



Dance Hall

Section 103.106

STEPS FOR OBTAINING A PERMIT

- 1. Submission:** Applications will not be accepted by mail. Please send your completed application documents by email to pcpermitapplications@lapd.online
- 2. Review:** Once received, an Investigator will review your application for completeness and reach out to schedule your in-person appointment.
- 3. Appointment:** During the appointment you will turn in the original application documents and complete the payment required for processing the permit with the Office of Finance.
- 4. Investigation:** The Investigator assigned to your case will complete the investigation and reach out to schedule your inspection.

PLEASE NOTE

- A Dance Club is a separate permit for dance halls that are not open to the public where only members or guests are allowed and a fee or donation is collected.
- Dance floors must be at least 200 sq. ft., flat, rigid, and leveled. If the location has never had a dance hall permit, then a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is required unless the dance hall is located in a hotel, catering hall, church or school (in which case a zoning referral slip is required).
- The cost of processing applications for this permit is **\$593.00**, subject to change.
- CID does not have a designated area for visitors. If you plan to park on the street, metered parking is limited to 1 hour. Plan ahead, and allow extra time to find a parking garage. Please be prepared for any unexpected delays or parking issues.
- Permits are **not transferable**. If you are moving locations or there is a change in ownership, you are required to re-apply.

If your application remains incomplete 30 days after submission, your case will be filed without further action, and you will NOT be allowed to continue with the process. You may resubmit at any point after you have made the necessary changes to your application.

You can find more information pertaining to this permit at: https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/los_angeles/latest/lamc/0-0-0-191998



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Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

| Forms & Documents Needed To Complete Application | | DONE | N/A |
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| 1 | Business Information - Face Sheet Form | | |
| 2 | About My Business Form (<i>Complete form as it pertains to the business</i>) | | |
| 3 | Owners & Applicants Form (<i>Ownership should equal 100%. If not, explain in the space provided</i>) | | |
| 4 | Personal Application Form (<i>Each owner must complete this form</i>) - DO NOT SIGN UNTIL INSTRUCTED BY INVESTIGATOR OR NOTARIZED | | |
| 5 | Copy of the applicant's valid state Driver's License or state identification - The address must match the applicant's information on the Personal Application - Shall not be expired | | |
| 6 | Completed Live Scan Form - Only valid for 30 days from date on the live scan form, do not complete until instructed to do so by investigator - If residing in California, go to any Live Scan location: https://oag.ca.gov/fingerprints/locations?county=Los%20Angeles - If out-of-state, fingerprint cards are available. These require: 1. Check payable to California Department of Justice for \$32 per card and 2. Request for Exemption form per applicant card | | |
| 7 | Original Zoning & Clearance Form - Bring the form provided (page 9) to the Department of Building and Safety, Zoning Administration - Must submit original form (Signature, date, contact number, and stamp needed or will not be accepted) - Follow the instructions on the procedure form (page 10) to schedule your appointment | | |
| 8 | Copy of Conditional Use Permit (<i>if applicable</i>) | | |
| 9 | Copy of ABC (Alcohol Beverage Control) License with Conditions (<i>if applicable</i>) | | |
| 10 | Publication Proofs (<i>see page page 11 for instructions</i>) | | |
| 11 | Copy of Complete Lease Agreement and/or Purchase Documents - Must indicate legal/applicant's name(s), business address, current lease dates and usage - Include supplemental documents, amendments, & assignments. Provide a lease history chart if needed. Anyone listed as a lessee must submit a personal application | | |
| 12 | Affidavit of Property Owner - Consent to Operate (Only if needed) - Needed only if the lease does not state the type of usage in the lease - Must be filled out and signed by the property owner or a property agent - If the owner is unable to be present to sign at the appointment, the form must be notarized | | |
| | Requirements for Applicants Applying Through an Aide - Consultant teams will need a letter of authorization from the applicant to submit - If an employee of the applicant is submitting, use a Designation of Qualified Manager form (page 13) | | |
| 13 | Entity Checklist - Refer to page 3 to review which documents are applicable to your application | | |
| 14 | Copy of Municipal Code pertaining to Dance Hall Police Permit (<i>For informational purposes only</i>) | | |



