



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of September 25, 2010**

DATE: September 8, 2010

SUBJECT: U-3031-02-1 USE PERMIT REVIEW of live entertainment and dancing; premises known as 1345 North Courthouse Road. (Ragtime) (RPC #17-016-012)

Applicant:

Adam Lubar and Chris Lefbom
1345 N. Courthouse Rd.
Arlington, Virginia 22201

C.M. RECOMMENDATION:

Renew the use permit for live entertainment and dancing subject to all previous conditions and with a County Board review in five (5) years (September 2015).

ISSUES: This is a request for a renewal of a use permit for live entertainment and dancing at Ragtime restaurant and no issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: Ragtime Restaurant seeks renewal of a use permit for live entertainment at the restaurant located on the southeast corner of the intersection of North Courthouse Road and 14th Street North. The restaurant was originally approved for live entertainment and customer dancing on Wednesdays through Saturdays. In September 2006, the applicant was approved to expand the live entertainment hours to Mondays through Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The establishment is not adjacent to residential uses and the live entertainment is compatible with other neighboring land uses. Therefore, staff recommends renewal of the live entertainment subject to all previous conditions with a review by the County Board in five (5) years (September 2015).

BACKGROUND: The County Board approved live entertainment at Ragtime Restaurant in May 2002, and an expansion of the hours was approved in September 2006. Live entertainment has continued at this location successfully since its original approval.

DISCUSSION: The restaurant has been holding evening musical entertainment during the week and jazz brunches on Sunday at noontime. At the time of this review, they are adhering to the stipulated hours and days.

County Manager:

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Staff: Peter Schulz, DCPHD, Planning Division

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Since the Last Review in September 2007:

Use Permit Conditions: The site is in compliance with all use permit conditions.

Code Enforcement Office, Police Department, and State ABC Board: None of these agencies have expressed issues regarding the continuation of the live entertainment use.

Fire Marshal's Office: The Fire Marshal's office did not express any concerns regarding the continuation of the live entertainment use.

Civic Associations: The restaurant is located within the Radnor-Fort Myer Heights Civic Association boundary, and is adjacent to the Clarendon-Courthouse Civic Association. To date, staff has not received any comments from either association.

CONCLUSION: Ragtime Restaurant has operated live entertainment at this location for the past eight (8) years. Since its inception, live entertainment has operated without complaints. Therefore, staff recommends renewal of the live entertainment use, subject to all previous conditions and with a County Board review in five (5) years (September 2015).

PREVIOUS COUNTY BOARD ACTIONS:

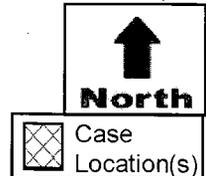
- November 16, 1991 Approved a use permit (U-2718-91-1) for a food delivery service subject to conditions and review in six months.
- May 18, 2002 Approved use permit (U-3031-02-1) for live entertainment in an existing restaurant subject to conditions and a review in one (1) year. (May 2003)
- May 17, 2003 Renewed use permit (U-3031-02-1) for live entertainment in an existing restaurant subject to conditions and a review in three (3) years. (May 2006)
- May 20, 2006 Deferred renewal of use permit (U-3031-02-1) to the September 16, 2006 County Board meeting.
- September 8, 2006 Amended the approved hours and renewed the use permit (U-3031-02-1) subject to revised conditions and a review in one (1) year. (September 2007).
- September 8, 2007 Renewed the use permit (U-3031-02-1) subject to all previous conditions with a review in three (3) years (September 2010).

Approved Conditions:

1. The applicant agrees that live entertainment and dancing shall be limited to the following times: from Mondays through Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
2. The applicant agrees that music resulting from live entertainment shall comply with the limits established in the County Noise Ordinance.
3. The applicant agrees that all requirements of County Ordinances, the Environmental Health Bureau, and the Fire Marshall shall be met.
4. The applicant agrees not to pipe music to the outside, including the outdoor seating area, during the hours of live entertainment.



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