

ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT PROGRAM

INFORMATION AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please review these instructions carefully before submitting application.

Entertainment Permit Requirements

- It is unlawful for any person to provide or permit any entertainment that is open to the public without an Entertainment Permit unless exempt pursuant to Sacramento City Code Section 5.108.040 (Exemption from the Permit Requirement).
- Before issuing an Entertainment Permit the city will conduct a thorough investigation of the application.
- Permits must be displayed in a conspicuous place in the entertainment establishment. Permit and related conditions must be immediately produced upon the request of any Police or Code Enforcement officer.
- Entertainment Permits are the property of the city and **may not be transferred**.
- General and Limited Entertainment Permits are biennial (2-year) and renewed in accordance with the Sacramento City Code. City may approve extending a permit an additional two years. Permittee is responsible for submitting renewal application or requesting an extension prior to permit expiration.
- Temporary Entertainment Permits are issued when the location does not have valid entertainment permit and entertainment will only be offered for a defined period.

Entertainment Permit Process

- Applicants should read Chapter 5.108 of the Sacramento City Code related to Entertainment Establishments.
- Applicants can submit their applications to entertainpermit@cityofsacramento.org or schedule an appointment to coordinate application review and submittal.
- Applicants must complete ALL the forms in the application packet and submit all the required support documentation. Incomplete forms will not be accepted or processed.
- An application is **deemed submitted when all required application information, support documentation and fees have been provided and accepted.**
- **Failure to submit the information as required could result in the application being deemed incomplete and subject to denial.**

Entertainment Permit Fees

- **Application Fees**
 - General Entertainment Permit – New (2-Year) \$2,230.00
 - General Entertainment Permit – Renewal (2-Year) \$1,720.00
 - Limited Entertainment Permit – New (2-Year) \$750.00
 - Limited Entertainment Permit – Renewal (2-Year) \$650.00
 - Temporary Entertainment Permit \$1,820.00
- **Fingerprinting Fee**
 - Fingerprinting - per person \$88.00

- Fees are **non-refundable**. Expenditures for remodeling, purchasing equipment, or entering agreements or leases prior to approval is solely at applicant's risk.
- **All** fees are due when application is submitted. Applications without all appropriate fees will **NOT** be accepted or processed.

Required Application Information

Applicant and Site Information

The application must be completed and submitted by the business owner/operator. The following information is required:

- Business/Event Name and Address
- City Business Operation Tax (BOT) Number (Attach copy of certificate)
- Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) License Type and Number, if applicable (Attach copy of license and conditions)
- Maximum Occupancy (Attach Fire Occupancy)
- Proposed Entertainment Activities (e.g., live music, dancing, DJ, karaoke, etc.)
- Detailed summary describing the business and intended entertainment schedule (Attach narrative)
- Proposed age limits
- Days of Week and Hours of Entertainment (2-Year Permit – New or Renewal) OR
- Event Dates and Hours of Operation with event flyer attached (Temporary Permit)
- Applicant Name, Mailing Address, E-Mail Address, Contact Telephone
- Co-Applicant Name, Mailing Address, E-Mail Address, Contact Telephone (if applicable)
- Property Owner Name, Mailing Address, E-Mail Address, Telephone, and Signature (*applications without property owner signature will **NOT** be accepted or processed*)

Site Information

- Business Name, Address and County Assessor Parcel Number (APN)
- NEW PERMITS & FLOOR PLAN CHANGES TO RENEWALS: Scalable layout of the entire floor plan and parcel site plan
- Location and number of spaces of dedicated parking spaces
- Any open building permits with the Community Development Department (attach permit if applicable)
- Any additional information as requested.

Manager Information

- Provide a complete list of persons having **management and/or supervision** authority over the proposed entertainment or any business or premises where proposed entertainment is located. This list must include the following information for each person:
 - Manager Name
 - Address
 - E-Mail Address
 - Contact Telephone

Live Scan Background Check (Fingerprinting)

- Entertainment Permit Holders and Managers are required to complete a Live Scan processed by the Sacramento Police Department (SPD) for review and approval.