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Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

**** Your business must be registered in California to do business in this state.***

| Additional Forms Needed To Complete Application Per Business Entity Type | Select Applicable |
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| Sole Proprietorship | |
| Partnership - A Partnership agreement naming all partners; or - Certificate of Limited Partnership for limited partners certified by the Secretary of State | |
| Limited Liability Companies (LLC) - Articles of Organization - Operating Agreement (Identifying all members) - Fictitious name statement (certified by the State) - All members must apply | |
| Corporation (C-Corp, S-Corp and Professional Corp) - Corporate Resolution or Meeting Minutes (Identifying officers and signed by Corporate Secretary) - Articles of Incorporation (Certified by the State of CA); if out of State, submit equivalent - Copy of Stock Certificates - All officers and all persons owning a controlling interest in a non publicly traded corporation | |

****All forms detailed above must be submitted according to the business entity the applicant(s) is filing as. Any form or document not completed or provided at the time of submission will result in an incomplete application. Only complete applications will be accepted for processing by permit staff.***



Business Information - Face Sheet

A Face Sheet must be completed for each permit type for each location. For example, if a business needs a Dance Hall Permit and a Pool permit, two Face Sheets must be completed.

For Police Commission Use Only - Do Not Write In This Section

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Type of Permit: _____ | DANCE HALL |
| PC Account No: _____ | |
| PC File No: _____ | |
| Grant Date: _____ | CID Staff Stamp Here |
| LAPD Area: _____ | |
| RD No: _____ Council District No: _____ | |

Complete All Fields - Do Not Leave Anything Blank

Type of Business Entity: (Please check one)

Sole Proprietorship _____ Partnership _____ Limited Liability Company (LLC): _____
Corporation _____ Non-Profit _____ Other: _____

Entity Name: _____

Doing Business as (DBA): _____

Business Address: _____
(Must include: Apartment, Suite, Space, Unit numbers, etc.)

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(If address is same as above, write "same")

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Phone No: _____ Business Phone No: _____

Email of Business: _____



About the Dance Hall Business

Account No: _____

Be advised the details furnished on this form will be used in conjunction with the Police Commission inspection to ensure compliance during the inspection. If any part of the information below is changed, resubmit this form by email to pcpermitapplications@lapd.online

Complete All Fields - Do Not Leave Anything Blank

Doing Business as (DBA): _____

Business Address: _____

Hours of Operation

| Hours | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|-------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| Open | AM/PM | AM/PM | AM/PM | AM/PM | AM/PM | AM/PM | AM/PM |
| Close | AM/PM | AM/PM | AM/PM | AM/PM | AM/PM | AM/PM | AM/PM |

Business Information and Details

Is your business currently in operation? Yes No *It is illegal to operate without a permit. Permits are non-transferable, based on location not applicant.*

Is your business ready to open? Yes No

If not, please explain (use additional pages if needed): _____

Business activity, select all that apply: Live Entertainment Dance Floor
 Pool Table Amusement Machines Bowling
If you checked yes for any of the activities above, you will also need to apply for the applicable permit.

Square Footage of Dance Hall: _____

Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) license: Yes No Conditions: Yes No License Number: _____ Exp Date: _____

Seating Capacity: _____ Admission Fee: _____ Number of Security Guards: _____ Is smoking permitted? Yes No

Parking information: Street Parking Valet Parking Auto-Park/Garage Storage
 Additional parking/valet information (valet company name, auto park address): _____

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

I declare under the penalty of perjury and under the law of the State of California, all information contained on this Police Permit Application and any supplemental documents is true and correct. I understand that all information provided and statements made are subject to investigations and any false statements may be grounds for denial or revocation of permits issued by the Los Angeles Police Commission.

