



## SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT - PERMITS AND LICENSING



### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT INFORMATION SHEET

San Diego Municipal Code, Section 33.0101(c), states you must have a valid police permit to operate a business designated as police regulated. You are responsible for being familiar with and complying with the rules and regulations related to Entertainment. Copies of the Entertainment and General Divisions for police regulated activities may be obtained from the City Clerk's office located at 202 C Street, 2nd Floor, Telephone # (619) 533-4000 or via the City's website: <https://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/officialdocs/municipal-code>.

New applications may be submitted in person at the Office of the City Treasurer located at:  
1200 Third Avenue, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92101

Mailing Address: SDPD Permits, P.O. Box 122289, San Diego, CA 92112-2289

For questions, contact the Business Tax Program at (619) 615-1500.

Note: Regulation and enforcement will continue to be performed by SDPD.

#### YOU MUST PROVIDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING WHEN APPLYING FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED POLICE PERMIT

#### INCOMPLETE APPLICATION PACKETS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

- **NOTE:** The granting of a police permit does not relieve the applicant from obtaining all appropriate approvals required by the City of San Diego, State, or Federal law. The granting of a permit does not relieve a permittee from the permittee's obligation to comply with all applicable Local, State, and Federal laws, including those related to building, zoning, fire, and other public safety regulations. The granting of a police permit does not vest any development rights in the property or business (SDMC 33.0309). In order to legally operate your business and to establish that your business location is suitable, it is **strongly recommended** that you first obtain the following:
  - o ZONING APPROVAL – This can be obtained from the City of San Diego Development Services, 1222 First Avenue, 3rd Floor, San Diego, CA 92101, Telephone No.: (619) 446-5000.
- POLICE PERMIT APPLICATION - Fill out the application completely. Only one of the owner/officers must complete the Police Permit Application. A criminal records check will be made on the applicant. A 30-day investigation period begins at the time the complete application is submitted.
- BUSINESS ADDENDUM – Each additional corporate officer or partner is deemed an applicant and must complete a Business Addendum application. An applicant who is a corporation or partnership shall designate one of its officers or general partners to act as its responsible managing officer. The responsible managing officer may complete, sign and submit all applications on behalf of the corporate officers and partners. A criminal records check will be made on each applicant. A 30-day investigation period begins at the time the complete application package is submitted.
- STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING – You must submit a signed statement of understanding with your application.
- EVIDENCE OF MAX OCCUPANCY – (i.e.: building/fire inspection certification) For more information, refer to: <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/dsdb590.pdf>
- CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, if applicable.
- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSE (with copy of conditions) from State of California Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1350 Front Street (Room 5056), San Diego, CA 92101 (619) 525-4064 (if applicable). **NOTE: The conditions must specify that entertainment is allowed.**
- BUSINESS TAX CERTIFICATE – City of San Diego Business Tax Certificates can be obtained from the City Treasurer's Office located at 1200 Third Avenue, 1st Floor, San Diego, CA 92101, Telephone No.: (619) 615-1500.
- CORPORATE ARTICLES, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP DOCS, OR FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT – Applicable documentation as filed with State of California and/or County of San Diego.
- IDENTIFICATION – Copy of valid government issued picture ID (driver's license or military ID).
- FEES – Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted. Please make checks, money orders, and cashier's checks payable to the **City Treasurer**.

In addition to the annual PD Regulatory fee, all new and renewal permits are assessed a non-refundable Application Fee\*. The application fee consists of a \$24 investigative fee (background review) per owner/officer and a \$63 administrative fee (\$59 at the time of renewal).

#### ON-GOING ENTERTAINMENT WITH ALCOHOL OR DANCING:

**\$2,369.00** - ANNUALLY - 99 PERSONS OR LESS  
**\$3,128.00** - ANNUALLY - 100-249 PERSONS  
**\$4,835.00** - ANNUALLY - 250-399 PERSONS  
**\$6,230.00** - ANNUALLY - 400+ PERSONS

#### ON- GOING ENTERTAINMENT NO ALCOHOL OR DANCING:

**\$262.00** - ANNUALLY - 49 PERSONS OR LES  
**\$1,207.00** - ANNUALLY - 50 OR MORE PERSONS



# POLICE PERMIT APPLICATION

SUBMIT FORM IN PERSON AT:  
OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER  
1200 THIRD AVE SUITE 100, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101  
(619) 615-1500



PERMIT TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS TAX CERTIFICATE #: \_\_\_\_\_

Ownership Type

☐ Sole Proprietor ☐ Partnership ☐ Corporation ☐ LLC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Applicable to Entertainment Industry Only*

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT:**

AGE GROUP EXPECTED ATTENDANCE \_\_\_\_\_  
18 and UP ☐ 0 - 49 persons ☐  
21 and UP ☐ 50 or more persons ☐

**CIRCLE WHICHEVER APPLIES**

DANCING KARAOKE LIVE BAND D.J. OTHER

Applicant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License/ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Names (Maiden, Alias, Etc.): \_\_\_\_\_ Stage Name (A/E): \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Country

Eyes: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Where Applicant Expects to be Employed (Applicable to Adult Entertainers, Massage, HHP, Escorts, Tobacco Retailers, Peep Shows):

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ALL FICTITIOUS NAMES THE BUSINESS WILL OPERATE OR ADVERTISE UNDER:

	FICTITIOUS NAME	PHONE #
1		
2		
3		

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App. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Live Scan Rec: \_\_\_\_\_

