

**Special Event Permit
April 12, 2016
City Commission
Consent Agenda**

SE-16-00099: A Special Event request for a fundraiser for Ballard House featuring live music located at Bullwinkles, 1344 Tennessee, on April 21, 2016. Submitted by Jane Sorrentino for Tom and Pete LLC.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Current Zoning and Land Use: MU (Mixed Use) District; Bar and Multi-Dwelling Structure

Surrounding Zoning and Land Use: North: MU (Mixed Use) District; Multi-Dwelling Structure.

East: RM32 (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District; Single-Dwelling Residential

South: RM32 District; Multi-Dwelling Residential

West: MU District; Multi-Dwelling Residential

STAFF REVIEW

A Special Event Permit has been requested for a fundraiser event that will feature live music on the outdoor patio of Bullwinkles, located at 1344 Tennessee. The event is scheduled to take place on Thursday, April 21, 2016 between 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm.

The application was submitted with a request to run the event from 7:00 pm to 2:00 am, with live music occurring throughout that entire time frame. Upon initial review of the permit application, the Lawrence Police Department commented that there have been previous noise issues with Bullwinkles and the neighbors in the area. A special event permit does not grant an exemption from the noise ordinance and as such, if a noise complaint were received the responding officer would be obligated to remedy the nuisance by shutting down the event. Based on this comment, Planning Staff worked with the applicant to revise the application in a manner that would make the event more accommodating to the neighbors in the area. The applicant revised the application to indicate that the live amplified music would end at 11:00 pm. Staff also advised the applicant to notify the surrounding property owners and residents of the event and the revised time frame.

The event will not affect the traffic flow on adjacent roadways, nor will any special provisions for parking be necessary. The event will not extend beyond the property.

The stage for the live music will be located on the lower deck of the patio. The Lawrence Fire Department indicated that the addition of the stage reduces the area available for patrons and as such, a temporary change in occupant limit for the event is required.

Restrooms are available within the building. No additional restrooms will be provided. Bullwinkles staff will be responsible for site maintenance.

Chapter 6 of Article 15 of the City Code regulates Special Events. Per Code, a Type 5 Special Event Permit [Public events intended primarily for entertainment or amusement, such as concerts or festivals] requires City Commission approval.

Staff Recommendation: Planning Staff recommends approval of the Special Event Permit for a fundraiser for the Ballard House featuring live music located at Bullwinkle, 1344 Tennessee, on April 21, 2016 between 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm, subject to the following conditions:

1. Special Event Permit must be displayed on site during hours of operation.
2. Per the Lawrence Fire Department, a temporary change in occupant limit shall be posted for the event. The occupant limit is reduced to 86 patrons in the lower patio (157 total for upper and lower patio area).
3. Property shall be restored to pre-event condition immediately following the event.
4. Trash receptacles or other sanitation provisions, as needed.



Figure 1. Aerial of Bullwinkles showing location of live music



Figure 2. Land use in area. Bullwinkles is outlined in black.