I further declare to remain in compliance with all laws and rules as defined by the Los Angeles Municipal Code, Chapter X. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action and a filing by the City Attorney and the District Attorney. I sign this on my behalf or on the behalf the business, with full authority to do so.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____



Owners and Applicants Form

This form must be completed for each owner or person(s) required to apply for the PC Permit, indicating the percentage of ownership for each applicant. The percentage of ownership should add up to 100%; if not, please explain in the space provided.

Doing Business as (DBA): _____

| Name (All Required Applicants) | Title (President, CEO, CFO, Secretary, etc.) | Percent of Ownership |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
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| Total Percentage of Ownership | | |

If the percentage of ownership does not add up to 100%, explain below:



Personal Application

Per LAMC Chapter X, all owners and partners must complete the required forms. Providing incomplete or inaccurate information may delay or impede the processing of your application. False or misleading information on these forms may result in legal consequences.

Applicant Personal Information - Do Not Leave Anything Blank

Name of Applicant: _____

Home Address: _____
(Must include: Apartment, Suite, Space, Unit numbers, etc.)

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Phone No: _____ Business Phone No: _____

Email Address: _____

DOB: _____ Driver's License/ID: _____ State: _____

Gender: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____ Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____

Applicant History - Do Not Leave Anything Blank

If married, will your spouse be involved with the business? Yes _____ No _____
(If you answered yes and are applying as a sole proprietor or partnership, your spouse must apply.)

Have you ever used any other names in the past? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, list other names used: _____

List previous permits held: _____

Have you ever been denied, suspended or revoked a Police Commission Permit? Yes _____ No _____

Have you ever been arrested for a crime resulting in a conviction? Yes _____ No _____

If you answered "YES," please provide details:

Date: _____ City: _____

Charge: _____ Disposition: _____

Details: _____

****Use additional pages if needed.***

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

I declare under the penalty of perjury and under the law of the State of California, all information contained on this Police Permit Application and any supplemental documents is true and correct. I understand that all information provided and statements made are subject to investigations and any false statements may be grounds for denial or revocation of permits issued by the Los Angeles Police Commission.

All applicants not present to sign must have this application form NOTARIZED. The notary shall stamp and sign this form or provide the proper Acknowledgement/Jurat. The document must be titled "Application for Police Permit" or it will not be accepted.



DO NOT SIGN UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO - Must be witnessed by a Deputy City Clerk or prepared by a Notary Public.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Witness Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

REQUEST FOR LIVE SCAN SERVICE

Applicant Submission

*****FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS BELOW*****

ORI: CA0194200 Type of Application: LICENSE CERT OR PERMIT
Job Title or Type of License, Certification or Permit: *****-> POLICE COMMISSION PERMIT

Agency Address Set Contributing Agency:
LAPD (CAPDLOS ANGELES) 14923 ← **LAPD has many codes. Use this.**
Agency authorized to receive criminal history information Mail Code (five digit code assigned by DOJ)
700 E. TEMPLE ST. STE B22
Street No. Street or P.O. Box Contact Name (Mandatory for all school submissions)
LOS ANGELES CA 91351 (213) 996-1210
City State Zip Code Contact Telephone No.

*****ENTER INFORMATION FOR 1 – 11b*** Live Scan Operator: Be sure to enter all items.**

Name of Applicant: 1
(please print) Last First MI
Alias: 2 Driver's License No. 3
Last First 5
Date of Birth: 4 Sex: Male Female Misc. No. BIL- N/A
Height: 6 Weight: 7 Agency Billing Number
Eye Color: 8 Hair Color: 9 Misc No: _____
Place of Birth: 10 Home Address: 11a
11b Street or P.O. Box
City, State and Zip Code
SOC: *****DO NOT ENTER SOCIAL SECURITY*****

