




MEMORANDUM

Date: January 11, 2024
To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners
Via: Albert P. Childress 
City Manager
From: Jim Young
Director of Code Compliance
Subject: **Amending the City's Entertainment License Ordinance**

Introduction

The City Commission will consider amending/adding Sections 18-57 and 18-60 of the Code of Ordinances.

Background

On April 4, 2023, at the City Commission meeting Mayor Johnston, Commissioner Weekly and Commissioner Lopez directed City Manager Childress to work with City Attorney Ramsingh in reviewing the entire sound control ordinance and bring back to the Commission changes to the ordinance. There were three community meetings conducted on May 3, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., May 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., and May 24, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. where approximately 100 residents attended.

In attendance were business owners, residents and musicians and there were many comments and suggestions. It appeared many of the meetings were attended by musicians who were opposed to any changes or wanted to see the decibel levels for a violation increased. One of the comments made was that entertainment licenses should not be automatically renewed.

In a follow up Directors meeting City Manager Childress directed the Code Compliance Director to craft amendments to the entertainment license ordinance and to work with the City Attorney on preparing the amendments to the ordinance. The proposed amendment seeks to reduce the number of violations for a business from three to one before the City Manager conducts a suspension or revocation hearing for the entertainment license. The reasoning for the reduction is due to the Ordinance allowing for a verbal warning, then on subsequent complaints a Notice of Code

Violation being issued with a compliance period, then a Notice of Hearing if compliance is not achieved.

Procurement

There is no financial impact on the City.

Recommendation

The Manager's Office recommends the Mayor and Commission approve the amending of Sections 18-57 and 26-60 of the Code of Ordinances.