



CHARLOTTE

NIGHTCLUBS, BARS AND RESTAURANTS

Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting
December 1, 2011



TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Recap of October 20, 2011 meeting
- Feedback of Past Recommendations
- Discussion
- Wrap-up/Next Steps

Noise Ordinance Overview:

- Covers the use of Outdoor Amplification and Music at Commercial Establishments
- Decibel levels range of 60 to 85 decibels, based on the time of day and the day of the week.
- Decibels levels are measured at the property line of the property in which the sound is being generated.

Recommendations:

Definitions for:

1. Social Entertainment
2. Restaurants
3. Restaurant with Social Entertainment closing after midnight
4. Nightclubs, Bars and Lounges

PRESCRIBED CONDITIONS

Restaurant with Social Entertainment, closing after midnight and Nightclubs:

- 400 separation required from social entertainment within an enclosed building, or from where social entertainment is located outside of building.
- If a major thoroughfare, railroad, or greenway is adjacent to a restaurant, then the minimum separation distance on that adjacent side(s) may be reduced to a minimum of 300 feet.

1. Separation Requirement

- a. 400 Too Excessive - reduce to 200', 100', 50' or 25'
- b. Keep separation as is - people want a safe neighborhood
- c. Negative impacts – late night and alcohol

2. Social Entertainment

- a. Allow a restaurant to remain open after midnight.
- a. Include outdoor entertainment at 400'

3. Restaurant

- a. Giving restaurants more options is an issue for residences
- b. Allow noise up to midnight
- c. Stay inside with noise and stay open longer
- d. Use of promoters – if using on regular basis – classify as a nightclub

4. Noise

- a. Change closing hours from midnight to 11:00 pm (some against) to be more in line with noise ordinance
- b. Decrease decibel level lower than the current noise ordinance after midnight
- c. Use fines as deterrent to observe noise level



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ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK

PROPOSED DEFINITIONS

ENTERTAINMENT

How should we distinguish the differences between uses that do provide entertainment and those that do not?



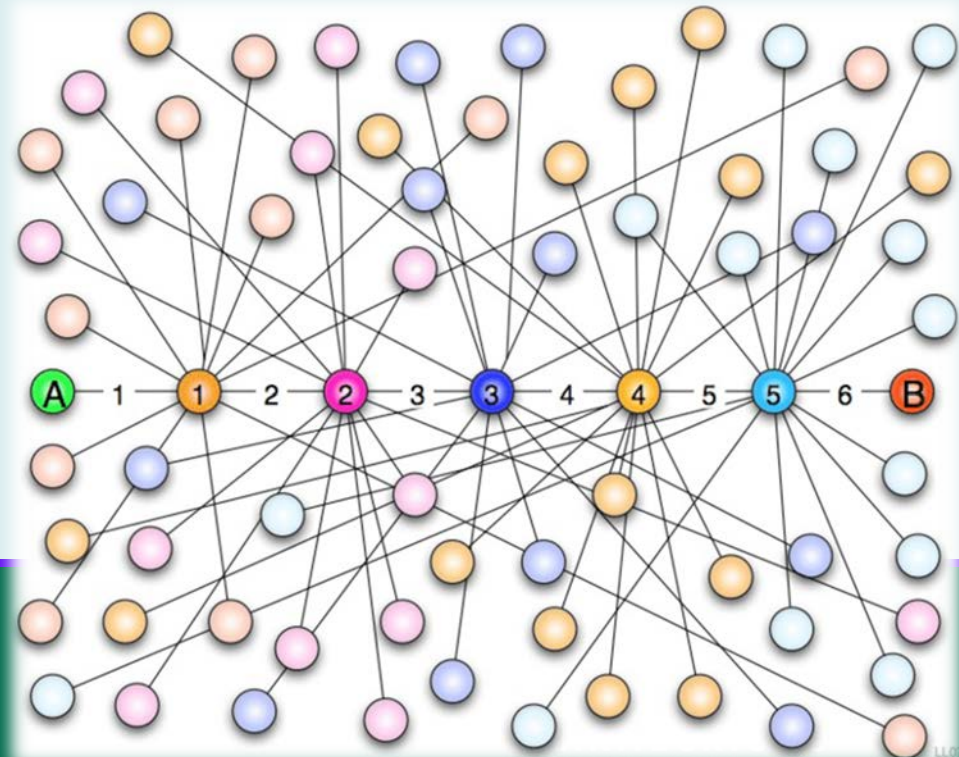
Should there be more than one definition of a restaurant? How would you distinguish between them?





SEPARATIONS

Should there be separation requirements? Separating from what?





ALTERNATIVES

What other things should be considered?





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QUESTIONS



PROCESS TIMELINE

Four month process:

August 25 – Meet with CAG & Identify Issues

September 15 – Review Issues & Identify Solutions
CAG and Staff

September 22 – Review & Revise Options - CAG and Staff

October 20 – Draft Text Amendment - Staff

December 1 – Additional Feedback



NEXT STEPS

- Noise Ordinance review to occur during January/February 2012 timeframe
- Once Noise Ordinance update is completed, staff will finalize recommendations and present at next meeting.
- Next meeting will be scheduled after the holidays during the January/February timeframe