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Re: Appeal of Dance Permit for 514 State Street/DBA Sandbar

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to appeal the decision to grant a dance permit to the club known as Sandbar at 514 State Street. This appeal is late because at the Police and Fire Commission Meeting on February 22, 2007 it was said that this decision could not be appealed. This was not true, and the City Council has decided to extend the deadline based on this.

This 297 patron capacity, mostly open patio location offers no format to contain the loud music emanating from it. Sandbar has been a nuisance for the residents and the hotels. Unless you are down in this area, trying to live, or run a business, it may be hard to understand the full negative impact of the largely open area of the Sandbar. The bands play in the open area towards the back and from what I could see the DJ's set up in the same area. The Sandbar is not suitable for amplified music. Loud, amplified music now seems to be required for people to dance. This is not compatible for the surrounding area which includes residents and hotels.

Sandbar is not properly designed as a dance club. Since this commission has issued dance permits in this area requiring doors to be closed to help reduce noise, this location does not fit into these standards.

I respectfully request this dance permit be denied.

Sincerely,

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