*****MAKE TWO COPIES. GO TO LIVE SCAN CENTER.*****

Your Number: TRC# Level of Service DOJ FBI
OCA No. (Agency Identifying No.)
If resubmission, list Original ATI No. _____

Employer: (Additional response for agencies specified by statute)
Employer Name *****DO NOT USE THIS SECTION*****
Street No. Street or P.O. Box Mail Code (five digit code assigned by DOJ)
City State Zip Code () Agency Telephone No. (optional)

Live Scan Transaction Completed By: _____ Date: _____
Name of Operator
Transmitting Agency _____ ATI No. _____ Amount Collected/Billed

LAPD 02/2016

GIVE COPIES OF FORM:
ORIGINAL-Live Scan Operator; SECOND COPY-SEND TO LAPD; THIRD COPY-Keep
BCII 8016 (Rev 04/01)



Zoning and Use Clearance Form

PC Permit Type (Limit 1 per form): DANCE HALL P-529

Address of Business: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Located between streets: _____

LADBS USE ONLY-- INSPECTOR TO ANSWER ALL ENTRIES BELOW

Zone: _____

LADBS Permit Type: _____

LADBS Permit No. : _____

Business shown ____ is ____ is not **A PERMITTED USE**

Business shown ____ is ____ is not **A PERMITTED USE BY THE OCCUPANCY RECORD**

**Applicant Note – Additional Building and Safety and/or Zoning requirements may be applicable and imposed.*

Is a Conditional Use Permit Required? Yes ____ No ____

CUP ZA No. _____ (Please provide copy)

Has the USE been vacated for greater than one year? Yes ____ No ____

Remarks:

LADBS Signature: _____ Place Stamp Here
LADBS Printed Name: _____
Date: _____
Contact No: _____

Building and Safety Locations: Open to the Public - Appointment only (www.ladbs.org)

Downtown Los Angeles: 201 N. Figueroa Street, First Floor, Los Angeles, 90012
Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Drop-Off/Pick-up Only

Van Nuys: 6262 Van Nuys Blvd #251, Van Nuys, 91401 Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

West Los Angeles: 1828 Sawtelle Blvd, Los Angeles, 90025
Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Los Angeles Police Commission will not issue a permit for any business activity which is not allowed at a location by the Zoning Administration. Be advised that this form is only valid if signed, dated, stamped and all fields on the form are completely filled out by a representative of the Department of Building and Safety. All incomplete forms **will not** be accepted and will delay the application process.

