



Applicants Guide to Submitting **ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

PURPOSE:

An Entertainment Permit is required for all establishments that offer any form of live entertainment including, but not limited to, live music, singing or live disc-jockey-hosted music. However, if entertainment is to be presented four (4) or fewer days during any twelve-month period, no Entertainment Permit is required.

APPLICATION FILING:

Applications may be submitted to the Planning Division during regular counter hours, **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday** from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., **Wednesday** from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (closed in the afternoon), and **Friday** from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m..

Entertainment Permits are valid for one year from the issuance date. Applicants requesting renewal must file a written application for renewal and renewal fees with the Community Development Department 90 days prior to the expiration date of their permit.

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

The following information is required upon submittal:

1. Completed ***Entertainment Permit application***.
2. ***Fee of \$393.00*** (per City Council Resolution 2025-09) payable to the City of Lake Forest.
3. ***Site Plan*** – A detailed site and floor plan of the proposed business, depicting the building interior dimensions and off-street parking spaces required by the City zoning code. Also include all entrances/exits, windows, entertainment areas, stages, individual viewing booths, dressing rooms, bathrooms, banquette rooms and other rooms, tables, booths, furniture, bars, kitchens and other food or beverage preparation areas.
4. ***Lease agreement*** - If the applicant is not the property owner, the applicant shall submit a notarized statement signed by the property owner, consenting to the operation of the entertainment establishment at the location by the applicant and a copy of the lease between the property owner and the applicant for the entertainment establishment.

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