

CITY OF FRESNO
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

The Planning & Development Department is currently reviewing the City's laws pertaining to restaurants that serve alcohol, taverns (i.e., bars, pubs, lounges, etc.) and nightclubs, and dancing.

As part of its efforts, the City will be conducting its 3rd public information meeting at the date, time and place listed below to discuss its recent efforts. **Note that there are no proposed changes to restaurants that do not serve alcohol.**

Recently, the Department, in collaboration with the Police Department and interested parties, has been in the process of drafting new polices that are clear, consistent and concise. This current effort is an attempt to address recognized deficiencies in the current regulatory scheme for these facilities. These deficiencies include:

- Outdated definitions that are vague and difficult to enforce; and,
- Address conflicts between the regulations relating to dancing.

Consequently, these deficiencies have resulted in inconsistent and ineffective regulation of some facilities. The Department's goal is to propose an amendment to the City's codes that will accomplish the following:

- Adopt new, simplified and clear definitions that reflect contemporary business practices;
- Consolidate all regulations related to dancing; and,
- Protect the public welfare.

At this meeting, Planning Dept. staff will discuss and solicit feedback pertaining to the proposed definitions, property development standards, and the processing of applications. **Note that this meeting is for informational purposes while formal public hearings by the Planning Commission and City Council will be scheduled and noticed at a later date.**

<p><i>PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING</i></p> <p>Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2009</p> <p>Time: 6:00 p.m., or thereafter</p> <p>Place: City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor</p> <p>2600 Fresno Street, Fresno CA 93721</p>
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