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DINE AND DANCE REGULATIONS

San Diego's Municipal Code requires a 400-square-foot specificallyreserved floor as a minimum for public dancing in an establishment where alcoholic beverages are served. The requirements of this section of the Code, however, may be varied by City Council resolution on an individual case basis.

At its February 11 meeting, the City Council asked this office to compare San Diego's dine and dance regulations with other California cities, and to obtain some reactions from law enforcement personnel and businessmen involved with the regulations.

The City of Sacramento allows no public dancing where alcoholic beverages are made available, except in major hotels (50 rooms or more) or at private clubs or public auditoriums.

Long Beach limits public dancing under similar circumstances to a separate area of not less than 350 sq. ft., with a minimum of 10 feet on each side of the floor. The City of Los Angeles enforces square footage dance floor minimums where alcohol is served on a formula: 200 sq. ft. where seating is for 50 to 75 persons; and 400 sq. ft. where more than 75 can be accommodated.

Owner acceptance of San Diego's 400 sq. foot minimum regulation (public dancing where alcoholic beverages are available) depends on his ability to meet the requirement.

Based on the opinions of enforcement agencies involved with this section of the code, and the built-in flexibility reserved for the City Council, it is recommended that no changes be made in this Code provision.

Respectfully submitted,

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