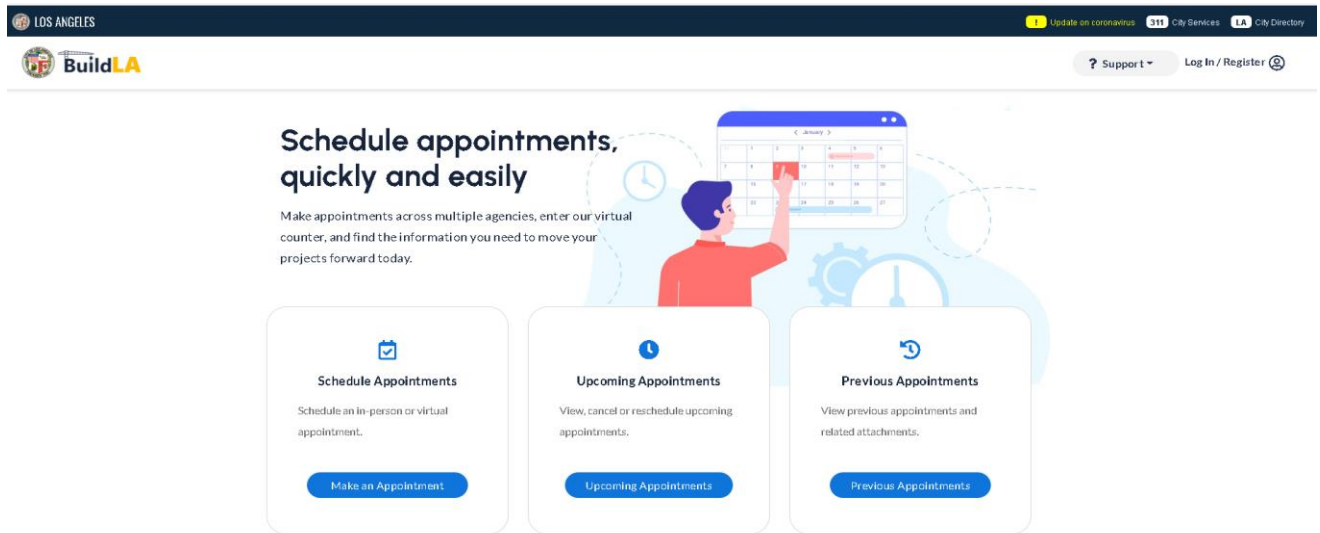
Zoning and Use Clearance Form Procedure

Please use the following steps to complete your Zoning and Use Clearance Form:

Step 1: Make a “New Submittal” appointment with LADBS, using the following BuildLA link:

<https://appointments.lacity.org/apptsys/Public/Account>

Step 2: Click “**Make an Appointment**” located in the “Schedule Appointment” Tab



Step 3: In the “Lets Get Started” dialog box make the following selections:

Agency/Department-**Building and Safety (LADBS)**

Select Service-**Building Plan Check – New plan check submittal**

Select Office- **LADBS – Metro (Downtown) 4th Floor**

Let's Get Started

Select Agency/Department

Select Service [Don't See your Service?](#)

Select Office

[< Back](#) [Next](#)

At your appointment time, LADBS will screen your request and documents and assign them to a LADBS engineer to review your request for approval. Additional documents may be requested.

Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) -201 N. Figueroa St., First Floor, Los Angeles 90012 Phone: 311 or (213) 473-3231



Publication Information

The permit you are applying for requires publication in a newspaper local to the area where you will be operating. Use the instructions below to complete this requirement.

Applicant Instructions

1. Fill out the example form below, the public notice should be published accordingly.
2. Use an English newspaper with general circulation in the area of your business. Note that newspapers covering a smaller area are generally less expensive and some newspapers publish once a week. Plan ahead to minimize the cost of your publication.
3. Publish the notice and present proofs with to complete your application.
 - a. The notice should be published twice, at least 5 days apart.
 - b. The first printing cannot be before your in-person appointment.
 - c. The last printing must be 21 days or less from the day you file the application.

Example Publishing Timeline

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Application appointment date: | January 1st |
| First day notice can print: | January 1st |
| Days last notice can print: | January 5th - January 22nd |

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR POLICE PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the Board of Police Commissioners for a permit to conduct a:

ENTITY NAME: _____
[Type of Business]

DOING BUSINESS AS: _____

LOCATED AT: _____

Any person desiring to protest the issuance of this permit shall make a written protest before _____ to the
[Date]

LOS ANGELES POLICE COMMISSION
100 West First Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Upon receipt of written protests, protesting persons will be notified of date, time, and place for hearing.

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS



Affidavit of Property Owner - Consent to Operate

Complete this form **only** if your lease agreement does not indicate the usage. This form must be notarized or signed before a Deputy City Clerk. If providing a notary form, be sure the document is titled "Affidavit of Property Owner -Consent to Operate."

Type(s) of Permit(s) applying for:

Doing Business as (DBA): _____

Contact Phone No: _____ Business Phone No: _____

Live Entertainment

Dance Floor

Type of Permit (select all that apply):

Pool Table

Amusement Machines

Bowling

Property Owner Information - Do Not Leave Anything Blank

Legal Name of Lessor: _____
(Must match lease)

Lessor Business Address: _____
(Must include: Apartment, Suite, Space, Unit numbers, etc.)