- After the appropriate forms or application is submitted to staff and required fees are paid, applicants will be directed to the Sacramento Police Department to schedule the fingerprinting appointment.
- Please note live scan results cannot be transferred or obtained from another agency (e.g., Alcoholic Beverage Control or a different city).
- Applicant must comply with the **Entertainment Permit – Background Check Process** instructions available online at <https://www.cityofsacramento.org/entertainpermit>.
- SPD will contact the Entertainment Permit Program and confirm if the applicant and managers have cleared background.
- Failure to clear background will result in the denial of the entertainment permit or listing as a manager on an entertainment permit.

Entertainment Permit Inspection

- **General Entertainment Permit:** New and renewal general entertainment permit applications require on-site inspections by City staff to ensure compliance with building and fire codes including:
 - Plumbing Mechanical
 - Building and Life Safety
 - Electrical
 - Fire
- **Limited Entertainment Permit:** New and renewal limited entertainment permit applications require current passing of annual Fire inspection
- **Temporary Entertainment Permit:** On-site inspections by City staff will be conducted as deemed necessary to ensure public health and safety based on the event location. These inspections may include:
 - Plumbing Mechanical
 - Building and Life Safety
 - Electrical
 - Fire
- **Approval from the appropriate inspectors required before the application is deemed complete.**
- An application may be considered incomplete and subject to denial for failure to have all inspections completed and approved in a timely manner.
- **Fire Department Fees:** The following fees indicated may apply to your Entertainment Venue, Renewal, Modification or Limited Entertainment Permit:
 - Places of Assembly (A-2 & A-3)
 - 50–99 occupants: \$667
 - 100+ occupants: \$739
 - Compressed Gas permit: \$601
 - Required if more than 100 lbs. of CO₂ on site

Entertainment Permit Approval Process

- Submission of an application is not a guaranteed permit.
- **An application is deemed complete when all required application information, support documentation and fees have been submitted and all inspections are approved by city staff.**
- Failure to submit information and/or pass city inspections in a timely manner will result in application being deemed incomplete and subject to denial.
- Applications are routed and reviewed by the Fire Department, Police Department, Code Enforcement, Nighttime Economy, Planning, and other departments as necessary. Additional information and input will be received from the applicable Council office, neighborhood association, and property owners within 500 feet will be notified.
- The city has 60 days to approve an application once it is deemed complete.
- Each Entertainment Permit is issued with a set of conditions which must be signed by the permit holder.
- The Entertainment Permit and the signed conditions must be onsite before the permit is considered valid. Operating without a valid permit on premise is a violation of the city code and may be subject to administrative penalties.
- Permit holder is responsible for submitting renewal application prior to permit expiration date.

Entertainment Permit Program Checklist

Please use this checklist to assist in the preparation of the application.

Failure to provide required information may result in rejection of the application or delay processing application.

☐ Entertainment Permit Application: Form

- ☐ Business information (Name, address, telephone, website)
- ☐ City Business Operations Tax (BOT) Certificate Number
- ☐ Proposed activity information (days, hours, age limits, and type)
- ☐ ABC License Type and Number
- ☐ Event Information (dates, hours) – TEMPORARY only
- ☐ Applicant(s) information (Name, address, telephone, e-mail)
- ☐ Site Information (square footage, parking, building permits)
- ☐ Property Owner Signature (application will NOT be accepted without PO signature)
- ☐ List ALL managers to be included on permit
- ☐ Applicant and Co-Applicant Initials and Signature

☐ Entertainment Permit Application: Attachments

(Documents required for application to be deemed complete)

- ☐ Current City Business Operations Tax Certificate
- ☐ Current ABC License and Conditions
- ☐ Current Fire Occupancy
- ☐ Narrative detailing business/entertainment schedule
- ☐ Event information with flyer – TEMPORARY only
- ☐ Site Floor Plans - NEW and TEMPORARY, Renewal w/changes

☐ Application Fees (Applications will NOT be accepted without fees)

- ☐ Application Fee
- ☐ Fingerprinting Fees

- ☐ Email entertainpermit@cityofsacramento.org to submit your application and coordinate payment or schedule an application intake appointment. Applications are not accepted via US Mail.