Committee Action from Licenses and Consumer Services

Date: April 1, 2014

To: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Chair
Community Development and Regulatory Services Committee

Subject: Ordinance amendment related to hearing protection devices for Class A and Class B On-Sale Liquor, Wine and Beer Establishments

Recommendation: That the Community Development and Regulatory Services Committee approve amending Chapter 364 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances requiring all Class A and Class B Liquor, Wine, and Beer On-Sale Establishments to make available hearing protection for patrons.

Previous Directives: None

Department Information

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Presenters in Committee: Grant Wilson

Financial Impact

- No financial impact

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification: Public Hearing Notices were sent to all Class A and Class B On-Sale Liquor, Wine and Beer establishments, Business Associations, Neighborhood Organizations, and posted on the Business Licenses' website.
- City Goals: Businesses — big and small — start here, stay here, and thrive here.

Supporting Information

Minneapolis' entertainment scene boasts an eclectic array of chic, vibrant, and upbeat bars, lounges and nightclubs. In addition to providing a hospitable

environment for dining and socializing, many offer a place for patrons to enjoy music, dancing and live entertainment.

Without exception, establishments that host live bands or DJs must balance the noise associated with the entertainment and its impact on patrons and the community. While sound barriers can minimize effects to the local area, these enhancements do not protect customers who are vulnerable to irreversible hearing damage.

Staff is recommending requiring all Class A and Class B On-Sale Liquor, Wine and Beer establishments make available personal protective equipment as a means of protecting patrons' hearing without compromising entertainment goals.

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By Frey

Amending Title 14, Chapter 364 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Liquor and Beer: Liquor Regulations.

The City Council of The City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

That Chapter 364 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended by adding thereto a new Section 364.115 to read as follows:

364.115. Hearing protection devices. All Class A and Class B on-sale liquor, wine and beer licensees shall have and make available, free of charge, hearing protection devices to all patrons and employees. Such single-use earplugs must have a Noise Reduction Rating (NRR) of at least thirty (30) decibels. The requirement imposed by this section shall not apply unless the license official has identified a source or supplier of such hearing protection devices to provide sufficient devices free of charge to all such establishments.