

Restaurants Nightclubs & Bars

The Planning Department has convened a Citizen Advisory Group to review and discuss the current zoning regulations for restaurants, nightclubs and bars. The purpose of this effort is to clarify the difference between restaurants and nightclubs/bars and to review the standards for these uses. With the downturn in the economy, many restaurants have added entertainment to generate additional revenue.

It appears that a number of citizens and the press have confused this effort with an evaluation of the Noise Ordinance. While the Noise Ordinance and the zoning regulation of nightclubs and bars are related, the current effort is not recommending any changes to the Noise Ordinance. Instead, this effort has remained focused on definitions of nightclubs and bars, as well as regulations for these uses.

Based upon these issues the nightclubs, bars and lounges (CAG) meetings and the proposed text amendment process will be deferred until City Council has had an opportunity to conduct a six month review of the Noise Ordinance as indicated in the original approval. Once City Council has taken final action on the Noise Ordinance, the Nightclubs, Bars and Lounges Citizens Advisory Group will reconvene.

For more information please visit our web page [Restaurants, Nightclubs & Bars](#)