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A RESOLUTION establishing a two-year Seattle Nightlife Advisory Board.

WHEREAS, Seattle has been home to a vibrant music and nightlife industry for decades; and

WHEREAS, the music and nightlife industry makes a significant contribution to the cultural and economic vitality of Seattle and the entire Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, according to a study commissioned by the City's Office of Economic Development, there are 3,000 music related businesses supporting nearly 8,700 jobs that generate \$650 million annually in economic contribution to Seattle's economy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to support, maintain and promote an active and safe environment that fosters a successful music and nightlife industry; and

WHEREAS, increasing density in the City's urban centers and villages has created the demand for balancing neighborhood livability with vibrant nightlife activity; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted Resolution 31005 regarding enforcement staffing related to nightlife activity and Resolution 31004 to pursue multiple strategies to maintain a secure and vibrant nightlife in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted Ordinance 122474 requiring large nightclub operators to develop safety plans and Ordinance 122473 amending the City's nuisance code to include occupancy code violations as a trigger for enabling the City Attorney's office to pursue a nuisance action against a problem establishment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council anticipates that it will consider modifications to the noise ordinance aimed at establishing an objective standard for measuring and curtailing commercial noise disturbances; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks feedback on the Council and the Executive's newly implemented strategies for addressing and balancing nightlife and neighborhood issues; and

WHEREAS, input from neighborhood residents and industry representatives would benefit the City Council and help inform public policy decisions related to nightlife in Seattle;
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:

Section 1. The Nightlife Advisory Board shall consist of nine (9) members. All members shall be appointed and confirmed by a majority vote of the City Council. The City Council may remove any member it appoints to the Board.

Section 2. The positions on the Nightlife Advisory Board shall be numbered one (1) thru nine (9). Positions one (1) thru three (3) shall be filled with representatives from the music and nightlife industry. Positions four (4) thru (6) shall be filled with neighborhood representatives. Position seven (7) shall be filled with a representative with a law enforcement background. Position eight (8) shall be filled with a representative with current or past affiliation with the Washington State Liquor Control Board. Position nine (9) shall be filled with an at-large member.

Section 3. A facilitator selected by the City Council shall staff and assist in developing an annual work plan for the Nightlife Advisory Board based on the duties and responsibilities described in this resolution. The Board's duties shall include advising the City Council regarding policy issues related to: (1) the promotion, development and sustainability of the nightlife industry in Seattle; (2) the effectiveness of the City's enforcement of nightlife related regulations; (4) emerging nightlife issues related to increasing density in urban villages and centers; (5) exploring new ideas related to balancing neighborhood and residential needs with a vibrant and active nightlife environment; (6) identification of problem establishments through LIQUORSTAT; and (7) developing possible recommendations for improvements to the rules and processes associated with regulating nightlife activities.

1 The Board should review the effectiveness of new nightlife related legislative actions
2 adopted by the City Council including changes made to the City's public nuisance code
3 (Ordinance 122473), new requirements related to nightclub safety plans (Ordinance 122474),
4 new nightlife enforcement efforts (Resolution 31005), other nightlife related public safety
5 strategies (Resolution 31004) and modifications made to the City's noise ordinance related to
6 nightlife establishments. The Board should also review the effectiveness of new nightlife
7 enforcement activities initiated by the Executive. Recommendations from the Board shall be
8 based on its independent review and analysis as to whether the before mentioned legislative
9 actions and Executive enforcement activities have been effective.
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11 The Board may make itself available to nightlife establishments and neighborhood
12 residents that want to discuss methods to mitigate conflicts and issues related to nightlife
13 activity. The Board shall prepare and submit a year-end report to the City Council no later than
14 December 1 of each year advising the City regarding the effectiveness of the City's enforcement
15 of regulations related to the nightlife industry and observations about nightlife in Seattle.
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17 Section . The Nightlife Advisory Board shall be in place for two (2) years beginning
18 January of 2008 and ending on December 31, 2009. Members of the Nightlife Advisory Board
19 shall serve a two (2) year term. At a minimum, the Board shall meet four times per year.
20 Service on the Board is voluntary and members shall not be compensated. Council shall strive
21 for gender, racial, age, sexual orientation, ethnic and cultural diversity in appointing members to
22 the Nightlife Advisory Board.
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24 Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2007, and signed by me in
25 open session in authentication of its adoption this ____ day of _____, 2007.
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President _____ of the City Council

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2007.

City Clerk

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