Records Check: \_\_\_\_\_  
Initials/ID #

☐ RI01 ok or \_\_\_\_\_

Approving Officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

IF APPLICANT IS A CORPORATION:

NAME OF CORPORATION AS SHOWN IN ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR CHARTER	DATE OF INCORPORATION	STATE OF INCORPORATION

NAMES AND RESIDENCE ADDRESSES OF EACH CURRENT CORPORATE OFFICER, DIRECTOR, OR PARTNER (INCLUDING LIMITED PARTNERS):

(ADDITIONAL OWNERS/OFFICERS MUST COMPLETE OWNER/OFFICER ADDENDUM)

NAME	TITLE

LIST FULL TRUE NAME AND ANY OTHER NAMES USED BY THE OWNERS AND ANY PERSONS WHO EXERCISE CONTROL OVER THE OPERATION, MANAGEMENT, DIRECTION OR POLICY OF THE BUSINESS, OR WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAILY OPERATION OF THE BUSINESS:

	FULL NAME	TITLE
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

APPLICANT'S PREMISES ARE "" ""OWNED "" ""LEASED/RENTED

IF RENTED OR LEASED, PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PROPERTY OWNER(S):

PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME	PROPERTY OWNER'S ADDRESS	PHONE #

1. List similar permits or licenses issued by any agency or board, or any city, county, state or federal agency in the past five (5) years.

***IF NONE, INITIAL HERE:*** \_\_\_\_\_

	TYPE OF LICENSE	LICENSE NUMBER	DATES HELD	CITY AND STATE
1.			From To	
2.			From To	
3.			From To	
4.			From To	
5.			From To	

2. Have you ever had any permit or license issued by any agency or board, or any city, county, state or federal agency denied, suspended or revoked? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please complete below:

CITY/STATE	DATE OF SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION	REASON
1.		
2.		
3.		

3. List all criminal convictions, including convictions in another state and those under appeal. Include pleading of guilty to a lesser charge in satisfaction of, or as a substitute for, an original charge, and pleadings of *nolo contendere* or no contest. Expunged convictions must be listed per California Penal Code section 1203.4(a). Infractions are excluded.

**IF NONE, INITIAL HERE:** \_\_\_\_\_

	CHARGE	DATE CONVICTED	LOCATION OF COURT
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

\*For additional info in any section, please use separate sheet(s).

**APPLICANTS:** It is the responsibility of the permit holder to renew the permit no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the expiration date on the permit. Failure to renew on time will result in a penalty fee of \$25.00 plus 10% of the regulatory fee. If a renewal is not completed with all fees and penalties paid within the following calendar month after the due date, the permit expires and business operations, occupations, or activities allowed by the permit must cease. Any outstanding balance (PD or Business Tax fees) may be referred to our Delinquent Accounts Program.

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**INITIAL HERE:** \_\_\_\_\_

To review grounds for denial, please refer to Municipal Code section 33.0305. Municipal Code or specific industry code sections may be accessed at the web address referenced above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF APPLICATION

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE ON YOUR APPLICATION MAY BE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE PER THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT**



# POLICE PERMIT APPLICATION – OWNER/OFFICER ADDENDUM

SUBMIT FORM IN PERSON AT:  
OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER  
1200 THIRD AVE SUITE 100, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101  
(619) 615-1500



**PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS IF APPLICABLE**  
(TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY)

PERMIT TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS TAX CERTIFICATE#: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Title: ☐ Partner ☐ Corporate Officer ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License/ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Business Where Applicant Expects to be Employed*

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Records Check: \_\_\_\_\_ RI01 OK or: \_\_\_\_\_

Approving Officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENT STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING**

1. Name of business: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

**Live Entertainment is regulated by the San Diego Municipal Code, Sections # 33.1501 through #33.1514. You are responsible for being familiar with and complying with the rules and regulations related to live entertainment at your business. Copies of the Entertainment Establishment Ordinance and General Provisions for police regulated activities may be obtained from the City Clerk's office located at 202 C Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Telephone # (619) 533-4000 or via the City's website:**

**[SDMC Chapter 3, Article 3, Division 15 and SDMC Chapter 3, Article 3, Division 4, Section 2.](#)**

When providing live entertainment you are responsible for all of the following rules and regulations:

#33.1501- You will be held responsible for controlling patron conduct in and around your business, making adequate provisions for crowd control. You are responsible to minimize disturbances as a result of the operation of entertainment.

#33.1503- You must have your entertainment permit at your business and readily available to Vice and/or police personnel whenever requested.

#33.1510- The owner and/or manager on duty shall be responsible for the orderly dispersal of individuals from the vicinity of the establishment at closing time, and shall not allow congregation inside or outside establishment.

#33.1513- The owner will be responsible to enforce the conditions placed on entertainment permit relating to the operation and type of business.

#33.0401-#33.0406- Regulatory action may be taken against your entertainment permit if violations of the San Diego Municipal Code Entertainment Sections occur.

#33.0308-(A)-(J)- It is the owner's responsibility to renew the entertainment permit by the expired date. If renewal applications are submitted within less than thirty days, but more than ten calendar days after the due date, an additional \$25 plus ten percent of the regulatory fee will be due to complete the application for renewal.

**I have read and understand the requirements listed above. If I have any questions regarding these requirements, I understand that I may call and speak with a Police Code Compliance Officer about any questions or concerns I might have regarding my entertainment permit.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date