



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Music Commission

Recommendation Number: 20180108-005c: Formal Endorsement of a Land Development Code Change to Define Live Music Venue as a Distinct Land Use for Zoning

WHEREAS, the Music Commission has been briefed on the CodeNEXT drafts and process; and

WHEREAS, the Music Commission has recommended and submitted to the Mayor and City Council of Austin support for musicians and the arts through policy proposals in the Mayor's Omnibus Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan calls for sustaining and growing the music industry in Austin (e.g., C P4., p 179: *Continue to sustain and grow Austin's successful live music scene, festivals, theater, film and digital media, and other creative offerings.* Short Term Work Program Item 5, p 199: *Explore and re-imagine existing City development tools, such as incentives, regulations, and financing options, with a focus on creative industries' facility needs. Expand access to affordable and functional studio, exhibition, performance space, museums, libraries, music venues, and office space.*)

WHEREAS, both the Music Venue Alliance and the Economic Development Department staff have reviewed the CodeNEXT draft, conferred with each other and come to the same conclusion that a distinct land use for live music venue separate from the traditional bar/nightclub use is recommended, and the Music Venue Alliance has consulted with stakeholders in the Austin music community in developing a land use definition for live music venues that would separate that use from the traditional bar/nightclub use, and

WHEREAS, the end result of this proposal would reasonably be expected to result in more live music venues distributed along corridors and in centers, creating more opportunities for artists to perform and earn a living and more opportunities for Austin and Central Texas residents to attend live music performances,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Music Commission hereby approves and recommends that the City Council amend the Land Development Code and include this change in the final version of CodeNEXT to add the full intent, if not the exact language, of the attached Music Venue Alliance proposal and the Economic Development Department staff draft recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Department, for a proposed definition of, and use of the definition for, Live Music Venue as a distinct land use for zoning.

Date of Approval: 1/8/18

Record of the vote: (Unanimous on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Lawson, Sullivan, and Rosenthal not in attendance)

Attest: _____

Erica Shamaly, Music & Entertainment Division Manager

(Staff or board member can sign)

BOARD COMMISSION ON RECOMMENDATION

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Resolution Number: 20180205-002, Formal Amendment of the Music Commission Code Change to Create the Music Venue as a District Land Use Category

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