

ORDINANCE #2021-14 - FINAL PUBLICATION

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-One

AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to the Ordinance entitled "Cambridge Municipal Code."

That the ordinances of the City of Cambridge be amended to incorporate the following language:

5.60: ACOUSTIC LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ORDINANCE

5.60.010 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to allow businesses in Cambridge to hold acoustic performances within their premises without having to obtain a permit from the City. Requiring a permit for acoustic performances is a barrier the City wishes to remove to support local restaurants and other businesses, as well as the Arts in Cambridge.

5.60.020 ACOUSTIC LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

- (1) Any business located in the business districts of the City of Cambridge as defined by the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance may hold acoustic performances within the perimeter of their business without obtaining a live entertainment license or change of occupancy provided they are compliant with the following requirements:
 - a. The business is registered with the City of Cambridge and has obtained a business license;
 - b. There are no more than five (5) acoustic performers and/or musicians at a single venue at one time;
 - c. Performances are limited to the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.;
 - d. There is no amplification of sound except for one microphone;
 - e. No food or beverage service unless the business is a licensed food establishment or bar; and
 - f. The business maintains handicap accessibility during performances.
- (2) Businesses offering such acoustic performances as described herein remain subject to any other existing requirements such as statutes, including the requirements of M.G.L. Chapters 138 and 140 if applicable; as well as any other ordinances, codes, rules, regulations, licenses, certificates, permits, and other applicable requirements.
- (3) The Cambridge Inspectional Services Department shall be authorized to issue violations and/or fines for any businesses found not in compliance with this ordinance.

In City Council June 21, 2021.

Passed to be ordained by a ye and nay vote:

Yeas 9; Nays 0; Present 0; Absent 0.

Attest:- Anthony I. Wilson, City Clerk

A true copy;

ATTEST:-  Anthony I. Wilson, City Clerk