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Lessor Mailing Address: _____
(If same as address above, write "same.")

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Phone No: _____ Business Phone No: _____

For Notary Public Use Only

I, _____, being duly sworn, depose and say that I am the owner and/or authorized agent of the real property involved in the application and do hereby consent to the filing of a Police Permit Application and to the permitted activities. (Notarized Form attached)

Signature of Notary Public

Notary Public Stamp Here

State ID: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Property Owner: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature of Deputy City Clerk: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____



Designation of Qualified Manager

(I/We) _____
Permit Holder's/Permit Applicant's Full Legal Name

Doing Business As _____, designate the following _____ person(s)
Business Name (Doing Business As) number

Full Legal Name of Qualified Manager State Identification Number

Full Legal Name of Qualified Manager State Identification Number

as my/our Designated Manager, to represent (me/us) before the Los Angeles (Commission), Los Angeles Police Department, or any office or department of the City of Los Angeles with respect to (all) my police permit(s).

Said Designated Manager is authorized to receive information about all accounts related to police permits held by me/us including permit applications, history, status, disciplinary action, fees, payments taxes, and other information used by the City to transact business on police permits. Said Designated Manager is authorized to transact business in connection with police permits, including opening and closing accounts, applying for permits, canceling permits, giving oral and written information, and to perform any act or thing whatsoever concerning police permits in every aspect as (I/we) could do were (I/we) personally present. The Designated Manager has the authority to legally and financially bind the permit holder.

This Designation of Qualified Manager revokes all earlier Designation of Qualified Manager forms and shall be in full force and effect until written revocation is received by the Commission or until a new form is requested by the Commission and executed by me/us.

The undersigned permit holder(s)/applicant(s) further certifies that this Designation of Qualified Manager was completely filled in at the time of this execution.

I read, write, and understand English, or I have had the permit process and all documents, including this Designation of Qualified Manager form sufficiently explained to me.

Signed this _____ day of _____
Day Month Year Master Account Number

This form MUST BE NOTARIZED.

Permit Holder's/Applicant's Full Legal Name—Printed or Typed

The NOTARY FORM MUST STATE THE TITLE OF THIS DOCUMENT AS "Designation of Qualified Manager" or the form will not be accepted. Notary, see additional instructions below.

Permit Holder's/Applicant's Signature(s)

Notary must complete the information below:

Notary's street address: _____

Notary's city, state, and zip code: _____

Notary Public's Phone #: _____

Notary Public's email address (optional): _____

After receipt and review of the completed form, this Designation of Qualified Manager will be applied to all permit holder accounts. This form is to be utilized for the establishing of the Qualified Manager only, and the Qualified Manager is responsible for contacting the City to request any information or complete any transaction.

The following is an excerpt of the Los Angeles
Municipal Code outlining the City law regarding
Dance Hall police permits.

Section 103. 106 Dance Hall

SEC. 103.106. DANCE HALLS, DANCING CLUBS, PUBLIC DANCES.

(Title Amended by Ord. No. 115,510, Eff. 3/13/60.)

(a) **Definitions.** As used in this article:

1. “**DANCE HALL**” means any place where the holding or conducting of public dances is carried on.

2. “**DANCING CLUB**” means any club or association of persons which conducts dances, other than public dances for its members or bona fide guests at which a fee is charged, either for admission to such dance or for dancing therein, or at which any collection or donation of money is made or received, or in which the amount of dues to be paid by each member is dependent upon attendance at such dances by such member.

3. “**PUBLIC DANCE**” means a gathering of persons in or upon any premises where dancing is participated in and to which premises the public is admitted.

(b) **Permit required.** No person shall conduct or maintain any dance hall, dancing club or public dance without written permit from the Board.

