



Legislation Text

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Ordinance to Repeal in its Entirety Article 8, Chapter 30-8-13 of the Land Development Ordinance:
Entertainment Facility Use Standards and Repeal in its Entirety, Rewrite, and Enact Chapter 18, Article VI of
the Greensboro Code of Ordinances: Night Club Security Ordinance

Department: Executive
Council District: All

Public Hearing: No
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PURPOSE:

To repeal Article 8, Chapter 30-8-13: Entertainment Facility Use Standards of the Land Development Ordinance and repeal in its entirety, rewrite and enact Chapter 18, Article VI of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances: Night Club Security Ordinance.

BACKGROUND:

The City Council finds and declares that that criminal acts of violence have repeatedly occurred at night clubs, dance clubs, after-hours clubs, promoted events, sexually oriented live entertainment businesses, restaurants and bars operating as night clubs, and teen clubs. Such occurrences constitute a detriment, danger and hazard to the health, safety, morals, general welfare, peace, and dignity of the inhabitants of the city, and this condition requires the enactment of regulations which impose minimum security requirements upon night clubs in order to prevent or reduce the occurrence of future acts of violence

North Carolina General Statute §160A-181 enables the City of Greensboro to regulate places of amusement and entertainment, including night clubs. Any regulations of night clubs shall be consistent with any permits or licenses issued by the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission. The City of Greensboro intends to regulate night clubs to ensure the safety and security of the public in a manner wholly consistent with any permits or licenses issued by the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

North Carolina General Statute §160A-181.1 enables the City of Greensboro to regulate sexually oriented businesses in order to prevent or ameliorate their adverse secondary impacts. The City of Greensboro intends to regulate sexually oriented businesses through an appropriate local ordinance to ensure the safety and security of the public in accordance with §160A-181.1(c).

On December 2, 2014, City Council passed the Entertainment Facility Security Ordinance requiring night clubs to hire trained security staff; and subsequently conducted public hearings on January 7, 2015 and January 14, 2015 to gather input from various stakeholders concerning the December 2, 2014 Entertainment Facility

Security Ordinance. In response to the public hearings, City Council modified several aspects of the December 2, 2014 Entertainment Facility Security Ordinance and directed staff to revise the ordinance accordingly.

The City of Greensboro is enabled by the State of North Carolina through North Carolina General Statute §160A-181 and §160A-181.1 to enact Chapter 18 Article VI of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances: Night Club Security Ordinance.

Attached as Exhibit A is a two (2) year overview of data about violent incidents at the night clubs and sexually oriented businesses that are subject to the Night Club Security Ordinance.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

It is recommended that City Council repeal Article 8, Chapter 30-8-13: Entertainment Facility Use Standards of the Land Development Ordinance and repeal in its entirety, rewrite, and enact Chapter 18, Article VI of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances: Night Club Security Ordinance.