



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

#21-0782

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: September 9, 2021

TITLE: Discussion of the Special Entertainment Overlay District -
(Commission Districts 2 and 4)

At the July meeting, Commission asked staff to review the concept of the special entertainment overlay district. The ordinance, Section 5, Article III, was adopted in 1992 "...to create the opportunity to and encourage the development of areas which promote the cultural, economic educational and general welfare of the people of Fort Lauderdale in conjunction with the development of areas catering to and promoting tourism and providing entertainment centers for the utilization and enjoyment of the public." Currently, there are five districts. Two are on A1A north of Las Olas Blvd and three are west of Andrews Avenue between Las Olas Blvd and SW 2nd Street.

A presentation is attached highlighting components of the ordinance. Basically, venues in a designated entertainment district enjoy benefits other areas of town do not:

- They may sell alcohol until 4 am, seven days a week (everywhere else, venues can sell alcohol until 2 am during the week and 3 am on the weekends)
- Alcohol sold for consumption in the district, "...may be consumed, held, carried and transported in the original or substitute container, at any location within the district..."
- There is no minimum distance requirement between establishments that sell alcohol within the district
- The allowable sound levels are higher in an entertainment district and those higher levels can be played for later hours

Staff is looking for Commission direction on how to proceed with the districts, and/or the ordinance.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Section 5, Article III, Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances

Exhibit 2 – Special Entertainment Overlay District

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