

Draft recommendations from the Rainey Working Group to be presented for the consideration of the full Downtown Commission.

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WHEREAS, Austin City Council passed a resolution making operating a cocktail lounge a conditional use in the Rainey Street neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Music Division has lowered the dB level to 75 and the cut-off times are 10:30 Sunday through Wednesday, 11:00pm Thursday and Midnight on Friday and Saturday for OMV permit holders; and

WHEREAS, currently, within the boundaries established for downtown, only Single Family dwelling owners within 600ft, and adjacent multifamily owners can register as an interested party, and downtown Neighborhood Associations may not appeal issuance of an OMV permit; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Austin Plan contemplates a broad mix of uses for Rainey Street neighborhood

These are the recommendations of the Rainey Street Working Group of the Downtown Commission regarding sound issues facing the Rainey Street neighborhood.

- 1) Neighborhood Associations should have standing to appeal OMV permit issuance
- 2) Multifamily residents (renters and owners) within 600ft to receive the initial notice of any OMV permit request
- 3) Further reduce dB to 70db in accord with the restaurant use
- 4) Application fee increased to \$1500, or an amount sufficient to cover the costs of #5
- 5) Music office to perform a sound assessment of the venue and the affected properties within 600ft of the venue prior to issuance of OMV permit and recommend sound mitigation improvements (for both venues and adjacent properties)
- 6) Support the Music Office initiative for improving the musician welfare
- 7) For every citation for violating the terms of their OMV permit, the cost of the permits to increase
- 8) Measurement techniques to pay particular attention to bass frequencies.

Furthermore ...

- 1) We encourage future residential development to invest in design that considers sound mitigation building techniques
- 2) We would like a report from the Music Office that includes a complete record of enforcement of OMV permits in the Rainey Street neighborhood, including the techniques of enforcement
- 3) Similar to the fund the venues can access for investing in sound mitigation techniques, private residences also have access to this fund to invest their own money into sound mitigation within their dwelling.