



Entertainment Commission



City and County of San Francisco

Memorandum

To: San Francisco Entertainment Commission
From: Kaitlyn Azevedo, Deputy Director
Date: October 20, 2026
RE: Hearing and Possible Action regarding applications for permits under the jurisdiction of the Entertainment Commission

6. Hearing and possible action regarding applications for permits under the jurisdiction of the Entertainment Commission. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

We have one LLP permit on the consent agenda tonight for Café International, located at 508 Haight Street. Café International has been a neighborhood establishment in the Lower Haight since 1998, and they are coming into compliance by applying for the LLP permit. We hadn't received any sound complaints about this establishment until the past year when they came on our radar and discovered they didn't hold a permit with our office yet. The owner was responsive and applied for the LLP permit. They conducted neighborhood outreach and did receive one letter of opposition which is included in your file tonight. I will mention that the application before you is for entertainment daily between 9am – 10pm, and between the hours of 12pm – 5pm they're requesting the ability to have their doors and windows open. There were no added conditions from SFPD, and the staff recommendation is to approve the consent calendar with the staff recs listed below.

Consent Agenda:

- a. EC-1972 - Zahra Saleh, *dba Café International*, 508 Haight St, Limited Live Performance

Staff recommendation: Approval with:

1. Permit holder shall comply with San Francisco Municipal Police Code under the jurisdiction of the Entertainment Commission, including but not limited to, Article 15, Article 15.1, Article 15.2, and Article 29; and
2. Permit holder shall comply with the Commission-approved Security Plan; and
3. Adhere to Entertainment Commission's Good Neighbor Policy; and
4. Indoor entertainment allowed daily 9am – 10pm; between the hours of 12pm – 5pm only, the doors and windows may be open.
5. Direct staff to set an internal sound limit in accordance with MPC Article 29.

Regular Agenda:

- b. EC-1965 - Abdullah "Mike" Awadalla of MARS BAR SF, LLC, *dba Mars Bar*, 798 Brannan St, Limited Live Performance that includes outdoor amplified sound and entertainment change in ownership

The first permit on our regular agenda is for a change in ownership LLP permit for Mars Bar, located at 798 Brannan St that includes indoor entertainment as well as outdoor entertainment and amplified sound. The new owner intends to use the LLP permit in the same capacity as the previous owner. They are requesting indoor entertainment daily until 11pm, outdoor entertainment daily 11am - 10pm not to exceed 6 hours per day, and outdoor amplified sound Sunday - Thursday 11am - 10pm not to exceed 6 hours per day and Friday – Saturday not to exceed 8 hours per day. The new owner conducted neighborhood outreach and there was no opposition received. EC staff have already set sound limits for the space, and SFPD Southern Station included their standard calendaring condition, all of which are reflected below. Here to speak with you tonight is the new owner, Mike.

Staff recommendation: Approval with:

1. Permit holder shall comply with San Francisco Municipal Police Code under the jurisdiction of the Entertainment Commission, including but not limited to, Article 15, Article 15.1, Article 15.2, and Article 29; and
2. Permit holder shall comply with the Commission-approved Security Plan; and
3. Adhere to Entertainment Commission's Good Neighbor Policy; and
4. Permit holder shall email their calendar of events on a monthly basis to the Southern Station Permits Officer, Southern Station Events Supervisor, and the Entertainment Commission; and
5. Indoor entertainment allowed daily until 11pm; and

6. Outdoor amplified sound Sunday - Thursday 11am - 10pm not to exceed 6 hours per day and Friday – Saturday not to exceed 8 hours per day; and
 7. Outdoor entertainment daily 11am - 10pm not to exceed 6 hours per day; and
 8. Permit holder shall control the volume of outdoor amplified sound so that it does not exceed ambient levels at a distance of 50 feet measured from the property plane; and
 9. Sound abatement external limit for live entertainment on Brannan St. patio approved at 82dBA/87dBC maximum, measured from just outside the doors to the patio near the kitchen; and
 10. Sound abatement external limit for live entertainment on 7th St. patio approved at 82dBA/87dBC maximum, measured from the bottom of the stairs to the roof.
- c. EC-1975 - Maria Davis of SAINT DAVIS LLC, *dba The St Mary's Pub*, 3845 Mission St, Place of Entertainment

The final permit on our agenda tonight is for a POE permit for The St. Mary's Pub located at 3845 Mission Street. This business has held an LLP permit with our office since 2019 with no enforcement history, and the owner is now applying for the POE permit so they can host entertainment until 2am. They already have an internal sound limit for the space, which is reflected below. The owner conducted outreach by sending a letter to their neighbors, and there was no opposition, but we did receive 2 letters of support from nearby neighbors. SFPD Ingleside Station is recommending that the security guard conduct bag checks at the door on nights with entertainment. Here to speak with you tonight is the owner, Maria Davis.

Staff recommendation: Approval with:

1. Permit holder shall comply with San Francisco Municipal Police Code under the jurisdiction of the Entertainment Commission, including but not limited to, Article 15, Article 15.1, Article 15.2, and Article 29; and
2. Permit holder shall comply with the Commission-approved Security Plan; and
3. Adhere to Entertainment Commission's Good Neighbor Policy; and
4. Indoor entertainment allowed daily until 2am; and
5. There shall be 1 security guard at the door during entertainment conducting bag checks for all patrons entering and re-entering; and
6. Sound abatement internal limit approved at 85dBA/90dBC maximum, measured from the middle of the bar.