1. A permit shall be required to hold any public dance on one occasion.

(c) **Floor Space. (Amended by Ord. No. 150,081, Eff. 10/8/77.)** No permit shall be issued or be valid for any dance hall, dancing club or public dance for dancing to be held at any premises, or location which is a part thereof, that does not have designated and set aside for dancing purposes at each location identified therefor on the permit application for the premises, at least two hundred (200) square feet of dancing area, exclusive of hallway space. Nor shall a permit be issued unless the Board determines that the surface set aside and reserved for dancing at each specified location is sufficiently flat, level, hard and rigid to be suitable for dancing.

The application for permit shall specify each location on the premises, the dimensions and the nature of the surface designated for dancing. A surface area designated for dancing shall not be located in a manner which blocks or obstructs ingress or egress of patrons at the dance. All of each of the specified dancing areas set aside shall be reserved exclusively for dancing during the time any dance or dancing is taking place, or is scheduled to take place, at the location.

(d) **Dance – When Liquor May Be Served.** Alcoholic beverages may be served at a dance hall, dancing club, or at a public dance when the sale and service of such beverages is permitted by State law and not otherwise prohibited by this Code. **(Amended by Ord. No. 152,531, Eff. 8/6/79.)**

SEC. 103.106.1. HOSTESS DANCE HALL.

(Added by Ord. No. 141,580, Eff. 4/2/71.)

(a) **Hostess Dance Hall Defined.** As used in this article, “Hostess Dance Hall” shall mean any dance hall or place conducting public dances where partners are provided for dancing or social contacts by those conducting, managing, maintaining or operating such public dances for patrons or guests and for which such patrons or guests pay a fee or other consideration.

(b) **Permit Required.** No person shall conduct, manage, maintain or operate a Hostess Dance Hall without a written permit from the Board.

(c) **Floor Space.** No permit shall be issued for the conduct of any Hostess Dance Hall having less than 400 square feet of contiguous area set aside and reserved exclusively for dancing, such area to be exclusive of hallway space.

(d) **Hours of Operation.** No Hostess Dance Hall shall operate between the hours of 2:00 o’clock A.M. and 6:00 o’clock A.M. of any day.

(e) **Alcoholic Beverages – Prohibited.** No permit shall be issued at any establishment that serves or offers for sale any alcoholic beverages.

(f) **Possession of Alcoholic Beverages Prohibited.** No person shall possess an alcoholic beverage in or on the premises of a Hostess Dance Hall.

(g) **Employees – Hostess Dancers.** No person under the age of 18 years shall be employed as a dancer, hostess dancer or instructor. **(Amended by Ord. No. 144,116, Eff. 12/31/72.)**

(h) **Illumination.** The illumination shall conform with the provisions of Section 41.48 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

(i) **Public Hearings.** The Board may require a public hearing prior to taking action on an application for a permit pursuant to this section. The applicant shall cause to be published a notice of public hearing two times at intervals of not less than 5 days within the 21-day period following the filing of an application, in a newspaper of general circulation in the district where the business is to be located. Furthermore, the Board may give notice by mail to all property owners within three hundred feet of the proposed business. The Board shall cause a suitable public notice to be posted at the location where the business is to be conducted. The applicant shall bear all

expense involved in mailing, printing, publishing and posting such notice. Such public notice shall conform to the rules and regulations adopted by the Board and shall be designed to inform the public as to the nature of the business to be engaged in, its location, the names of the applicant or applicants, the time of the public hearing, and the right of persons objecting to be heard. Any interested person may file written protests or objections, or appear at the hearing. The Board shall give consideration to all such protests in reaching a decision on such application.

(j) **Prior Operation.** Any business activity that qualifies under the Hostess Dance Hall Ordinance and is currently operating with a Dance Hall Cafe Permit at the time this ordinance first becomes effective shall be exempt from Subsection (i) of said Hostess Dance Hall Ordinance and shall be exempt from the original permit fee. The annual fee shall be effective when applicable.