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

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**Text**

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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 by a majority vote of the City Council. The City Council may remove any member of 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 a representative with a background in acoustical engineering or a similar field.

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 the City's promotion, development and sustainability of the nightlife industry in Seattle, including: (1) the effectiveness of the City's enforcement of nightlife related regulations; (2) emerging nightlife issues related to increasing density in urban villages and centers; (3) ways to support positive nightlife management practices; (4) identification of problem establishments through LIQUORSTAT; (5) developing possible recommendations for improvements to the rules and processes associated with regulating nightlife activities; and (6) Washington State Liquor Control Board dispositions in which the City has invoked the new deference afforded by Engrossed House Bill 2113; and (7) make recommendations to Council with regard to the impact of EHB 2113 on nightlife establishments and neighborhoods. The Board's annual work plan shall be reviewed and approved by the chair of the committee to which it is assigned to.

The Board should review the effectiveness of new nightlife related legislative actions adopted by the City Council including changes made to the City's public nuisance code (Ordinance 122473), new requirements related to nightclub safety plans (Ordinance 122474), new nightlife enforcement efforts (Resolution 31005), other

nightlife related public safety strategies (Resolution 31004) and modifications made to the City's noise ordinance related to nightlife establishments. The Board should also review the effectiveness of new nightlife enforcement activities initiated by the Executive. Recommendations from the Board shall be based on its independent review and analysis as to whether the before mentioned legislative actions and Executive enforcement activities have been effective.

The Board may make itself available to nightlife establishments and neighborhood residents that want to discuss methods to mitigate conflicts and issues related to nightlife activity. The Board shall prepare and submit a year-end report to the City Council no later than December 1 of each year advising the City regarding the effectiveness of the City's enforcement of regulations related to the nightlife industry and observations about nightlife in Seattle.

Section 4. The Nightlife Advisory Board shall be in place for two (2) years beginning January of 2008 and ending on December 31, 2009. Members of the Nightlife Advisory Board shall serve a two (2) year term. At a minimum, the Board shall meet four times per year. Service on the Board is voluntary and members shall not be compensated. Council shall strive for gender, racial, age, sexual orientation, ethnic and cultural diversity in appointing members to the Nightlife Advisory Board.

Adopted by the City Council the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, and

signed by me in 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.

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City Clerk

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